

Meeting Minutes
Oregon State Athletic Commission
June 10th, 2008

Meeting Open to the Public

Roll Call:

- Chairman, Robert Hamilton
- Commissioner, Doug LaMear
- Commissioner, Ted Molinari
- Commissioner, Lenn Hannon
- Commissioner, Bob Gross

Approved Agenda

Call to Order	10:00 AM	Director
Roll call		Director
Agenda Approval	5 Minutes	Commission
Approval of Minutes from previous meeting	10 Minutes	Commission
Old Business	30 Minutes	Director
• Medical Advisory Committee		
• Administrative Rules Revision		
• Comp Tickets		
New Business		
• Administrative Rules – Continued Update	30 Minutes	
• Entertainment Wrestling	30 Minutes	
Comments from the Public*		
• Audience Time		
Executive Session	30 Minutes	
Next Meeting/Meeting Schedule	10 Minutes	
Adjourn		Chair

***Members of the public/audience wishing to speak should sign in to be recognized by the Chair. Depending on the number of requests to speak the Chair may set a limit on the speaking time for each individual.**

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 Bob Hamilton, Commission Chairman, at approximately 10:00 AM. The roll was called by Director Brad Darcy. A quorum was established and the meeting proceeded.

Other Attendees:

Maj. Craig Durbin, Gaming Enforcement Division
Brad Darcy, Executive Director

Amended Agenda approved by affirmation.

Motion: Ted Molinari
Approve Minutes as submitted.
2nd: Doug LaMear
Motion carries: 5-0

Old Business – Medical Advisory Committee

Executive Director:

Committee members must be approved to serve as ringside physicians. Committee to review submitted credentials of each member. Members of the committee will approve proposed physicians.

Committee will need to rule on pending issue: Requirements for Medical Personnel assigned to work Amateur MMA events. Statutory latitude to assign medical personnel other than physician to MMA events. Committee needs to advise Commission on whether personnel other than physicians should be eligible for assignment (e.g. Paramedics, Registered Nurses, Physicians Assistants, etc.).

Committee will then provide ongoing advice for medical standards, issues, and procedures.

Director will continue to recruit additional ringside physicians.

Maj. Durbin: If physicians are required for amateur events, could create artificial limit on number of events possible.

Committee members covered under Tort Claims Act while serving as ringside physicians. Committee members will need to enter into personal service contracts. Ringside Physicians not serving on the Medical Advisory Committee may need additional insurance coverage.

Administrative Rules Update

Administrative Rules hearing held.

Administrative Rule Commission adopts Rules formally by signature of Chairman.

Complimentary Tickets (Comps)

Concern with proportion of comp tickets issued by promoters. Comp tickets exempt from gross receipts tax. Concern with comp tickets being used as in-kind payment to vendors by promoters.

Doug LaMear: Coliseum was never allowed to comp at that level because of effect on revenue.

Matt Lindland and Angie Lindland of the promotion Sportfight offer comments.

Brief background by Chairman Hamilton, with Matt Lindland's help, about formative stages of Mixed Martial Arts and the Oregon State Athletic Commission.

Matt Lindland: The handling of comp tickets in other jurisdictions varies greatly. In Nevada, for example, comps are subject to tax. Very difficult to be profitable. Purpose of comps is to develop brand and television audience. Comps used to make in kind trades for goods and services. Also use comps for event personnel, so that credentials don't have to be issued to every each staff person. Comps not being sold. Description of consignment tickets process.

Angie Lindland: Important to have full venue for benefit of television. Benefit for promoter by venue; reduction in rent based on attendance. Venue would prefer that tickets be sold.

Matt Lindland: Developing media outlets. Description of typical expenses and revenues.
Television

Bob Hamilton: Revenues of Commission are not sufficient to run operation. Will be necessary to ask Legislature for funding. Must show our diligence in effectively collecting tax.

Lenn Hannon: What can we do to help promoter to help us? We have to show Legislature that we are collecting revenues comparable to what we spend. Not trying to be punitive, but trying to explore ideas.

Matt Lindland: Taxes/Fees include 6% Gross Receipts Tax to Commission, 6% Gross Receipts Tax to City of Portland, and 3% fee on credit card purchases.

Angie Lindland: IFL event led to public perception that comps were the norm. Sportfight is reducing the number of complimentary tickets. Fear that if comps are reduced they will get fewer fans in the venue.

Matt Lindland: Comps will always be necessary to operate promotion. In kind trades are part of the process.

Angie Lindland: Ideas or suggestions from Commission?

Bob Hamilton: One step taken was to reduce authorization of events in month of March to reduce expense and strain on resources.

Matt Lindland: Addition of amateur component of the sport surely increased expenses of Commission.

Brad Darcy: Work load was tripled, but revenues remain the same. Revenues very volatile; subject to changes in promotion activity level.

Maj. Durbin: Number of comps not necessarily the issue. Compliance with the rules governing the issuing of comps is the critical issue. Asking Legislature to fund the Commission through general funds. Regulation necessary for continuation of the sport of MMA and other industries.

Bob Hamilton: Action won't take place until due notice is made to affected parties.

11:17 Entertainment Wrestling

Brad Darcy: Spectrum of events includes very large promotions and very small promotions. MMA and Pro Boxing take up most of regulatory resources. Primary role with Entertainment Wrestling is to ensure accurate tax reporting and payment. Will be introducing the practice of assigning Inspectors to Entertainment Wrestling events.

Commission went into Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(s) at .

Commission Returned to Public Meeting at 11:45.

Motion: Ted Molinari

No physician be allowed to serve as ringside physician unless approved by the Medical Advisory Committee.

2nd: Doug LaMear

Motion carries: 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 11:47.