**MARYLAND STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION**

**MINUTES – Wednesday July 19, 2023**

On Wednesday, July 19 2023, the Maryland State Athletic Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman David Norman at 3:00 p.m. Present were the following: Chairman Norman; Commissioner Chuck Gast; Commissioner David Shull; John Dove, Commissioner for O&P; Kausar Sayed, Deputy Commissioner; Eric London, Assistant Attorney General and Counsel; Matthew McKinney, Director of Strategic Initiatives, and Athletic Director Nino Ovial. Commissioner Brian Boles was absent. This was a hybrid meeting with Commission members, Commission staff, and the public calling into Google Meets, as well as joining in person.

**APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES**

Chairman David Norman called for a Motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL BOXING EVENTS**

Executive Director Nino Oval presented the Commission with the following proposed boxing promotions, Badgurl Promotions at Coppin State on August 5, 2023. The Commission conditionally approved the event, but indicated that a proposed match involving a 50-year-old boxer would not be approved, consistent with Maryland regulations.

Further, the Commission also unanimously approved a Premier Boxing Champions event at the MGM National Harbor on August 12, 2023.

**APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING EVENTS**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Schull seconded by Commissioner Gast, the Commission voted unanimously to also approve the following professional wrestling events:

* MCW Wrestling Event July 22, 2023, Joppa
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* ACW Wrestling Event July 22, 2023, Cambridge
* MCW Wrestling Event July 23, 2023, Joppa
* F1ght Club Wrestling Event, July 23, 2023, Cheverly
* EWA Wrestling Event, July 29, 2023, Dundalk
* Flying V Wrestling Event, July 29, 2023, Silver Spring
* ACW Wrestling Event, July 30, 2023, Glen Burnie
* Badgurl Boxing Event, August 5, 2023, Baltimore
* Micro All Star Wrestling Event, August 5, 2023, Princess Anne
* Showtime Boxing Event, August 12,2023 MGM National Harbor
* MCW Wrestling Event, August 19, 2023, Joppa
* ACW Wrestling Event, August 20, 2023, Cambridge

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Executive Director Nino Ovial informed the commission that the July 15, 2023, event at Maryland Live! with Jeter Promotions was generally successful. This was the first show implementing drug testing from an independent drug company (Friends Lab. Mr. Ovial further advised the Commission that several new inspectors had been hired and they are learning the process. Lastly, Mr. Ovial advised that the Commission is preparing for the upcoming events at Coppin State sponsored by Badgurl promotions and the Premier Boxing Champions event at MGM being broadcasted byShowtime.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Newly appointed Executive Director, Nino Ovial, introduced himself to the Commission. Mr. Ovial advised that he had spent the previous five years as an inspector for the Commission and was looking forward to serving in his new role. The Commission congratulated Mr. Ovial on his new position.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Shull, and seconded by Commissioner Gast, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

 /s/**David J. Norman**

 **Chairman**

 **Date: August 16, 2023**