

Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission
 Commission Meeting
 May 5, 2010

The Commission Meeting for the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission was held on Wednesday May 5, 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 By Phone Rick Thompson- Vice Chairman Ben Kiker Don Geary	Andy Foster, Executive Director David Oblas Megan Schwartzlander Brian Steward Brett Moses Greg Barkhoff Blair Chintella Will Fisher Nathan Webb Steve Headden Mateo Cutbil Adrian Patrick

Vice Chairman Thompson 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 11:06 a.m.

Motion to approve the 04/13/2010 Minutes Chairman Biello made a motion, Commissioner Geary seconded and the commission voted 4-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve Soco De Boss Sin City Fight Club event permits for 6/5/2010 and 9/18/2010. Chairman Biello made a motion, Commissioner Geary seconded and the commission voted 4-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve Gladiator X Event Permit for 7/10/2010 Chairman Biello made a motion, Commissioner Geary Seconded and the commission voted 4-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve Full Throttle Entertainment Event Permit for 6/25/2010 Chairman Biello made a motion, Commissioner Geary seconded and the commission voted unanimously to approve.

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Motion to Approve After Hours Productions new Promoters License. Chairman Biello made a motion, Commissioner Kiker seconded and the commission voted 4-0 to approve.

Motion to Suspend War Machine for breach of Contract. War Machine was scheduled to be the Main Event on 4/17/2010 in a fight scheduled against Aaron Johnson. War Machine breached the contract by not showing up and not providing any verifiable explanation. Chairman Biello made a motion to suspend War Machine for 1 year and assess a civil penalty of \$5960.00 made payable to the State of Georgia general treasury. Commissioner Geary asked to make a friendly amendment to the motion. Commissioner Geary made a motion to suspend War Machine 730 days plus the \$5960.00 dollar civil penalty with the option that if the Mr. Machine makes the promoter whole his loss in airline tickets and the opponents purse the suspension would be reduced to 365 days. Vice Chairman Thompson seconded the amendment to Chairman Biello's motion. The Commission then voted 4-0 to accept the amendment. The Commission then chose to vote on the amended motion 4-0. The Commission then directed the attorney Generals office to draft a consent order with the before mentioned stipulation.

Preliminary Hearing for Tyler Scott aka Humza Mutallib. The Commission discussed that Mr. Scott has been late at least two times and was also late to the commission meeting. Chairman Biello commented that he was at the event that Mr. Scott arrived late at. Mr. Scott said that he expressed no excuses for his tardiness to the events. Chairman Biello made a motion to suspend Mr. Scott one year, Commissioner Kiker seconded just to enter discussion. Commissioner Kiker expressed that he believed 1 year was to egregious but a penalty was needed. Commissioner Geary agreed with Commissioner Kiker. Commissioner Kiker said that sometimes a one year suspension on an amateur fighter would end their career. Vice Chairman Thompson called the question for a vote on a 1 year suspension. Chairman Biello and Vice Chairman Thompson voted to suspend Mr. Scott for one year, Commissioner Geary and Kiker voted against the one year suspension. The motion did not carry 2-2. Chairman Biello made a motion to suspend Mr. Scott for 9 months. Hearing no second the motion died. Commissioner Geary made a motion to suspend Mr. Scott for 6 months. Vice Chairman Thompson seconded the motion. During discussion Commissioner Kiker asked for an amendment to the motion that the motion be amended to reflect a 3 month suspension and a 9 month probationary period. The amendment was not accepted. Chairman Biello called for a vote on the 6 month suspension. Chairman Biello and Commissioner Kiker opposed the 6 month suspension. Commissioner Kiker made a motion for a 3 month suspension and a 9 month probation. Commissioner Geary seconded. Chairman Biello asked for the question to be called. Vice Chairman Thompson Called for a vote on a 3 month suspension and a 9 month probation. The commission voted 3-1 to suspend Tyler Scott aka Hamza Mutillib 3 months and also issue a 9 month probation. Vice Chairman Thompson, Commission Geary, and Commissioner Kiker voted in favor of the 3 month suspension with a 9 month probation. Chairman Biello opposed. The vote was 3-1.

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Discussion on Insurance Requirements for All Amateur events Commissioner Geary made a motion to enforce the commission rule 85-2. Chairman Biello seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Thompson clarified the motion that all amateur mixed martial arts fights fall under the jurisdiction of the commission and must follow the commission's rules. Director Foster went on the record that the Commission is concerned about the health and safety of the fighters in the State and that by following the commission's rules will to help to ensure safety. The commission voted 4-0 to enforce the rules. Vice Chairman Thompson went on the record to explain to the Attorney Generals office that mixed martial arts and a martial art are different and are defined differently in 43-4b-1. Motion to begin the process of adding the same insurance requirements and amount of bonds to the amateur rules as are in professional rules. Commissioner Geary made a motion. Commissioner Kiker seconded just to enter discussion. Vice Chairman Thompson asked Director Foster to come out with several different amounts for the commission to consider. Commissioner Geary asked to call the question to begin drafting as the same amount as the professional. The commission voted 4-0 to begin the process of drafting changes to 85-2.

Discussion of 85-2 Director Foster asked for direction on whether the events scheduled that have not followed 85-2 will be required to do so immediately. Commissioner Geary made a motion to follow the statute and follow our rules concerning amateur events and enforce them and the enforcement becomes effective July, 1 2010. Commissioner Thompson seconded and the commission voted 4-0 to enforce July 1, 2010.

Motion to amend 85-2-.05 removal of the 10 count in amateur mma. Director Foster explained that he believed the fight would be safer without this rule on the books. Director Foster cited a recent example in the Mike Alvarado fight at the 4/3/2010 Kozalt LLC event. Commissioner Geary made a motion to remove the 10 count. Commissioner Kiker seconded and the commission voted 4-0 to drop the 10 count and begin the process of posting.

Discussion of Jose Felix Mr. Felix was unable to attend the commission meeting. Director Foster informed the commission that because Mr. Felix has been knocked out or technically knocked out six times in a row, that he is required to come before the commission and that he would be suspended until that time.

Motion to request the Attorney Generals office to write an unofficial opinion if the commission meets the criteria of 43-1-1 to see if the commission can legally enter an executive session. Commissioner Geary made a motion. Vice Chairman Thompson seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Thompson also said that the commission would continue to operate without the use of an executive session citing the Attorney Generals Representative's email. The commission voted 4-0 to request the unofficial opinion.

Commissioner Geary wanted it stated on the record that the commission is not subject to the subpoenas of out of state courts. The Attorney Generals office agreed.

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Vice Chairman Thompson directed on behalf of the commission that Director Foster draft a resolution for Brian Steward for his help as an intern for Director Foster.

Vice Chairman Thompson wants it stated for the record that if the commission sends representatives to an event under the jurisdiction of the commission that those representatives are to be treated with respect and with full authority of the commission.

Motion to adjourn. Chairman Biello made a motion, Commissioner Geary seconded and the commission voted 4-0 to adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.