

Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission
 Commission Meeting
 December 19th, 2013

The Commission Meeting for the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission was held on Thursday December 19, 2013, at The Sloppy Floyd Government Office Building 2 MLK Jr. Drive Atlanta, GA 30334.

The following Commissioners were present:	Others Present:
J.J. Biello- Chairman Moses Ector- Vice Chairman Ben Kiker Hunter Towns- By Phone	Matt Woodruff- Executive Director Attorney General Office [Reagan Dean] David Oblas Joe Gibson Abraham Gray
	Megan Swartslander

Chairman J.J. Biello established that a quorum was present and the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission meeting that were scheduled to begin at 11:00am and was called to order at 11:09am.

Motion to Approve the commission meeting minutes from November 21st, 2013. Commissioner Ben Kiker makes a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Moses Ector seconds and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve the renewal of Zuffa, LLC promoter license application. Commissioner Kiker makes a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Ector seconds and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve the 1/15/2014 Zuffa, LLC event permit. Commissioner Kiker makes a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Ector seconds and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve the renewal of Route 30 Promotions promoter license application. Commissioner Kiker makes a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Ector seconds and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve the 2/23/2014 Route 30 Promotions event permit. Vice Chairman Ector makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Kiker seconds and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve the 1/25/2014 Undisputed Productions event permit. Commissioner Kiker makes a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Ector seconds and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.

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Motion to Approve the 1/26/2014 Undisputed Productions event permit. Vice Chairman Ector makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Kiker seconds and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.

Motion to Approve the license application for Abraham Gray. Matt Woodruff said that Mr. Gray will need board approval for a license due to his age. Vice Chairman Ector makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Kiker seconds and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.

Public Hearing and vote on Jeriah Forte's no show from the November 9th boxing event. Mr. Woodruff stated that Mr. Forte was notified about this hearing via a certified letter, a regular letter and an electronic letter. Reagan Dean, from the Attorney General's office, said that there is authority to proceed with the hearing since he was notified of this meeting. Commissioner Kiker makes a motion to suspend Mr. Forte for 6 months, fine him \$400, which is to be paid to Bert Wells (promoter of the show he did not show for), and report back to the board when his suspension is up. Vice Chairman Ector seconds and the Commission votes 4-0 to suspend.

Appearance by Joe Gibson to discuss his current suspension. Mr. Gibson told the board that there were a lot of emotions going into that fight. He gave the board his word that he would never act like that again in the cage and never hold the choke after the opponent has submitted. Chairman Biello makes a motion to lift the suspension on Mr. Gibson. Vice Chairman Ector seconds and the Commission votes 4-0 to lift.

Discussion of current Athletic Commission Rules.

David Oblas has a few suggestions he would like the Commission to consider looking into.

The midnight rule, Chairman Biello said he is not a fan of changing that rule. Mr. Woodruff stated that proposal has already been denied once this year.

Gloves: David Oblas wants the Commission to purchase and provide the gloves for every event. Commissioner Kiker said that is the promoter's responsibility for providing the gloves. If the Commission provided, then they would become part of the production, which the Commission is not. Vice Chairman Ector said that if the Commission provides gloves, then the liability comes on the Commission. Megan Swartslander asked if the Commission would consider getting a scale to weigh the gloves to make sure that they are proper weight. Chairman Biello asked Mr. Woodruff to look into buying a scale for the Commission and being able to weigh gloves.

Advanced Advertising: Vice Chairman Ector does not like the idea of changing this rule, because it will cause a bait and switch in your marketing.

3 days out card is final: David Oblas wants to have this rule changed because he claims most of his fights fall out with the last 3 days, and without medical documentation then the fight cannot be changed. Chairman Biello said that you can't make changes all the way up to the weigh in. There is just not enough time for the

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Commission to review, check medicals, etc. Megan Swartzlander suggested making the rule say within 12 hours, pending the Executive Director can get to review it. Vice Chairman Ector said that there is just not enough time when you cut it that close. The job is about safety and making a fight that close is not a good idea. Commissioner Kiker suggests that we look further into this rule.

Referee's compensation. David Oblas would like to discuss the fees for officials. Vice Chairman Ector said table until January.

Knocked out of the ring: Chairman Biello tabled until January.

Foul Language: Chairman Biello does not want to hear cuss words being blared over the speakers. Chairman Biello asked to add in wording to the current rule that adds no foul language to the walk out music.

Cleanly Shaven rule: Vice Chairman Ector said that there is no reason for this rule, and asked that we take it out.

36 month inactivity: David Oblas asked that we take out this medical requirement that requires fighter who has not fought in 36+ months to go through the advanced medicals. Vice Chairman Ector said safety of the fighter is the #1 thing, and any rule regarding medicals and safety does not need to be changed.

Inspectors: David Oblas feels that the inspectors need to be better trained on what they are doing, how to properly look for things, etc. Chairman Biello asked Matt Woodruff to look into getting a class setup for our inspectors to learn what they are doing with this job.

Megan Swartzlander has a few suggestions he would like the Commission to consider looking into. She said hers are wordier and proper language fixes.

Rule 85-2-1(a) – very wordy, and most of the time we don't follow that.

Rule 85-2-4 (c)(f)- what types of protection is allowed?

Rule 85-2-5(a)- 10 second knockdown rule should be removed.

Rule 85-2-5(b)- the wording of this needs to be better written because Vaseline is allowed to the face.

Rule 85-3-2- suggested that the canvas needs to be cleaned more often

Rule 85-3-5(4)- suggested that we remove this rule, because no follows this.

Rule 85-3-8(2)- suggested that the weight of the gloves be documented depending on the weight of the fighters. Chairman Biello said that the inspectors just need to be properly trained better.

Rule 85-3-10- suggested that fingernail and toenails need to be added into the language saying that they need to be properly trimmed. Also, asked for the removal of cleanly shaven

Regan Dean said that he did not find anything that would not allow Ross Biello to work for the Commission as an inspector.

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Motion to adjourn. Chairman Biello makes the motion, Vice Chairman Ector seconds and the commission voted 3-0 to adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.