

# KANSAS ATHLETIC COMMISSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Kansas Department of Commerce  
1000 SW Jackson Street  
Topeka, Kansas 66612  
January 14, 2020  
1:30 p.m.

## **Present**

Commissioner Adam Roorbach  
Chair Rep. Tom Burroughs  
Vice-Chair Dr. Paul Brackeen  
Todd Carter  
Sean Wheelock  
Dr. Matthew Bohm  
Attorney Jordan Bickford

## **Absent**

Program Consultant Karen Farrell

## **Guest**

None

## **Public in Attendance**

Henry Gueary III

## **Joined by Phone**


None

## **Agenda**

- ❖ Opening Comments
- ❖ Approval of Minutes – October 8, 2019 & January 14, 2020
- ❖ Upcoming Shows
- ❖ Commissioner's Report
  - Show Report
  - Bare Knuckle Update
  - Salesforce – Digital Transfer
  - MMA Referee and Judges Training
- ❖ Executive Session-None

## **Discussion Topics**

- Opening Comments. Chair Tom Burroughs congratulated members who have elected to serve on the Commission and to those who have been reappointed. Happy New Year to all! The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.
- Chair Tom Burroughs requested a motion to accept the meeting minutes from October 8, 2019. Dr. Bohm requested to amend changes and/or add verbiage for corrections within his medical update section in the minutes. The request was granted, the corrections are noted, and highlighted below.

 Dr. Bohm informed the commission of his background, how he started, and his involvement with the KAC. 90% of the fight doctors in Kansas are primary care physicians who have been trained to

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handle and treat concussions and **have** more **sports concussion** training than **most** Neurologist. **Just recently the** Association of Ringside Physicians (ARP) in the BJSM (British Journal of Sports Medicine) **gave** guidelines using the I.C.C.S. combined with the 30/60/90. Fortunately, in Kansas, we have done this for the past eight years!

### + ARP Post-Fight recommendations

1. 30/60/90 Rule - Suspend fighters 30 days for suffering a TKO, 60 days for a KO (without loss of consciousness (LOC)), and 90 days for a KO with LOC.
2. Winners and Losers – screened after fight and backstage – *Kansas gives instructions and explanations given to all contestants with head injuries or with suspected head injuries backstage.*
3. Return to conditioning – one week after TKO or KO – *KS differs in this aspect and recommends a clearance visit and **only after** symptom free.*
4. No sparring until asymptomatic

+ In addition to the above, Kansas **has** performed a pre **and post**-fight neuro testing using the SAC (Standardized Assessment of Concussion) **and the King-Devick / Mayo Clinic.**

+ Kansas also uses Certified Athletic Trainers to assist in concussion testing at events. These Trainers specialize and see more concussions than any other group and evaluate immediately after an injury unlike any medical professional.

+ Kansas physicians (mainly who are primary care doctors) who work as **a RP** at the Kansas events have been following the guidelines that the ARP had recently set in place March of 2019, for the past eight years.

Chair Tom Burroughs requested a motion to accept the October 8, 2019 meeting minutes as amended, the motion accepted by Sean Wheelock, seconded by Vice-Chair Paul Brackeen, and approved by all.

- Commissioner Adam Roorbach reported on the upcoming events. He informed the Commission on the return of WWE with events in Topeka and Wichita. WWE Raw will be in Wichita, it has been a long time since WWE Raw held an event in Kansas. In closing of the event report, he extended his appreciation to the Commission members for their attendance at the shows.

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- Commissioner’s Report and Attachments

- Show report: Combat sports events have increased while wrestling events have decreased. Jujitsu, smokers, and grappling events could be the rise for the combat sports. Wrestling events will need to be explored for the reasons there are less events scheduled.
- Bare Knuckle Fighting (BKF) held their first event on Saturday November 30. The first bout there was a TKO on the third round. The fighters were very experienced, showed their professionalism to one another; the staff also did an outstanding job.

Dr. Bohm did say there was a laceration, although it is not uncommon as with any other combat sport, it’s expected and nothing out of the ordinary.

Sean Wheelock stated the following States have also approved BKF in their State.

<i>Approved</i>		<i>Close to Approved</i>	<i>In the Process to Approve</i>
State	Tribal	State	State
Florida Mississippi New Hampshire New York Wyoming	Seneca Nation - NY	Alabama	Massachusetts Mexico Utah

Commissioner Roorbach informed the Commission he would like to hold a summit to develop the unified rules for BKF. With several States jumping on board and approving, warrants the Unified Rules to be set in place.

Chair Tom Burroughs recommended to hold the BKF Summit in conjunction with the Official Training on the same weekend. Discussion is continued below with the MMA Referee and Judge Training section.

- Commissioner Adam Roorbach spoke of the upcoming digital program using Salesforce for the software platform. As we move forward to a paperless system data will be more readably accessible from outside of the office during event activities. Adam demonstrated how Salesforce would work utilizing a similar program already in use. Concerns of impertinent personal information being shared to others was discussed. The database is internal and is not made available to the public or individuals to view. Promoters, Officials, Contestants will have the capability to either apply for a new license or renew a license from the KAC website that is linked to the database and to be downloaded internally into the Salesforce database. This database is solely for in-house use, access is limited to the KAC staff, and the Commerce IT staff to upload applications and record data. All other pertinent and

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private documents provided will be scanned, recorded, and placed in each specific dedicated individuals' folder electronically to Commerce's Salesforce cloud. Any hardcopy will be shredded onsite and destroyed with Iron Mountain Services. There was concern of releasing personal blood testing reports and physicals to other Commissions without contestant's knowledge or if there should be a need for a signed release of information.

- Commissioner Roorbach would like to hold another MMA Referee/Judge Training sometime in the summer of 2020. As recommended previously to consolidate the BKF Summit with this Officials Training. A 3-day training would be offered to the Officials whose Commission has approved, are in the process of approval, and the interested Non-Commission States who has a Governing Sanctioning Body. In addition, this would reduce the cost for the interested parties to attend.

Chair Tom Burroughs has requested there be a formalized plan/package put together to be viewed by the Commission for comments and/or suggestions.

- New Business – No new business.
- Old Business – None
- The next meeting will be tentatively scheduled and sent out to the members.

The meeting adjourned.