



**ATHLETIC COMMISSION
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**Meeting Minutes for June 12, 2023
Davy Crockett Tower
Conference Room 1B**

The Tennessee Athletic Commission met on June 12, 2023, in the first-floor conference room of the Davy Crockett Tower in Nashville, Tennessee. The following business was transacted:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christy Halbert, Ben Grove, Dan McGrew, and Patrick Wrenn

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Matthew Reddish

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Roxana Gumucio, Jesse Gentry, and Dana Lee

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Director Gumucio called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and took roll, establishing that a quorum was present.

Director Gumucio introduced Assistant Commissioner, Alex Martin, to the commission members.

Director Gumucio introduced the programs new attorney, Jesse Gentry who has taken over Pam Spicer's position.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Director Gumucio read the notice of meeting into the record as follows: "Notice of the June 12, 2023, meeting of the Athletic Commission including date, time and location has been noticed on the website since June 14, 2022; additionally, this month's agenda has been posted to the website since June 7, 2023."

AGENDA

Christy Halbert motioned to adopt the agenda, which was seconded by Patrick Wrenn. The motion passed unanimously.

MARCH MINUTES

Ben Grove motioned to adopt the June minutes with one amendment, which was seconded by Christy Halbert. The motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Budget Report

Director Gumucio briefed the Commission on the status of the budget as of April 2023. Director Gumucio stated that FY21-22 ended with a deficit of \$39,873. Between then and April the program has an additional deficit of \$28,888 leaving the balance at a deficit of \$68,761.

Director Gumucio presented the 2024 meeting dates as follows: March 11th, June 10th, September 9th, and December 9th.

Christy Halbert motioned to adopt the 2024 meeting dates, which was seconded by Dan McGrew. The motion passed unanimously.

LEGAL

Legal Report (presented by Jesse Gentry)

1. 2023012491

First Licensed: 10/12/2020

Expiration: 10/11/2022

Type: Promoter

History: None.

Board opened complaint after respondent failed to communicate and send proper forms for event held in June 2022. The Respondent initially sent in his payment without forms and then after the form was completed, there was a difference of \$168 due.

The Respondent failed to submit his gross receipt form within 10 days of the event, although that was initially extended due to medical issues. After that extension passed, the Respondent did not communicate further with the Board. The outstanding \$168 has still not paid.

Recommendation: Authorize formal charges with an offer to settle by Consent Order with a \$500 penalty.

Commission Decision: Concur.

2. 2023006921

First Licensed: 12/29/2022

Expiration: 12/28/2024

Type: Promoter

History: None.

This complaint was opened internally after there were concerns of potential violations at the Respondent's event in February 2023. Specifically, there were issues with: (1) one combatant having improper hand wraps, who then threatened and yelled at the Board's inspector; (2) combatants not arriving timely to weigh ins; (3) dressing rooms being overly crowded; and (4) two combatants who could not fight in a professional contest due to medical reports not being received then participating in an alleged exhibition match.

The Respondent stated that any issues with combatants should be addressed with combatants themselves and he stated he forwarded the complaint to the specific combatants to put them on notice of the alleged issues. The Respondent also stated the one combatant who had the improper hand wraps swapped them out for approved ones, which was confirmed with the inspectors, and that the Respondent was the one who calmed him down after he threatened not to participate in his bout. The Respondent also stated he had made every effort to urge combatants to timely attend weigh ins.

The Respondent denied any issues with the dressing rooms or the exhibition match. He stated the dressing rooms were approved as part of the venue, but the inspector noted the issue appeared mainly due to the Respondent's failure to limit outside or additional parties from entering the dressing rooms, which made them too crowded for inspectors to efficiently supervise the combatants. The Respondent also stated he had talked to staff from the Board who allowed the exhibition match to be held as the combatants had travelled to the venue and wanted to at least engage in some type of event, even if it was not a professional bout. There was no evidence this exhibition match was held in violation of any rules.

The Respondent has completed an online training as a promoter with the Board after this event occurred, however, a letter of warning/instruction may address the concerns with the way this event was held to prevent future issues that interfere with the duties of the Board's inspectors.

Recommendation: Close with a letter of warning/instruction.

Commission Decision: Concur.

3. 2023024491

First Licensed: 01/04/2023

Expiration: 02/05/2023

Type: Event Permit

History: None.

This complaint was opened internally due to the Respondent's failure to turn in his receipts form and tax from an event held in February 2023. Despite reminders by the Board staff, no receipts form or tax have been received.

The promoter for this event's license is currently expired and in grace.

Recommendation: Authorize formal charges with an offer to settle by Consent Order. Authorize a penalty for the Consent Order in the amount of \$500 to be reduced to \$250 if the Respondent submits his receipts form and tax within 30 days

Commission Decision: Concur.

4. 2023024501

First Licensed: 01/03/2023

Expiration: 02/08/2023

Type: Event Permit

History: None.

This complaint was opened administratively and is related to #2 on this report. The promoter for the event held in February 2023, failed to submit his receipts form and tax to the Board within 10 days of the event. The Board has sent reminders to the Respondent about providing this form and payment, however, after not receiving this information, the Board opened this complaint.

Recommendation: Authorize formal charges with an offer to settle by Consent Order. Authorize a penalty for the Consent Order in the amount of \$500 to be reduced to \$250 if the Respondent submits his receipts form and tax within 30 days.

Commission Decision: Concur.

Dan McGrew motioned to accept legal counsels' recommendation, which was seconded by Ben Grove. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, a motion was made by Ben Grove to adjourn, which was seconded by Dan McGrew. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.