

Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission
Board Meeting
January 13, 2009

The Board Meeting for the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission was held on Tuesday January 13th, 2009 at 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr Suite 814 Atlanta GA 30334

| The following Board members were present: | Others Present: |
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| JJ Biello- Chairman T. Wayne Bloodworth Phil Hunnicut Christopher Harris- by phone Cary Ichter | Andy Foster, Executive Director David Veve Megan Shwartzlander Frank Aldridge Dave Oblas Tony Mullinax Brett Moses Cal Cooper |
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Chairman Biello established that a quorum was present and the public hearing that was scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m., was called to order at 11:15 a.m.

Minutes from the December 9th, 2008 board meeting: Commissioner Hunnicutt made a motion, Mr. Ichter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to **approve**.

Motion established a subcommittee to regulate professional wrestling: Chairman Biello Made a motion, the board discussed what they were looking for in potential regulation. Commissioner Ichter pointed out that the biggest wrestling groups were exempt. Commissioner Hunnicut pointed out that physicals and bloodwork should be something that the commission wants to look into as grounds for regulation. Commissioner Bloodworth agreed. Chairman Biello pointed out that if this is done then it has to be done correctly. Mr. Ichter suggested having people from the industry to participate. Chairman Biello requested that a subcommittee be formed to report back to the full commission in six months. The board said that members of the wrestling industry need to be included. Chairman Biello requested that Executive Director Foster needs to be on the subcommittee. **The board voted unanimously to form a subcommittee to study the need for additional rules and regulations in regards to professional wrestling.**

Motion to approve Bullet Fight Gear 2/21/09 match permit: Commissioner Hunnicutt made a motion, Commissioner Bloodworth seconded, and the board voted **unanimously to approve**.

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Motion to approve Silverback Entertainment / Frederico Jones 2/13/09 match permit: Chairman Biello made a motion, Chairman Biello & Commissioner Hunnicutt seconded and the **board voted unanimously to approve.**

Motion to warn Silverback Entertainment: Silverback entertainment failed to have the minimum number of rounds at the 11/7/08 show. Commissioner Hunnicutt made a motion that a letter be written, Chairman Biello seconded and the **board voted unanimously to approve a letter of warning.**

Motion to approve Gladiator X match permit 2/28/09: Chairman Biello made a motion, Commissioner Ichter seconded, and the board voted unanimously to **approve.**

Director Foster presented the statistics on states that regulate mma in response to the board asking him to provide such information. The information was provided so that the Board could look into the regulation of amateur mixed martial arts fighting. After a discussion over the regulation of amateur mixed martial arts, the commission instructed executive director Foster to ask Mark Maske a send a report on the all amateur shows and any injuries that occurred.

Motion to have at least 5 inspectors at Professional MMA, Pro/Amateur MMA fights ,and Pro boxing fights. Commissioner Hunnicutt made a motion, Chairman Biello seconded, and **the board voted unanimously to have 5 inspectors at MMA fights.**

Motion to write a letter concerning changes in the current mixed martial arts legislation and invite Senator Eric Johnson to the next commission meeting. Chariman Biello made a motion, Dr. Bloodworth seconded and the **board voted unanimously to approve.**

Chairman Biello made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Hunnicutt seconded, and the **board voted unanimously to adjourn.**

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday February 10, 2008** at 2 Martin Luther King Jr Dr Suite 814 Atlanta GA 30334 at **11:00 a.m.**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m.