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Commission Meeting Minutes of 6/27/2024

Commission Lewis Stoddard - Chair
Members James W Grow, Jr
Present: Ryan Lanham

Division Kent Absec, Executive Officer
Staff: John Price, Bureau Chief
Greg Loos, General Counsel
Allegra Earl, Licensing Unit Supervisor
Christian Runnalls, Board Support Specialist

Commission Marvin Crain
Members
Absent:

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Lewis Stoddard.

Public Comment:

Jesse Brock, Straight Blast Gym Idaho, stated the industry would benefit from decreasing the fee amount to lower the barrier to entry for amateur and professional fighters.

Rebecca Rogers, Straight Blast Gym Idaho, asked about the process and timeline for rule and statute changes. Mr. Price and Mr. Loos explained the rule change process.

Joseph Guinness, Straight Blast Gym Idaho, asked how the Commission determines fees and how the previous Commission set the current fees. Commissioner Stoddard and Mr. Price explained how fees are determined through the rule change process.

Zack Partridge, Promoter for Front Street Fights, would like to see the rules and fees reflect the demographics in Idaho. He also stated that the industry wants more events in Idaho and the current fees make it hard for events to operate as a business in Idaho.

Chris Reyna, Owner of Sidekicks Gym, stated gyms take on a lot of people who cannot pay the high fees. The high fees cause fewer events and discourage fighters from coming to Idaho. He also stated he would like to see more combative fight events, such as bare-knuckle, smokers, and Muay Thai, be allowed in Idaho.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Zero-Based Regulation: Unless stated otherwise, the following changes are being contemplated, pending notice of intent to promulgate rulemaking, stakeholder input, and final votes by the Commission:

Rule 02.03 – Athletic Guide to the 2020 Prohibited List: The Commission updated the link to the prohibition list.

Rule 101.03 – Additional Examination: The Commission reworded the rule and added language to allow a current medical report from another jurisdiction to fulfill the examination requirement.

Rule 103 – Honoring Actions of Regulatory Agencies in Other Jurisdictions: The Commission removed the word “medical reasons” to allow for non-medical reasons to suspend a combatant.

Rule 104.02 – General Requirements: The Commission changed the requirement of a pregnancy test from 14 days before a contest to prior to the contest.

Rule 104.03 – Addendum Requirement: The Commission removed language requiring a female combatant not be on her menstrual cycle during a contest. Based on medical professional's advice, a menstrual cycle has no bearing on a female combatant's ability to participate in a contest.

Rule 111.01.c – Requirements For License as a Ring Official: The Commission added language that gives the Commission discretion to determine qualifying experience for a ring official to allow for qualified ring officials with equivalent experience not defined in the rule.

Rule 113 – Referees: The Commission moved subsection 113.01.e regarding physical examinations for referees to subsection 113.03 and simplified the language to align with the physical requirements for referees with judges.

Rule 300 – Program for Charity: The Commission reinstated the rule removed in a previous meeting. The rule defines the application and requirements for a charity event to take place in Idaho. This rule creates a sanctioning pathway for charity events to legally take place in Idaho.

Rule 119 – Fees: The Commission is considering lowering the initial licensure fees to the following, based on public feedback and analyses of the fees from surrounding states:

- Amateur Combatants - \$100.00 to \$50.00 for both initial licensure and renewal
- Professional Combatants - \$150 to \$75.00 for both initial licensure and renewal
- Promoter - \$1,000 to \$750.00 for initial licensure

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the rules as amended as proposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.