BOXING, MARTIAL ARTS, AND PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING ADVISORY REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

A meeting was held on September 14, 2022, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, with the following members present:

Daniel Hardy, M.D. (Citizen)
Scott Howard (Martial Arts)
Leah Jackman (Martial Arts)
Travis Lee, M.D. (Boxing)
Mark D'Attilio, (Former Boxing Board Member)

Board member Delvis McCadden (Boxing) was not present for the meeting with regrets.

Staff present for all or part of the meeting was:

Stephen Kirschner, Deputy Director Kathleen R. (Kate) Nosbisch, Executive Director Bonnie Davis, Board Administrator Breanne Henshaw, Administrative Coordinator Vernon Porter, Program Coordinator

Josh Laws, Assistant Attorney General was present from the Office of the Attorney General.

Members of the audience included:

Adam Roorbach, Regulatory Affairs, Representative from Bare Knuckle Fighting Championship David Feldman, Founder and President of Bare Knuckle Fighting Championship David Arvelo, Mixed Martial Arts
Rick McCoy, Owner of MMA Institute

Dr. Hardy, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Call to Order

Ms. Davis advised the Board of the emergency evacuation procedures. <u>Emergency</u>

Evacuation Procedures

Mr. D'Attilio moved to approve the agenda. Dr. Lee seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: D'Attilio, Hardy, Howard, Jackman, and Lee.

Approval of Agenda

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Ms. Nosbisch introduced Dr. Lee and Ms. Jackman as new Board members. The Board and staff introduced themselves. Ms. Nosbisch introduced Stephen Kirschner, as the new Deputy Director of the Licensing and Regulatory Programs Division.

Announcements

Rick McCoy, owner of MMA Institute, addressed Bare Knuckle Fighting (BKF) and indicated his support of the sport as long as fighter safety is considered.

Public Comment Period

David Arvelo was in attendance at the meeting to support the implementation of BKF events in Virginia.

David Feldman, founder and president of BKFC was in attendance at the meeting to support the implementation of BKF events in Virginia. Mr. Feldman provided details of ways in which he's worked with other state boards and commissions to regulate BKF events.

Adam Roorbach, regulatory affairs representative of BKFC was in attendance at the meeting to support the implementation of BKF events in Virginia. Mr. Roorbach provided information regarding his work with other state boards and commissions to regulate BKF events.

The draft Post Bout Check and Suspension Order forms were provided to the Committee for review. Ms. Jackman made a motion to implement the forms at upcoming events. Mr. D'Attillio seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: D'Attilio, Hardy, Howard, Jackman, and Lee.

Draft Forms

The Committee discussed the prospect of providing regulations or adding professional BKF to the Board's regulations. There was discussion regarding where BKF would fit into the current regulations and if BKF would be appropriate for boxing, MMA, or as a separate addition to the regulations. The Committee determined that it would fit more within the MMA section of the regulations.

Bare Knuckle Fighting

The Committee took a recess from 12:07 p.m. to 12:12 p.m.

Recess

The Committee with advice from Board Counsel determined that BKF would currently be acceptable in Virginia under 18VAC120-40-411.21. Rules for other contests.

Bare Knuckle Fighting Continued

Ms. Nosbisch informed the Committee that the Board will conduct regulatory review at the Board meeting scheduled for October 19, 2022.

Regulatory Review

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There was no other business.

Other Business

Conflict of Interest and travel forms were completed by all board members present.

Conflict of Interest Forms and Travel Vouchers

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

<u>Adjourn</u>

Dr. Daniel M. Hardy, Acting Chair

Demetrios Melis, Secretary

1.	Name:	Dr. Daniel M. Hardy	
2.	Title:	Board Member	
3.	Agency:	Boxing, Martial Arts, and Professional Wrestling Advisory Board	
4.	Meeting/IFF Date:	Regulatory Review Meeting September 14, 2022	
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	Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction:		
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	I am able to participate in this transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.		
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	☐ I did not particip	ate in the transaction.	
6.	I do not have a	personal interest in any transactions taken at this meeting.	
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1.	Name:	Dr. Travis Lee			
2.	Title:	Board Member			
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1.	Name:	Scott L. Howard	
2.	Title:	Board Member	
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1.	Name:	Leah Jackman	
2.	Title:	Board Member	
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1.	Name:	Mark D'Attilio	
2.	Title:	Former Board Member	
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