

KANSAS ATHLETIC COMMISSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Kansas Department of Commerce
1000 SW Jackson Street
Topeka, Kansas 66612
April 13, 2021
1:30 p.m.

Present

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

Absent

None

Guest

None

Joined by Teams/Phone

Vice Chair Paul Brackeen

Public in Attendance

Henry Gueary III

Agenda

- ❖ Opening Comments
- ❖ Approval of Minutes – January 12, 2021
- ❖ Upcoming Shows
- ❖ Commissioner’s Report
 - Lion Fights
 - Financial Report
 - New Venues
 - Official Training

- The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.
- Chair Tom Burroughs requested a motion to accept the meeting minutes from January 12, 2021, motion was accepted by Todd Carter and seconded by Dr. Matthew Bohm. Approved by all.
- Commissioner Adam Roorbach spoke of the upcoming shows. Due to the COVID 19 restrictions easing up, we are slowly returning to our normal.
- Commissioner’s Report
 - Lion Fights is a UFC Fight Pass promotion in Maui Tai, partnering up with Never Surrender creating a very beneficial partnership.

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- Financial Report – A comparison report for FY17, FY18 and FY19 demonstrated we were moving closer to becoming self-sufficient, until COVID 19 Pandemic placed a hold and prevented events to take place, thus no revenue. The goal now to be self-sufficient by 2022.
- Officials Training was put on hold until the COVID-19 slowed and become safer for trainers and attendees. Commissioner Roorbach had received and placed on his table within the last 24-hours, it became apparent he would need to move forward with the Official Training and not wait. Due to the request of Bare-Knuckle Fighting (BKF) and learning there are other states in their last step in the process of approving Bare-Knuckle Fighting (BKF) in their state.

BKF would like for somebody to step up, train, and educate the officials in these states because it is controversial between, BKF, MMA, and Boxing, they want the officials to be well educated. KAC is more than ready to put together the training and is in the planning stage to accommodate the Officials Training.
- New Business – Chair Tom Burroughs would like to see a prefight testimonial page/section with comments from the fighters, promoters, and others who would like to comment placed on the KAC website to allow. The members and Commissioner agree this would be beneficial to strengthen and market KAC to other potential viewers.
 - Dr. Bohm requested a motion for the Commission to recess and move into an executive session at 2:06 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter pursuant of a non-elective matter be taken by the Commission pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). The open meeting will resume here in Conference Room B in approximately 20 minutes.
 - Meeting resumed and called to order at 2:26 p.m. Chair Tom Burroughs took this time show praise to the Commission. He is grateful for all the work brought forward to make the Commission from where it was to where it is now. The Commission agreed and spoke of the accomplishments that have been achieved in the last five-years and creating a thriving industry. Chair Burroughs commented he was excited to see the next chapter Commissioner Roorbach will be bring to the table.
 - Chair Tom Burroughs asked Commissioner Roorbach to put together a list of Title Fight Championship fighters who were Kansans, when the last Title Fight held in Kansas, and to include other combative sports as suggested by Vice Chair Paul Brackeen. Kansas has history in the industry and would be nice to credit the past and the fighter then and now by adding to the KAC website.
- Chair Tom Burroughs asked the Commission if there were other no other business to discuss at this time, hearing none, he made motion to adjourn. Motion passed; meeting adjourned a 2:40 p.m.