

# **Kansas Athletic Commission Minutes**

Commissions Board Minutes  
October 8, 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  
Todd Carter  
Sean Wheelock  
Dr. Matthew Bohm  
Attorney Jordan Bickford  
Program Consultant Karen Farrell

## **Public in Attendance**

Henry Gueary III  
Henry Gueary IV

## **Absent**

None

## **Guest**

None

## **Joined by Phone**

None

## **Agenda**

- ❖ Opening Comments
- ❖ Approval of Minutes – June 11, 2019
- ❖ Upcoming Shows
- ❖ Executive Session
- ❖ Commissioner's Report
  - Show Report
  - Medical Update
  - Bare Knuckle Fighting Approval
  - Unified Rules – Grounded Fighter
  - Boxing Registry Fees

## **Discussion Topics**

- Opening Comments. Welcome and Greetings to all, meeting called to order at 1:35 p.m.
- Chair Tom Burroughs requested a motion to accept the meeting minutes from June 11, 2019, the motion accepted by Sean Wheelock, seconded by Todd Carter, and approved by all.

- Commissioner Adam Roorbach reported on the upcoming events. He informed the Commission of the increasing attendance for the events held at Memorial Hall by Promoter Joe Kelly. Dr. Bohm announced that Hallie Barry attended the Invicta event held on October 4. Ms. Barry was in attendance to review and learn the industry for production filming. Commissioner Roorbach was sworn to secrecy.
- Chair Tom Burroughs requested a motion to move to an executive session at 1:25 p.m. Dr. Bohm accepted the motion that the committee recess for an executive meeting to discuss potential actions to be taken by the Commission pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for consultation with an attorney for the Commission which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship. The meeting will resume here in the Main Conference room of the Curtis Building at 1:55 p.m.
- The meeting resumed at 1:55 p.m.
- Commissioner's Report and Attachments
  - Comparison Report for shows held in FY19 through 10/8/2018 compared to FY2020 to current date 10/8/2019.
  - Commissioner Roorbach turned the floor over to Commission member Dr. Matthew Bohm to give the medical update.

✚ 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 handle and treat concussions, and ~~probably has~~ have more sports concussion training than a most Neurologist. Just recently ~~The~~ Association of Ringside Physicians (ARP) in the BJSM (British Journal of Sports Medicine) ~~finally~~ 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 performs 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 an ARP 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.

- The Commission voted on September 27, 2019, officially passing and adopting KAR 128-5-1 and 128-6-8 making Bareknuckle Fighting (BKF) legal in the State of Kansas. Commissioner Roorbach thanked the commission for their diligence during the process.
  - Commissioner Adam Roorbach spoke of the new and adopted language change of a grounded fighter by the Unified Rules. It is requested of the Commission members to review the language, make recommendations, and then forward on to Commissioner Roorbach.
  - Commissioner Roorbach commented on the Boxing Registry Fees as stated on the handout.
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- New Business – No new business.
  - Old Business – None
  - The next meeting will be tentatively scheduled and sent out to the members.

The meeting adjourned.