

Meeting Minutes
SOUTH DAKOTA ATHLETIC COMISSION
Via Zoom

Friday, May 13, 2022, Noon CDT

Chairman Kilmer called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Jennifer Stalley called the roll. A quorum was present.

Members Present electronically: Michael Kilmer, George Giovanis, Mark Johnston, Richard Little, and Verle Valentine

Members Absent: None

Others Present electronically: Jennifer Stalley, Executive Secretary, Amber Mulder, legal counsel, Thomas Lee, and Tom Allstot

Johnston made a motion to approve the agenda. Little seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Kilmer asked for any public comments. No comments were offered.

Little made a motion to approve the January 28, 2022, and February 9, 2022, commission meeting minutes. Johnston seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Little made a motion to accept the April 30, 2022, financial report. Giovanis seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Little made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel regarding proposed or pending litigation and preparing for contract negotiations at 12:17 p.m. Giovanis seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Kilmer declared the Commission out of executive session at 12:31 p.m.

Little made a motion to repeal the Commission's COVID-19 policy and requirements. Valentine seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Giovanis made a motion to adopt the annual Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Form as presented. Little seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Stalley provided an update on previously approved events.

Stalley gave an update on access to BoxRec and the MMA registry for Commissioners. Once each Commissioner has returned the annual Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form, read-only access to the databases can move forward for each Commissioner.

Stalley informed the Commission arrangements to complete the agreed-upon procedures audit were progressing. Eric Maas at the Woltman Group has indicted the firm is still finishing tax filings but will proceed with next steps necessary to execute a letter of engagement.

The Commission discussed the process for identifying and making changes to administrative rules. Commissioners agreed to submit recommendations or proposals for rule changes to Stalley for future consideration by the Commission.

Johnston made a motion to table discussion about specific rule changes until the next meeting. Little seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

Giovanis made a motion to repeal the Commission's suspension policy regarding fighters who lose a bout but are not knocked out or medically disqualified. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Giovanis made a motion to approve an event request by Terrell Kelly for a boxing event to be held on a date to be agreed to with the Commission, in Rapid City, South Dakota on the condition the promoter is properly licensed; the promoter submits the required event application fee, the promoter provides proof of a \$20,000 surety bond or irrevocable line of credit; and the promoter complies with all the rules, regulations and deadlines of the Commission for the event. Little seconded the motion. Kilmer, Giovanis, Little and Valentine voted yes. Johnston voted no. **MOTION PASSED.**

Valentine moved to renew the contract with Midwest Solutions for executive services as presented. Little seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Valentine moved to approve a contract with Midwest Solutions for services related to the updating of the Commission's statutes and administrative rules in an amount not to exceed \$15,000. Johnston seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Kilmer thanked Little for his years of service to the Commission. Little's term ends on June 30, 2022, and he is not eligible for reappointment. Commissioners and staff noted Little's service and his status as one of the original members appointed to the Commission.

Kilmer noted the next Commission meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. via teleconference. The meeting date may be adjusted based on the business to come before the Commission.

Johnston made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 pm. Little seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Little, Secretary