

Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission
 Commission Meeting
 February 09, 2010

The Commission Meeting for the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission was held on Tuesday February 09, 2010 at The Sloppy Floyd Government Office Building 2 MLK Jr. Drive Atlanta, GA 30334.

The following Board members were present:	Others Present:
JJ Biello- Chairman Rick Thompson- Vice Chairman Ben Kiker Don Geary Dr. Wayne Bloodworth	Andy Foster, Executive Director Daniel Strowe, Attorney Generals Office, Ijeoma David Oblas Megan Schwartzlander Brian Steward Brett Moses Greg Barkhoff

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 11:20 a.m.

Motion to approve the 01/12/2010 Minutes Commissioner Thompson made a motion, Chairman Biello seconded and the Commission voted unanimously to approve.

Motion to Approve Golden Girls Boxing Promoters License Commissioner Thompson made a motion, Chairman Biello seconded and the Commission voted unanimously to approve.

Motion to Approve Sports Fan Properties LLC Promoters License and Event Permit for 5/1/2010 Commissioner Thompson made a motion, Dr. Bloodworth Seconded and the commission voted unanimously to approve.

Motion to Approve Shea Bailey Promotions Promoters License and Event permit 3/01/2010. Commissioner Thompson made a motion, Commissioner Bloodworth seconded and the Commission voted unanimous to approve.

Motion to Approve Full Throttle Entertainment 4/17/2010 Event Permit Commissioner Thompson made a motion, Commissioner Bloodworth seconded and the Commission voted unanimously to approve

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Motion to Approve Kozalt LLC 4/3/2010 Event Permit. Commissioner Thompson made a motion, Commissioner Geary seconded and the commission voted unanimously to approve.

Motion to post for rule change adding HIV testing to the commissions required medical tests. Commissioner Thompson made a motion, Dr. Bloodworth seconded and the commission voted unanimously to approve.

The commission discussed Shannon Miller and his boxing career. The commission directed executive director Foster to have a fight doctor compile a list of required medical test before removal from the national suspension list. The tests will include, but not be limited to, neuro, ophthalmological, and cardiovascular. The commission is concerned with the health and welfare of Mr. Miller. The commission would also like to interview Mr. Miller upon completion of the required tests before Miller will be approved to fight again.

Motion to remove Jeff Holcomb from the national information list. Commissioner Thompson stated that without Mr. Holcomb being licensed in Georgia, and without him seeking license, Georgia has no authority to keep him on a Suspension/Information list. Commissioner Thompson made a motion, Chairman Biello Seconded the commission voted unanimously to remove.

Motion to increase boxing match permit fee from 50 to 250 dollars. Chairman Biello stated that he would like to see Boxing more in line with MMA and the boxing fee has not been raised in many years. Commissioner Kiker stated that he is opposed to any rate increase in a sport that is already struggling. Chairman Biello made a motion to increase fees and begin the rule change, Dr. Bloodworth seconded and Commissioner Geary voted in favor. Commissioner Thompson and Kiker voted against the increase. The Commission vote was 3-2 in favor of increasing fees.

Motion to not allow promoters to move dates once a match permit is approved. Any promoter moving an event date after a permit is approved will forfeit the fees. Commissioner Geary stated that he supported this unless an unusual circumstance arose like the event was snowed out. Commissioner Thompson agreed with Commissioner Geary and stated an incident occurred recently where the Commission approved Woodruff Arts Center as a venue and after patrons of Woodruff Arts Center complained about possible negative perceptions the Arts Center refused to allow the event to occur even though there was a contract. The Commissioners all agreed to allow a promoter to appeal the forfeiture of fees. Chairman Biello made a motion, Commissioner Thompson seconded and the commission voted unanimously to approve.

Motion to direct Executive Director Foster to provide oversight over the sanctioning bodies that regulate kickboxing. The commission went on the record to clarify Director Foster is authorized and directed to have three sanctioning bodies, IKF, ISKA, or WKA provide regulation, under commission supervision, to professional kickboxing matches and contests. Commissioner Kiker stated that ISKA, IKF, and WKA do a good job regulating kickboxing matches. The commission directed Executive Director

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Foster to oversee the sanctioning organizations and to provide oversight. Commissioner Thompson made a motion, Chairman Biello seconded and the commission voted unanimously to approve.

Motion to ask a representative from ISKA, IKF, and WKA to attend a commission meeting. Dr. Bloodworth made a motion, Commissioner Geary Seconded and the commission voted unanimously to approve.

Motion to have Director Foster approve the officials and pay scale used for regulation of professional kickboxing. Commissioner Thompson made a motion, Commissioner Geary seconded and the commission voted unanimously to approve.

Motion to Authorize Seth Millican of Brock Clay to act as the commission's official lobbyist. Commissioner Geary stated that he would rather have Director Foster carry the commissions legislative packet, but since that was not possible, Seth Millican of Brock and Clay would be fine. Commissioner Thompson stated that Director Foster will work closely in consultation with Mr. Millican in pursuing the legislation. Commissioner Thompson also stated that Seth Millican would be providing services pro bono in order to help the commission protect the safety and welfare of the fighters and public. Chairman Biello made a motion, Commissioner Thompson Seconded and the Commission voted unanimously to approve.

Motion to accept Tony Hollands Fine Money. Daniel Strowe, assistant attorney General and counsel to the commission, presented the Commission with Holland's fine money and presented a consent order for the Commission's acceptance. Chairman Biello made a motion to accept, Commissioner Thompson seconded and the commission voted unanimously to approve.

Motion to Elect Rick Thompson Vice Chairman. With the term of former Vice Chairman Cary Ichter expiring and his replacement appointed, Chairman Biello nominated Commissioner Rick Thompson as Vice Chairman of the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission. Commissioner Kiker Seconded and the commission voted 4- 0 to elect. Commissioner Thompson abstained from the vote.

Motion to adjourn. Commissioner Thompson made a motion, Chairman Biello seconded and the commission voted unanimously to adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m.