

Meeting Minutes
SOUTH DAKOTA ATHLETIC COMMISSION
Via Teleconference
September 6, 2023, 2023 12:00 p.m. CDT

Vice Chairman Kilmer called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members Present Electronically: Verle Valentine, Mike Kilmer, George Giovanis, Mark Johnston, and Kaleb Paulsen

Others Present Electronically: Jennifer Stalley, executive secretary; and Amber Mulder, Department of Labor, Legal Counsel

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

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

Johnston made a motion to approve the December 16, 2022, commission meeting minutes. Valentine seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Johnston made a motion to approve the May 19, 2023, commission meeting minutes. Giovanis seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Paulsen made a motion to accept the July 31, 2023, financial report as presented. Johnston seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Giovanis made a motion to go into executive session at 12:09 p.m. for the reasons noticed on the agenda. Paulsen seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

Kilmer declared the Commission out of executive session at 12:22 p.m.

Stalley provided an update on previously approved events. All previously approved events have taken place.

Staley provided an update on the agreed-upon procedures audit. The audit is delayed until spring to accommodate a merger of the accounting company.

Giovanis made a motion to pursue legislation in 2024 to add unarmed combat sports to the Athletic Commission's jurisdiction. Paulsen seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

Stalley provided an update on the administrative rules review project. Drafting will continue but any formal changes will be proposed after the legislative session to allow for incorporating legislative changes that may be approved in the legislative session.

Johnstons made a motion to approve an event application by 15th Round Promotions for a boxing event to be held on December 7, 2023, in Sioux Falls on the conditions the promoter is properly licensed for 2023; the promoter submits the required \$1,000 event fee deposit; the promoter provides proof of a \$20,000 surety bond or irrevocable line of credit; the promoter agrees the event card locks seven days before the approved event date and no additional bouts

or fighters will be approved after that deadline; the promoter provides the Commission with a copy of the signed contract for all boxers on the approved card at least seven days before the approved event date; the promoter submits a plan for the locker room and ring set up at the venue at least 30 days prior to the approved event date; and promoter complies with all other deadlines and requirements for a boxing event as set forth in state statute and administrative rule. Paulsen seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.** Giovanis was recused.

Paulsen made a motion to nominate Mike Kilmer as Commission Chairman, Verle Valentine as Commission Vice-Chairman, and Mark Johnston as Commission Secretary for 2023-2024. Johnston seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

Kilmer noted the next Commission meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2023, at 12:30 p.m. CDT via Zoom.

Johnston made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 p.m. Giovanis seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Johnston, Secretary