

**Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
Division of Professional Regulation**

Open Minutes: State of Illinois Athletic Board
 Date: January 10, 2017
 Time: 10:49a.m.
 Location: Chicago Office, 5th Floor

Board Members Present:
 Greg Becker, Chairman
 Nick Kanellopoulos, Member
 Patrick Morley, Member
 Alex Breland, Member
 Dr. Nick Rizzo, Member (via teleconference)

The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

Guests Present:
 Robert Joseph Madrigal
 Jordan Manske
 Brian Puccillo

Staff Present:
 Bryan Schneider, Secretary, Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
 Nancy Illg, Acting Director
 Joel Campuzano, Executive Manager, Athletics Board Liaison
 Jason Schaufele
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Topic	Discussion	Action
I. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ BOARD MEETING OPENING		Meeting called to order at 10:49 a.m.
II. OLD BUSINESS	Joel Campuzano, Board Liaison presented the August 30, 2017 Board meeting minutes for review.	Roll call – all Board members present except for Dr. Nicholas Rizzo (via teleconference). Chairman Becker called the meeting to order. First order of business - Chairman Becker, waive reading and approve minutes of August 30, 2016. Nick Kanellopoulos motioned

		and second by Alex Breland. All in favor agreed.
III. NEW BUSINESS	Chairman Greg Becker announced the presence of Bryan Schneider, Secretary of the IDFP and stating it is an honor to have him present at the meeting.	
IV. NEW BUSINESS	Nancy focused on the last meeting regarding the UMMAF where the rules are lacking in some areas of deficiency, the overreach of the rules, the duplicating of the Illinois rules by substituting UMMAF with the Department rules. Still working with the Mr. Frank Babcock. However, there was not enough time for them to put their rules together to present at this meeting. Mr. Becker inquired if they are making sufficient progress to which Nancy replied that they are not there yet, but getting closer.	Per Chairman Becker – “Let’s make sure this gets completed.”
V. NEW BUSINESS	Unified Mixed Martial Arts Rules – Nancy stated that the State of Illinois base its rules on the Unified rules. Secretary Schneider stated he wants Illinois to be a thriving place to attract such events to the State. Nick asked if these unified rules are really unified. Nancy said the many states have and are adapting these rules. Joel then stated that adapting unified rules are for titles bouts and also suggested that there be yearly training for officials.	Dr. Rizzo said it is a good idea to implement the boxing rules regarding the kidney into Mixed Martial Arts.

<p>VI. NEW BUSINESS</p>	<p>Robert Madrigal – Compared New Unified Rules versus Current Illinois Rules Section 1370.630 and their impacts.</p> <p>RULES REMOVED:</p> <p>-KICKING TO THE KIDNEY WITH THE HEEEL. (Dr. Rizzo explained the purposes and Chairman Becker suggested to remove the rule). Nancy pointed out the controversy and stated New Jersey is not adapting some of the rules. In boxing, there is no strike to the kidney.</p> <p>- GRABBING THE CLAVICLE. Rob said throughout his career he has never seen it.</p> <p>-NO EYE GOUGING OF ANY KIND. Eye pokes are not penalized and need to be fixed. At this point Chairman Becker asked if anyone has any questions – all responded no.</p> <p>-ILLEGAL TO KICK THE HEAD OF A GROUNDED OPPONENT, KNEEING THE HEAD OF A GROUNDED OPPONENT, STOMPING THE HEAD OF A GROUNDED OPPONENT. *there is no definition of a grounded opponent. Secretary Schneider – “if there is not a definition....what are the rules then? Per Nancy – call a foul. Rob demonstrated what grounded means: 2 hands down/fist down. Joel – hands must be down.</p>	

	ATTIRE: Men’s attire, athletic shorts that does not extend below the knee.	
VII. NEW BUSINESS	<p>JUDGING: effective and efficient striking – determining the total number of illegal strikes landed. Effective – grappling, control, aggressiveness and defense. Under the 10 point must system, the winner of the round shall be awarded 10 points. Per Joel, judging is fairly simple – should be 10-8 round.</p> <p>Nancy – about 5 years ago everyone used the 10-8 rule and then 10-7.</p> <p>Per Rob – The State of California has adapted all the new rules.</p> <p>Joel – in boxing, amateur is about quantity and not quality, therefore he likes the new rules. Pat Morley agreed with Joel and Rob that judging should be round by round.</p>	Chairman Becker thanked Robert Madrigal for his presentation.
VIII. NEW BUSINESS	<p>Brian Joseph Puccillo has been involved in MMA/Kickboxing since 2007, is a licensed professional judge and formed a sanctioning body. He consulted for promoters for them to be State compliant. Robert Madrigal will now pass on all the sanctioning to him.</p> <p>Per Nancy – Brian and Rob have done a great job in the State of Illinois, they are great officials. Pat Morley also stated both Brian and Rob have handled many events in many states and Puccillo has a lot of experience.</p>	Brian Puccillo – safety is the number one focus and training of officials.

<p>IX. NEW BUSINESS</p>	<p>Promoters and Insurance Per Brian - promoters must have insurance. Since 2008 much less rules per Nancy and there are only 2 underwriters and the premiums are high. (Alex Breland stepped away from the meeting). Becker – any more questions? Chairman Becker called for a 15 minute break.</p>	
<p>X. NEW BUSINESS</p>	<p>Chairman Becker called back the meeting into session. One Nation One Dream – Nancy recapped the program and said the State of Illinois moved international. Joel Campuzano became the liaison for this new program. Mr. Morales, Mexico Secretary of the Interior decided that Chicago would be the perfect place. An entire basement of a church was revamped and used as a boxing gym. Chairman Becker asked what the role of the WBC was. Joel informed the Board that the WBC organized it all. Through this program, the children who participated did a lot of charity work. They assisted in the Feed the Children in Schaumburg. Six of them were sent to a convention. Dr. Ward also donated \$1,500.00 to the program because he loved the program so much. Nancy said the program was excellent, working with the children was great and they were so grateful for the opportunities. This was grassroots and unique. There was an event held on December 31, 2016</p>	<p>Resolution – Chairman Becker re: Joel as a hero. All say yes.</p>

	<p>which Evander Holyfield attended. Joel received an award and the State of Illinois was recognized as the State that has done so much. Secretary Schneider asked if it can be done again and Joel responded that they plan to. Alex Breland congratulated Joel as this program was a win for the children who participated and a win for the State of Illinois. Dr. Rizzo congratulated both Nancy and Joel.</p>	
XI. NEW BUSINESS	<p>Testing of athletes in Illinois – Joel informed the Board that Illinois tests individuals to issue them a license. Morley agreed and stated that Illinois is a well regulated state. Joel – re: safety procedures be recommended to the amateur world. Dr. Rizzo noted the loss of objectivity on part of both fighter and parent/s.</p>	
XII.	<p>Nancy – there will be a new Senate bill, new legislation regarding kickboxing. She discussed an event that was held in McCook on a municipal level.</p>	
XIII. BOARD LIAISON TIME		<p>Events to be held in the first quarter of 2017 was discussed. The 2017 first quarter calendar events were presented to the Board. Glory Sports USA which will be held on February 24, 2017 will be a televised event. Chairman Becker thanked Nancy for her work.</p>

XIV. ADJOURNMENT		Chairman Becker motioned to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Morley. Motion carried, all say yes. The meeting adjourned at 12:36 pm.
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