

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Oregon State Athletic Commission**  
**December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
**St. Mary's Home for Boys**  
**16535 SW TV Hwy.**  
**Beaverton, OR 97006**  
**1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

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Roll Call:

- Chairman, Ted Molinari
- Commissioner, Doug LaMear
- Commissioner, Dave Bishop
- Commissioner, Bob Gross
- Commissioner, Vacant Position

**Approved Agenda**

<b>Call to Order</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Director</b>
<b>Roll call</b>		<b>Director</b>
<b>Agenda Approval</b>	5 Minutes	<b>Commission</b>
<b>Approval of Minutes from previous meeting</b>	10 Minutes	<b>Commission</b>
<b>Introduction of Guests</b>		<b>Chairman/Director</b>
<b>Director's Report</b>		<b>Director</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal to Suspend Commission Update</li> <li>• Promoter Survey</li> </ul>		
<b>Old Business</b>		<b>Director</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Event Limitation</li> </ul>		
<b>New Business</b>		<b>Commission/Director</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Medical Advisory Appointments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. DeWayde Perry</li> <li>○ Dr. Joey Trujillo</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Amendments/Updates to Administrative Rules</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Approval of Events</li> <li>○ Complimentary Tickets</li> <li>○ Professional Boxing Update</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>Commission Action Items</b>		<b>Director</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administrative Rules</li> </ul>		
<b>Comments from the Public*</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audience Time</li> </ul>		
<b>Executive Session (If necessary)</b>	30 Minutes	
<b>Next Meeting/Meeting Schedule</b>	10 Minutes	
<b>Adjourn</b>		<b>Chair</b>

*Note: The following minutes were drafted by Oregon State Athletic Commission Executive Director Brad Darcy. These minutes are a summary of discussion items and Commission actions. They are not a verbatim accounting of what took place at the meeting.*

The meeting was called to order by Ted Molinari, Commission Chairman, at 1:01 PM. The roll was called by the Chairman. A quorum was established and the meeting proceeded.

Other Attendees:

Maj. Craig Durbin, Gaming Enforcement Division  
Brad Darcy, OSAC Executive Director  
Jason Bedford, Promoter (Tuff N Uff)  
Greg Gull, Promoter (Tuff N Uff)  
Charles Grijalva, Promoter (United Combat Sports)  
Jana Piper, Fighter  
Fran Molinari

**Motion: Dave Bishop to approve agenda as submitted.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Bob Gross**

**Motion carries: 3-0**

**Motion: Dave Bishop to approve minutes from previous meeting as submitted.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Bob Gross**

**Motion carries 3-0**

Introduction of Guests.

Introductions of guests. Guests in attendance were introduced to the Commission.

Director's Report – Brad Darcy

The OSAC has been identified as a Commission that the governor recommends be suspended due to budget shortfalls. No action has been taken by Legislature, to date. Legislature convenes on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. There is concern within the affected industries about what the suspension of the Commission might mean.

Chairman Ted Molinari – In a discussion with Superintendent he was going to ask that Senior staff reach out to the Governor's office and discuss the Commission's status.

Maj. Craig Durbin (Gaming Enforcement Division)

Initiated some discussions with promotions. Some promotions have expressed an interest in contacting Legislators regarding the Commission.

Chairman Ted Molinari – The Commission cannot lobby the Legislature directly to ask that it remain in place. The Commission is obligated to inform legislative members about what the results of a suspension might be. The Commission has notified affected parties of the situation. We know that many promoters prefer that a strong Commission be in place for the protection of everyone involved. Question to Brad Darcy: Do promotions understand what might be the implications if the Commission were to be suspended?

Brad Darcy – Spectrum within promotions. Most promotions support the existence of a strong Commission. They understand that the industry they have worked hard to develop could be in jeopardy. There may be some promotions that wish for the Rules that govern their industry be no longer enforced. Commission is willing to host a meeting of promotions to give them an

opportunity to address concerns. The Ultimate Fighting Championship has offered to provide some data on the impact.

Ted Molinari – Question to promoters present: Do you have an opinion about what role they believe the Commission should play?

Jason Bedford (Tuff N Uff) – Important to have a good relationship with Commission. The Commission provides safety and legitimacy to the sport.

Charles Grijalva – Commission very important. He has seen unregulated events in other jurisdictions. Things that can happen there would never happen here.

Maj. Durbin – Department's (Oregon State Police) position is that if the Commission were to be suspended the Department would ask that the statutes allowing the regulated sports be eliminated and the sports no longer be allowed to be conducted.

Jason Bedford – Suggests that the Commission contact the Ultimate Fighting Championship to get some information.

### Old Business

Event Limitation – In September of 2009 we began to limit the number of MMA events to no more than four per month. Beginning to help with workload issues. The Commission had allowed for as many as seven events per month. Makes it very difficult with no administrative staff to effectively regulate events. Promotions have been providing event dates for 2010. Calendar will likely be nearly full early in 2010.

Ted Molinari – Has the limitation had a cooling effect on the industry?

Brad Darcy – The Commission has denied a couple event dates for months with four scheduled, but overall has not drastically reduced the number of events that would take place if there was no limitation. Developing a criteria for reviewing event applications and selecting which dates are approved.

Maj. Durbin – Unknown at this point if the limit will hurt the industry. The Commission has not filled the open Office Specialist position. The limitation is designed to allow Brad Darcy to maintain the required administrative functions of the Commission. Still difficult, but more manageable with limitation. Unknown if limitation were to be lifted if enough events would take place to compensate administrative staff with additional revenue. We are hiring a temp for a period of 90 days. We will review to see if the addition of a staff person would make a higher work load possible. Unknown at this point.

Brad Darcy – In years past, the Commission has allowed for nearly as many events that the industry was willing to conduct; sometimes with as many as three in one weekend. Allowed for industry to develop. Trying to find balance between manageable workload and market's ability to conduct events. We are funded completely by taxes and licensing fees.

Jason Bedford – How many officials typically does the Commission bring to an event? What is the Commission staff?

Brad Darcy – During the actual event it ranges on average from 12 to 15 officials. Operationally, the Director is the only full time employee.

Ted Molinari – Financials. Revenue to date and Expenditures to date?

Brad Darcy – Six months into biennium. Current revenues skewed upward because of revenues collected from UFC event.

Ted Molinari – The Oregon State Police absorbs any deficit between revenues and expenditures. Must be sensitive to that because the OSP has broad responsibilities for public safety. Superintendent has expressed support for the Commission, but must always remember his primary role in providing public safety.

#### Promoter Survey

Initial results from survey of active promotions.

#### Medical Advisory Appointments

Brad Darcy – Commission is considering the addition of new physicians to Medical Advisory Committee. Preference given to physicians willing to regularly serve as Ringside Physicians. Future vacancies will be filled with names offered today. Physicians considered today: Dr. DeWayde Perry and Dr. Joey Trujillo.

**Motion: (Bob Gross) The Commission recognizes the critical importance of the service and role of members of the Medical Advisory Committee. The Commission also recognizes the challenge the Commission faces in finding physicians that are qualified and able to serve as ringside physicians. Members of the Committee, whenever possible, should be able and willing to serve as ringside physicians. Having received the names and credentials of candidates to serve on the Committee by the Executive Director, the Oregon State Athletic Commission hereby recommends that the Superintendent appoint the following physicians to the Committee:**

- **Dr. DeWayde Perry**
- **Dr. Joey Trujillo**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Bob Gross**  
**Motion carries: 3-0**

#### Administrative Rules

Brad Darcy – There is a need for the Commission to begin the process of updating various Administrative Rules. Asking that the Commission provide initial guidance to initiate the Rule updates. Director would draft initial Rule updates. The proposed Rules would be reviewed by the Commission for comment. The Administrative Rule process would then be prompted; including public comment/notice opportunities.

#### Approval of Events

Maj. Durbin – Need to establish process for selection of proposed events.

Commissioner Bishop – Have we looked at other Commissions that have procedures for approval of events?

Brad Darcy – Informally reviewed procedures from other Commissions. Procedures vary.

Commissioner Bishop – Useful to review other jurisdictions to get a starting point. Also important to try to be consistent from state to state.

Ted Molinari – Purpose is to give promotions equal chance to be successful.

Jason Bedford – Makes it easier on promotions if jurisdictions are similar.

Maj. Durbin – Took a similar path when we updated Statutes. Reviewed other states; in particular Nevada.

**Motion: (David Bishop)**

**The Commission, through the Executive Director shall establish criteria for the approval of the number and type of regulated events. These criteria shall provide discretion based on the general interest of the sport and availability of resources.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Bob Gross  
Motion Carries 3-0**

Complimentary Tickets

**Motion: (Bob Gross)**

**The Commission, through the Executive Director, shall establish policy and procedures for the sale, accounting, and control of instruments used for event admission. Compliance of Promotions with these policies and procedures shall be audited once per biennium. The results of such audits shall be forwarded to the Commission. These policies and procedures shall include guidelines for enforcement action. These policies and procedures shall also define which complimentary tickets are exempt from the gross receipts tax. These policies and procedures should also clarify that complimentary tickets shall not be used for in kind trading for goods and/or services.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Dave Bishop  
Motion Carries 3-0**

Professional Boxing

**Motion: Dave Bishop**

**The Commission requests that the Executive Director research and recommend updated Rules for Professional Boxing.**

Ted Molinari – Executive Director Brad Darcy has contacted former Commissioner Bob Hamilton regarding the Commission's wish that he serve as an Ex-Officio member of the Commission. Mr. Hamilton has accepted the appointment.

Brad Darcy – We will be actively recruiting to fill current vacancy.

Executive Session – The Commission entered into an Executive Session at 2:05 PM.

The Commission returned from Executive Session at 2:44 PM.

Next Meeting

Meeting will be scheduled when it is determined if the Commission will be considered for suspension in upcoming Legislative Session.

**Motion: Dave Bishop – Adjourn**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Bob Gross  
Motion carries 3-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 2:47 PM.