

CONNECTICUT BOXING COMMISSION

Meeting held at Department of Public Safety Headquarters

Room 348

Middletown, Connecticut

January 23, 2008

Members Present: A. James Krayeske, Jr. - Chairman
William H. Carey III
Jeffrey Dressler
Manuel M. Leibert
William F. Pavia
Larry Pelletier
Mark Sinatra
Michael Stergio

Members Absent: Larry Perosino

Vacancies: None

Commission Counsel: None

DPS Staff: TFC. Michael Kostrzewa- SLFU/ Boxing Administrator
TFC. Seth Mancini, Esq.- Commissioner's Staff/Legal Affairs
Jeanette Zaleski - SLFU / Secretary for Boxing Commission

Public Present: Dominic Pavia
Lorenzo Diclemente

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 TFC 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 1:14 pm. Roll called: eight members present, one absent.

II. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 13, 2007 MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of November 13, 2007 meeting unanimously approved by Commission members present.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Middlesex Chamber of Commerce

Chairman Krayeske stated that efforts to have a Chamber of Commerce breakfast featuring Connecticut boxers has been put on hold. Chairman Krayeske explained there have been difficulties in getting several Connecticut professional boxers together at one time because of their training /event schedules.

Statutes and Regulation Sub-Committee Review

Committee members present stated they are actively reviewing the current Connecticut General Statutes and Regulations. Committee members were provided with a copy of the current Association of Boxing Commission (ABC) Regulatory Guidelines along with a copy of the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996 and the Muhammad Ali Reform Act of 2000 to assist them in their review. The Commission members present elected Member Larry Pelletier to serve a chairperson of this sub-committee. Sub-committee was charged with the responsibility of researching, documenting, and proposing possible changes to current CT General Statutes and Regulations to be presented to the Commission and the Department of Public Safety.

Willie Pep Memorial

No new update on this project.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Event November 24, 2007 CT Convention Center, Hartford, Ct.

Event cancelled by promoter (Classic Entertainment and Sports, Inc.) the week of the scheduled event. Promoter cited that a defaulted agreement over financial obligations with another promoter led to the decision to cancel show. DPS was provided with ample notice of cancellation and ensured promoter's obligations to properly notify the public through various media outlets and refund consumers for all advance sale tickets.

Mixed Martial Arts

Some Commission members noted they have been approached by individuals inquiring about the legality of hosting Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) events in Connecticut. Commission members recognized that their current statutory scope and charge did not encompass this new type of combative sport, but agreed the issue and sport may require further research and review as a Commission. A motion was made and carried to table the discussion of MMA until next commission meeting so that additional research could be completed.

V. Comments from Commission Members, DPS Staff and/or Public

- DPS staff forwarded a letter (dated 12/26/2007) received from the Honorable M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, thanking the volunteer members of the Boxing Commission for their important work and ensuring that they were aware of their duties, responsibilities, and powers in accordance with statutory provisions. Each member present was given a copy of Governor Rell's letter and signified for the record they had all been issued and received from DPS the necessary Connecticut General Statutes and Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies regarding boxing to fulfill their duties.

- Mr. Lorenzo DiClemente, a public visitor to the commission meeting, was allowed to address the Commission. Mr. DiClemente identified himself as a manager/promoter of athletes within Connecticut who commented on some of the cost prohibitive factors (i.e. costs associated with boxer's necessary medical examinations, low public attendance, etc.) involved in promoting the sport of boxing in the state. Mr. DiClemente noted that many boxing promoters/managers were now choosing to manage and/or promote more mixed martial art athletes.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Chairman Krayeske adjourned the meeting at 2:35pm

NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2008 AT 1:00PM
(Rescheduled to 3/27/08)
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