

# KANSAS ATHLETIC COMMISSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Kansas Department of Commerce  
1000 SW Jackson Street  
Topeka, Kansas 66612  
January 12, 2021  
1:30 p.m.

## **Present**

Commissioner Adam Roorbach  
Chair Rep. Tom Burroughs  
Todd Carter  
Program Consultant Karen Farrell

## **Absent**

None

## **Guest**

None

## **Joined by Teams/Phone**

Vice Chair Paul Brackeen  
Dr. Matthew Bohm  
Attorney Jordan Bickford

## **Public in Attendance**

Henry Gueary III

## **Agenda**

- ❖ Opening Comments
- ❖ Approval of Minutes – September 8, 2020
- ❖ Upcoming Shows
- ❖ Commissioner's Report
  - COVID-19 Testing & Protocols
  - LFA Residency
  - Real Time Scoring
  - Training and Seminars
  - Expanded Instant Replay
- Opening Comments. Chair Tom Burroughs commented and consulted with Attorney, Jordan, if there were to be a standard reading prior to the meeting. It would need to be prepared ahead of time, processed, and submitted prior to the meeting, then sent to those who has requested to join. The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m.
- Chair Tom Burroughs requested a motion to accept the meeting minutes from September 8, 2020, motion was accepted by Todd Carter and seconded by Dr. Matthew Bohm. Approved by all.
- New Business:
  - Commissioner Adam Roorbach spoke of the upcoming shows. A new promotion, Lion Fights, and will be partnering with local promotion, Never Surrender, in the City of Hutchinson.

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- Commissioner's Report
  - COVID-19 Testing and Protocols were explained by Commissioner Roorbach and Dr. Matthew Bohm. It is not an easy process and has lots of moving parts following protocols of the CDC guidelines, the KDHE guidelines, and the local government guidelines for each county and township events are held. The guidelines can change overnight; therefore, it is a constant check prior to an event to ensure all guidelines are followed.
  - LFA (Legacy Fighting Alliance) Residency was in South Dakota prior to Kansas, they held two events in the months of October and November, one in December, and plan to hold two more events in January and two more events in February. The contestants have been brought in from all over, the promotion is in hopes to be recognized in the industry and their fighters be on the cards with the UFC and Bellator. The promotion has brought revenue to Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita; although, not so much for the Commission due to a no crowd televised event.
  - The Commission continues to utilize the Real Time Scoring allowing Promoters the option to utilize or refuse the use of Real Time Scoring at their scheduled events. To use this method has shown bouts winning at higher rate. The score can be given to the corner and they decide if they want to share it with their fighters.
  - The KAC is in the process of setting up virtual training utilizing the best of the best trainers to record and have it readily available for referees and judge training. A Q & A will also be available. Plans to have this readily available as soon as everything has been set up, recorded, and questions gathered for the Q & A.
  - Instant Replay, as it is now, cannot be shown until after the fight is over unlike other sports. Other sports such as football, basketball, soccer all have a stoppage, combat sports do not, it is continual with a one-minute break in-between bouts. Referee's possibly could wear an earpiece for the down official to transmit information of a possible violation, letting the Referee make the call to stop the fight if medically necessary for the safety of the fighters. The technology is there and available just searching for the happy medium.
  - Not on the Agenda, but Commissioner Roorbach would like to talk about possibly move forward and have more media transparency. By doing so could answer and explain the Judge's scoring decision on their scorecards and answer any other questions and comments made on social media.
- Old Business – None

The meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.