

CONNECTICUT BOXING COMMISSION

Meeting held at Department of Public Safety Headquarters

Room 348

Middletown, Connecticut

February 25, 2009

Members Present: A. James Krayeske, Jr. - Chairman
Jeffrey Dressler
Manuel M. Leibert
William F. Pavia
Larry Pelletier
Larry Perosino
Michael Stergio

Members Absent: William H. Carey III
Mark Sinatro

Vacancies: None

Commission Counsel: None

DPS Staff: Lieutenant Mark Cassisita – SLFU/Commanding Officer
Sgt. Michael Kostrzewa - SLFU/ Boxing Administrator
Jeanette Zaleski - SLFU / Secretary for Boxing Commission

Public Present: Kent Ward
James Donohue
Darryl Marcaurele
John Mason

Note: Pursuant to Public Act 06-187 (effective 10/01/2006 and codified in C.G.S. Chapter 532a, Section 29-143i), the administrative functions of the Connecticut Boxing Commission (formerly the Connecticut Boxing Promotion Commission) are carried out by the Department of Public Safety. For information, contact Sgt. Michael Kostrzewa at 860-685-8329.

I. COMMISSION MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting of Connecticut Boxing Commission called to order by Chairman A. James Krayeske, Jr. at 1:07 pm. Roll called: seven members present, two absent.

II. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2008 & DECEMBER 9, 2008 MEETING MINUTES

Both commission meeting minutes approved by members present.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Statues and Regulation Sub-Committee Review

Sub-committee member, Larry Pelletier stated that there was no update and felt that the Boxing Commission members need to be more proactive with this endeavor as prescribed by statute.

Willie Pep Memorial

No new update on this project. Chairman Krayeske stated that Middletown Sports Hall of Fame is looking for any memorabilia related to Willie Pep.

Commission member Manny Liebert stated he was willing to donate a boxing ring that Willie Pep once fought in.

USA Boxing / Olympic Training Facility in CT.

Member Bill Pavia stated that the Olympic committee heading this project is still considering Connecticut as a possible location for their new training facility and will update the commission on any developments.

Mixed Martial Arts

The Commission members once again reviewed and discussed the formal opinion issued by CT Attorney General Richard Blumenthal to the Commission on 12/08/08 regarding the legality of Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) in CT. Given the current charge of the Commission as defined in statute being specific to only the sport of boxing, Commission members concurred that their review of mixed martial arts in the state is complete since the issue falls outside the scope of Commission's statutory authority absent a legislative change.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Amateur Boxing-

Commission Chairman Krayeske stated that he attended the recent Johnny Duke Northeast Regional Golden Gloves Tourney Championships held in South Windsor and felt that the event was a well run and well attended. Chairman Krayeske noted that amateur boxing events scheduled for the upcoming months can be accessed on USA Boxing- Connecticut website.

Commission member Pelletier suggested that the Connecticut Boxing Commission be more involved with local amateur boxing clubs. Member Pelletier stated that there are some grants/funds available to many local amateur clubs but that many clubs need to be made aware of them and offered assistance in learning who to obtain some of the funds.

V. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chairman Krayske granted members of the public an opportunity to address the Commission regarding mixed martial arts in Connecticut.

Mr. James Donovan, representing himself, addressed the Commission in support of proposed legislation before Connecticut's Legislature regarding the legalization and regulation of MMA in Connecticut.

Kent Ward and Darryl Marcaurele, representing the US Fight League, addressed the Commission regarding their mixed martial arts league which has conducted events/competitions at CT casinos in the past.

The Connecticut Boxing Commission members posed some questions and had discussions with these public presenters regarding general concerns over the absence of a unified sanctioning body for the sport, safety of the athletes and insurance coverage for athletes, officials, clubs and venues. Discussion was general in nature since this issue falls outside the scope of Commission's statutory authority.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Krayske adjourned the meeting at 2:21pm

**NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2009 AT 1:00PM
ROOM 348
DPS HEADQUARTERS
MIDDLETOWN, CT**