

Kansas Athletic Commission Minutes

Commissions Board Minutes
March 5, 2019
Kansas Department of Commerce
1000 SW Jackson Street
Topeka, Kansas 66612
1:30 p.m.

Present

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

Absent

Attorney Jordan Bickford

Guest

None

Public in Attendance

Henry Gueary III

Joined by Phone

Shannon Knapp

Agenda

- ❖ Opening Comments
- ❖ Approval of Minutes – November 20, 2018
- ❖ Upcoming Shows
- ❖ Commissioner's Report
 - Implementation of Instant Replay
 - Invicta Report
 - Show Report
 - UFC
 - ShoBox Report
 - Small Community Project

Discussion Topics

- ❖ Opening Comments. Welcome and Greetings to all, meeting called to order at 1:40 p.m.
- ❖ Chair Tom Burroughs requested motion to accept the meeting minutes from November 20, 2018, motion accepted by Vice Chair Paul Brackeen, seconded by Sean Wheelock, and approved by all.

❖ Commissioner Adam Roorbach reported on the upcoming events.

❖ Commissioner's Report and Attachments

- Instant Replay to be implemented as an important tool to review and make decisions instantly at the event. Instant Replay will only be utilized after a bout has been stopped and can no longer continue to determine the legality of any blow that led to the fight ending sequence.

Shannon Knapp, of Invicta, supported and was satisfied with the outcome of the use of Instant Replay. She considered it as a very valuable tool, rewards the Athletic Commission, had no negative response, and the Athletes totally agreed with the decision. She felt the Commissioner made the correct call to revert to Instant Replay at her event.

Public attendee, Henry Gueary, was honored a 5-minute slot to speak at the meeting by the Commission in relation to the use of Instant Replay at future events. Mr. Gueary presented his thoughts regarding adopting the Instant Replay in the Kansas Rules and Regulations as it is not stated that the Commissioner can utilize such, but agrees it is a fabulous tool.

Discussion: Make a formal clarification of Instant Replay. Adopt the language and inform how it can be used. Reach out to the ABC to understand who can call/request the Instant Replay

- Thank you goes to those who made it possible for one of the most covered and one of the highest viewed MMA promotions in the world for the return to Kansas a successful event. The Invicta FC held their show at the newly refurbished Memorial Hall in Kansas City on February 15. Special thanks to Chairman Tom Burroughs, Commission Member Sean Wheelock, and Mr. Justine Stine of the Kansas City Visitors Bureau for contributing their time and effort.
- Commissioner Adam Roorbach reported the show comparison report between Fiscal Year 2018 and Fiscal Year 2019. He gave thanks to the Commission for all the hard work and doing such a fantastic job in their active role.
- The Ultimate Fighting Championship, first time ever, will be in Kansas March 9th. Main event and headliner for the show will be former heavyweight champion Junior Dos Santos versus number three ranked heavyweight Derrick Lewis and will be televised on ESPN. This is exciting news for the KAC.
- Showtime Boxing event held in Mulvane at the Kansas Star Arena on February 15th was the first time ever for Kansas and with four title fights. The event was flawless and received high praise from other States. Chair Tom Burroughs extends a congratulations to the support from all members of the Commission.

- Commissioner Adam Roorbach introduced and shared the Small Community Project plan. He has recommended a 4-step plan:
 1. Identify communities that are open to hosting combat sport events
 2. Notifying cities what it would take to bring in a combat sports event
 3. Work with the city infrastructure
 4. Assistance from the Athletic Commission

- ❖ New Business – No new business.

- ❖ Old Business – Bareknuckle update, Commissioner awaiting input

- ❖ Next meeting will be tentative scheduled for Tuesday June 4, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.