

Tennessee  
Athletic Commission  
Minutes

DATE: April 11, 2013

PLACE: Andrew Johnson Tower, 6th Floor Conference Room  
500 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN

PRESENT Commission Members  
Chair Joe Smith, via phone  
Co-Chair Dr. Robert Fitch  
Steve Hannah  
Dr. Tanika Pinn  
Melissa Bast

PRESENT Staff Members  
Joe Underwood sitting in for Ed Scudder

Call to Order

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm. The following business was transacted.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Mullen called the roll. Five (5) Commission members were present. Chairman Smith was present via telephone.

MINUTES

Commissioner Bast made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Pinn.

Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS UPDATE Director Mullen reports on recent and upcoming fights.

LEGAL REPORT

Mr. Underwood reported that there were no legal activities to report.

## OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Bast reports that the legislation to drop the required insurance from \$50,000.00 to \$25,000.00 passed the Senate Finance Committee despite strong opposition from the Hospital Industry. Next week the legislation will be heard on the House floor.

Martial Arts Tournaments. Commissioner Bast suggests that we should look at charging a permit fee for Martial arts Tournaments. That it would be good to keep track of the events and require them to provide an emergency safety plan.

Pro Wrestling. Executive Director Mullen states that pro wrestling needs to be regulated. The commission asks Director Mullen to research the regulation of pro wrestling in neighboring states

## New Business

Commissioner Bast states that there is no need for an office for Director Mullen and the commission could save \$4200.00 per year by eliminating it. Director Mullen agrees. The commission decides to delay a vote on it until the next meeting.

Commissioner Bast and Commissioner Hannah state that we need to stress economic impact to the State at the Sunset Hearing. She asks Dr. Fitch if he could ask Vanderbilt about the possibility of Vanderbilt Students creating an economic impact study. He agrees to look into it.

A guest Kevin Walker who is a licensed official is recognized.

There is no more business the meeting is adjourned.