

**Meeting Minutes**  
**SOUTH DAKOTA ATHLETIC COMMISSION**  
Via Teleconference  
September 6, 12:30 p.m. CDT

Vice Chairman Valentine called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Members Present Electronically:** Verle Valentine, Kaleb Paulsen, Jeremy Fox, and Chet Kilmer

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present Electronically:** Jennifer Stalley, executive secretary, Jerry McCabe, Department of Labor, Commission legal counsel, John Hult, South Dakota Searchlight, and Mike Kilmer

Paulsen made a motion to approve the agenda. Fox seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Valentine welcomed Jeremy Fox and Chet Kilmer as new Commissioners.

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

Paulsen made a motion to approve the June 14, 2024, commission meeting minutes and authorize Valentine to sign them. Fox seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Paulsen made a motion to accept the July 31, 2024, financial report as presented. Fox seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Stalley provided an update on previously approved events.

Stalley provided an update on the administrative rules review project.

Stalley provided an update on the bareknuckle fight that took place at the Sturgis Rally on August 3, 2024. The Commission did not have jurisdiction over the event.

Stalley provide information about a proposed Red Neck Brawl event. No action was taken on the inquiry because not application was submitted for consideration by the Commission.

Paulsen made a motion to pursue legislation in 2025 to add unarmed combat sports to the Athletic Commission's jurisdiction to allow for the regulation of slap fighting, bareknuckle fighting and other unarmed combat sports. Fox seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Paulsen made a motion to approve an event application by 15<sup>th</sup> Round Promotions for a boxing event to be held on January 30, 2025, in Sioux Falls on the conditions the promoter is properly licensed for 2025; 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. Fox seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Kilmer moved to elect Valentine as chair, Paulsen as vice-chair, and Fox as secretary for the Commission. Paulsen seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Paulsen moved to set the next Commission meeting for December 6, 2024, at 12:30 p.m. (CST). Seconded by Kilmer. **MOTION PASSED.**

Fox made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:33 p.m. Paulsen seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jeremy Fox, Secretary