



## 2013 ABC ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES

Held at: July 27 - 31, 2013  
Grand Hyatt San Antonio  
600 East Market Street  
San Antonio, TX 78205

### Monday, July 29, 2013

**Introduction of Members** – Everyone present introduced themselves.

**Welcome** - Lee Parham, Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation.

**President's Welcome** – Tim Lueckenhoff (MO) Introduction of representatives of Member Commissions and Guests.

**Verification of Registered Commissions:** (Attachment 1 - Voter Authority Forms (40))

### Commission

### Voting Representative

1) Alabama Athletic Commission -	Brandon Owens
2) Arizona Boxing and MMA Commission -	Matthew Valenzuela
3) Arkansas Athletic Commission -	Lydia Robertson
4) California Athletic Commission -	Andy Foster
5) Chickasaw Nation Gaming Commission -	Haskell Alexander
6) Citizen Potawatomi Nation Athletic Commission -	Joey Miller
7) Comanche Nation Sports Commission -	Jill Peters
8) CT Dept. of Emergency Services & Public Protection -	Mark Langlais
9) Hawaii Athletic Commission -	Alan Taniguchi
10) Illinois - (Registration Fee unpaid to date; cannot vote)	Nancy Illg
11) Iowa Athletic Commission -	Joe Walsh
12) Kansas Athletic Commission -	Martin Thomas
13) Louisiana Athletic Commission -	Buddy Embanato
14) Maryland Athletic Commission -	Patrick Pannella
15) Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation Gaming Commission -	Matthew Cooper
16) Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe -	Jim Erickson
17) Minnesota Office of Combative Sports -	John Rajkowski
18) Mississippi Athletic Commission -	Jon Lewis

19) Missouri Office of Athletics -	Tim Lueckenhoff
20) Mohegan Tribal Athletic Commission -	Mike Mazzulli
21) Nebraska Athletic Commission -	Brian Dunn
22) New Jersey State Athletic Control Board -	Aaron M. Davis
23) North Dakota Commission of Combative Sports -	Mary Feist
24) Ohio Athletic Commission -	Bernie Profato
25) Oklahoma State Athletic Commission -	Joe Miller
26) Oneida Indian Nation Athletic Commission -	Dan Gustafson
27) Pascau Yaqui Boxing Commission -	Ernie Gallardo
28) Pennsylvania Athletic Commission -	Greg Sirb
29) Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission -	Bill Colbert
30) Pueblo of Santa Ana Athletic Commission -	Ken Paquin
31) Puerto Rico Professional Boxing Commission -	Herman Colberg
32) Siletz Tribal Athletic Commission -	Lee Jenkins
33) South Carolina Athletic Commission -	Pamela Shealy
34) St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Department of Athletic Regulation -	Ron LaFrance
35) Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation -	Lee Parham
36) Washington State Department of Licensing -	Sandra Gonzales
37) Wichita Tribe Sports Commission -	Matt Roberson
38) Wisconsin Department of Safety & Professional Services -	Adam Burkhalter
39) Wyoming State Board of Mixed Martial Arts -	Michael Hresko
40) Washington D.C. Boxing Commission -	Alfred Grant

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 2012 Annual Meeting**

**Motion** to accept minutes from 2012 ABC Conference made by Bernie Profato (OH) and seconded by Aaron Davis (NJ). Motion passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer Report – Buddy Embanato (LA)**

Treasurer's report submitted by Treasurer Buddy Embanato for 2011 Fiscal Year (Attachment 2).

Discussion - Pat Pannella (MD) noted that the Treasurer's position is a thankless job. Andy Foster (CA) wanted to know how much of ABC money is taken in for training. Embanato explained ABC foots the bill for what is loss from training expenses.

Tim Lueckenhoff (MO) explained the four (4) trainer's airfare and hotel last year was rather expensive in addition to the \$250 stipend for speaking. In North Carolina they paid \$500 to assist.

**Motion** to accept Treasurer's report made by Bill Colbert (UT) and seconded by Pam Shealy (SC). Motion passed unanimously.

### **President's Report – Tim Lueckenhoff (MO)**

Tim Lueckenhoff (MO) gave a brief description of the exorbitant expense that is involved in putting on the ABC Conference every year and why sponsorships/help is so important.

Discussion - Nancy Kilpo (Grand Hyatt San Antonio Sales) came up to speak.

### **Term Limits for the Office of the ABC President & 1st and 2nd VP - Nick Lembo (NJ)**

Nick Lembo explained the provision as drafted which states The ABC Constitution states that changes must be presented to the membership at least twelve hours prior to a vote. This timeframe can be waived by a majority vote of the ABC voting members. We are asking for a majority vote to waive the twelve hour period so that we can immediately discuss the following term limit changes to the constitution.

For the positions of President, 1st Vice President, and 2nd Vice President, but specifically excluding other positions such as Secretary and Treasurer.

Today's election of President, 1st and 2nd Vice President, but specifically excluding other positions such as Secretary and Treasurer.

Today's election of President, 1st and 2nd Vice President, shall be for a two year term ending in 2015.

Starting with the 2015 election, the President, 1st Vice President, and 2nd Vice President, shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive two (2) year terms. Any such office may complete the unexpired term of such office and then serve his/her consecutive two (2) year terms.

Discussion - Jon Lewis (MS) asked for clarity if the 1st Vice-President is excluded from being 2nd Vice-President when the term ended.

Herman Colberg (PR) suggested that term limits be staggered so that they do not all expire at the same time.

Bernie Profato (OH) doesn't think terms should be staggered.

Pat Pannella (MD) believes if term limits are set, it should be done for all offices and not just the President. ABC offices are unpaid positions that are on a volunteer basis. That it takes longer than two (2) years to get things done. There should be no term limits.

Bill Colbert (UT) stated there should be no term limits. Greg Sirb (PA) believes it is time for a change. Nick Lembo explained a majority vote is needed.

Sirb asked for a motion to be made to waive the twelve (12) hour requirement

**Motion** to waive the twelve (12) hour voting requirement made by Bernie Profato (OH) and seconded by Jon Lewis (MS), motion passes with 34 Yes and 2 No as detailed below:

<u>Commission</u>	<u>Vote</u>
1) Alabama Athletic Commission -	Yes
2) Arizona Boxing and MMA Commission -	Yes
3) Arkansas Athletic Commission -	Yes
4) California Athletic Commission -	Yes
5) Chickasaw Nation Gaming Commission -	Yes
6) Citizen Potawatomi Nation Athletic Commission -	Yes
7) Comanche Nation Sports Commission -	Yes
8) CT Dept. of Emergency Services & Public Protection -	Yes
9) Hawaii Athletic Commission -	Yes
10) Kansas Athletic Commission -	Yes
11) Louisiana Athletic Commission -	Yes
12) Maryland Athletic Commission -	Yes
13) Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe -	Yes
14) Minnesota Office of Combative Sports -	Yes

15) Mississippi Athletic Commission -	Yes
17) Mohegan Tribal Athletic Commission -	Yes
18) Nebraska Athletic Commission -	Yes
19) New Jersey State Athletic Control Board -	Yes
20) North Dakota Commission of Combative Sports -	Yes
21) Ohio Athletic Commission -	Yes
22) Oklahoma State Athletic Commission -	Yes
23) Oneida Indian Nation Athletic Commission -	Yes
24) Pascau Yaqui Boxing Commission -	Yes
25) Pennsylvania Athletic Commission -	Yes
26) Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission -	No
27) Pueblo of Santa Ana Athletic Commission -	Yes
28) Puerto Rico Professional Boxing Commission -	Yes
29) Siletz Tribal Athletic Commission -	Yes
30) South Carolina Athletic Commission -	Yes
31) Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation -	Yes
32) Washington State Department of Licensing -	No
33) Wichita & Affiliated Tribes Sports Commission -	Yes
34) Wisconsin Department of Safety & Professional Services -	Yes
35) Wyoming State Board of Mixed Martial Arts -	Yes
36) Washington D.C. Boxing Commission -	Yes

**Motion** to add the provision of term limits to two (2) consecutive terms made by Andy Foster (CA) and seconded by Lydia Robertson (AR), motion passes 28 Yes, 8 No, and 1 Abstain as detailed below:

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Note - Whoever wins for office of President can serve a 2 year term. Whoever wins today cannot run in 2015. Bill Colbert (UT) calls the question.

**Wichita & Affiliated Tribes Sports Commission Report – Jim Erickson (Mille Lacs)**

Jim Erickson (Mille Lacs) reported on the Wichita & Affiliated Tribe Sports Commission explaining that observation of an additional visit went well. Erickson explained issues they were having with national MMA identification cards. Erickson wanted to recognize Matt Roberson and Mike Snyder.

**Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians Sports Commission Report – Jim Erickson (Mille Lacs)**

Jim Erickson (Mille Lacs) reported that Vernon Clark (Red Lake) is working very hard to get things done.

**Poarch Band of Creek Indians Sports Commission Report – Jim Erickson (Mille Lacs)**

Jim Erickson (Mille Lacs) reported that he is working with Poarch Band and they indicated they are interested in becoming members of the ABC.

**Fond du Lac Indians Sports Commission Report – Jim Erickson (Mille Lacs)**

Jim Erickson (Mille Lacs) reported that he is working with Fond du Lac and they indicated they are interested in becoming associate members of the ABC.

**Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians Sports Commission Report – Jim Erickson (Mille Lacs)**

Jim Erickson (Mille Lacs) reported that he has received no paperwork as of date.

**PodIndex - Matt Podgorski**

Podgorski made a presentation regarding Boxing and MMA judges (Attachment 3)

PodIndex.org developed an online scoring system to evaluate Boxing and MMA judges. Sports Commissions can enter score sheets which in turn measures the judge's consistency. Each judge's score for each round is measured against the other judge's scores which results in a percentage of agreement. The index is recommended to only be used with a statistically significant sample size.

The guest access login information is username: viewer and password: free. Podgorski requested the ABC to consider adopting the use of the PodIndex. It is free to enter and review data. If PodIndex was to enter the data, it would be a monthly cost of \$25.00 per Commission. PodIndex can be reached at podindex@gmail.com.

### **Compliance Committee Report**

The Compliance committee consisting of Greg Sirb (PA), Aaron Davis (NJ), Jim Erickson (Mille Lacs), and Tim Lueckenhoff (MO) stated the number of fighters fighting on suspension has dropped, but isn't perfect.

### **Fight Fax - ABC Boxing Record Keeper Report - Ani Miramontes**

Ani Miramontes owner of Fight Fax gave a presentation regarding Fight Fax.

Miramontes gave comments in regards to BoxRec.com. Fight Fax is the only official record keeper. You don't have to send results to anyone else besides Fight Fax. Miramontes would like to propose they fix their information before anyone sends them anything else. Miramontes stated that BoxRec.com won't always add results because for them, some of the fights don't count. Miramontes asked Commissions to stop sending BoxRec.com results until they straighten out their data.

Jon Lewis (MS) says we should all send and that boxing would be in trouble if they shut down. Pat Pannella (MD) stated that Fight Fax is the ABC's official record keeper and the only one that count. However, he has no problem sending records to BoxRec.

Andy Foster (CA) wanted to know exactly what is required to send to Fight Fax. Miramontes stated he wants date, city, place, fighter, federal id number, number of rounds, weight, results (i.e. KO), round, time, and suspensions. Anything you would have to have for their records. Miramontes recommended that fighters be issued a suspension if they are KO'd, TKO'd, etc. Also recommends uniform language when issuing suspension (i.e. indefinite suspension).

Miramontes recommended that an ID card be only good for one (1) year for foreign fighters. There is a problem with foreign fighters in certain states. Commissions can currently issue international fighters federal ID's that expire up to four (4) years.

**Motion** made that Commission issues international fighters federal id to expire one (1) year from issuance date by Mike Mazzulli (Mohegan) and seconded by Andy Foster (CA). Motion failed.

Andy Foster (CA) stated that it would be greatly appreciated if they are to issue federal ID's to give California lead time. They are very busy and have one (1) person who handles federal ID's all day long.

Miramontes explained that any state can issue a federal ID to foreign fighters. Buddy Embanato (LA) asked if you can do foreign fighters instead of states. Aaron Davis (NJ) stated that we would have to provide a lot of documentation to issue one. Greg Sirb (PA) asked if Miramontes could have a copy of the foreign fighter Visa, federal ID.

Miramontes urges foreign fighters must have passport and use that information when making the ID.

### **ABC MMA Database Committee Report - Bernie Profato (OH)**

Bernie Profato (OH) stated that the database keeps getting better and better. Profato explained the database is so important because we need to protect the fighters. It is imperative especially the amateurs. Make an effort to do this.

### **MMA, LLC - ABC MMA Record Keeper Report - Chris Palmquist & Kirik Jenness**

Kirik Jenness and Chris Palmquist made presentation on the MMA database.

Kirik Jenness with MMA LLC stated in 2008 they had to beg people to adapt. Jenness thanked the ABC and Commissions for adopting the system. Jenness spoke on how well MMA is doing. Only had eight (8) deaths since 1993, four (4) in the last eighteen (18) months. Anyone regulated and because of us they are .. Explained that regulation is a matter of life and death.

Chris Palmquist spoke on the number of events. Palmquist stated they up scaled their system so Commission can edit fight cards and ... else we can enter results on the spot.

MMA LLC is working on building a part of the database that would help organize fighter medicals.

### **Tribal Advisory Committee Report - Jim Erickson (Mille Lacs)**

The Tribal Advisory Committee consisting of Jim Erickson (Mille Lacs), Haskell Alexander (Chickasaw), Matt Cooper (Mashantucket), and Ernie Gallardo (Pascau Yaqui) made a report on tribal sports commission (Attachment 5).

The Committee has held four (4) training sessions which were well attended in the past year at Mille Lacs, Chickasaw Nation, Red Lake, and National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) Conference.

The Committee will reach out to areas that are not being regulated. Gallardo stated they are trying to get more tribes involved.

### **Lection of New ABC Officers –**

Nick Lembo (NJ), Dennis O'Connell, (AZ) and Elaine Smith (Mille Lacs), members of the ABC Legal Committee, presided over the election of officers.

### **Nominations and Results are as follows:**

#### **President**

Haskell Alexander (Chickasaw Nation) nominated **Tim Lueckenhoff** (MO) and seconded by Jim Erickson (Mille Lacs).

Jon Lewis (MS) nominated **Mike Mazzulli** (Mohegan). Mazzulli declined the nomination.

**Motion** made by Bernie Profato (OH) to cease nominations for the office of President and seconded by Matt Roberson (Wichita). Motion passed unanimously.

**Tim Lueckenhoff** (MO) won the office of President by acclamation.

#### **1st Vice President**

Jim Erickson (Mille Lacs) nominated **Aaron Davis** (NJ) and seconded by Bernie Profato (OH).

Mike Mazzulli (Mohegan) nominated **Andy Foster** (CA) and seconded by Greg Sirb (PA).

**Motion** made by Bernie Profato (OH) to cease nominations for the office of 1st Vice President and seconded by Brandon Owens (AL). Motion passed unanimously.

**Aaron Davis** (NJ) won the office of 1st Vice President by secret ballot vote.

#### **2nd Vice President**

Joe Miller (OK) nominated **Jim Erickson** (Mille Lacs) and seconded by Aaron Davis (NJ).

Mike Mazzulli (Mohegan) nominated **Jon Lewis** (MS) and seconded by Brandon Owens (AL).

**Motion** made by Bernie Profato (OH) to cease nominations for the office of 2nd Vice President and seconded by Brandon Owens (AL). Motion passed unanimously.

**Jim Erickson** (Mille Lacs) won the office of 2nd Vice President by secret ballot vote.

#### **Treasurer**

Pat Pannella (MD) nominated **Buddy Embanato** (LA) and seconded by Alfred Grant (DC).

**Motion** made by Bernie Profato (OH) to cease nominations for the office of Treasurer and seconded by Pam Shealy (SC). Motion passed unanimously.

**Buddy Embanato** (LA) was elected by acclimation.

#### **Secretary**

Joe Miller (OK) nominated **Jill Peters** (Comanche) and seconded by Matt Robertson (Wichita).

**Motion** made by Joe Miller (OK) to cease nominations for the office of Secretary and seconded by Brandon Owens (AL). Motion passed unanimously.

**Jill Peters** (Comanche) was elected by acclimation.

#### **Introduction of 2014 ABC Convention Site - Tim Lueckenhoff (MO)**

Lueckenhoff introduced the 2014 convention site as the Clearwater Hilton in Clearwater, FL. Training will take place July 26-27 and the annual meeting will take place July 28-31, 2014. Hotel rates are confirmed at \$125 per night.

#### **2015 ABC Convention Site**

Five (5) Commissions expressed interest in hosting the 2015 ABC Convention and made presentations as follows:

Oklahoma - Joe Miller	Formal proposal presented
Hawaii - Alan Taniguchi	Formal proposal presented
Louisiana - Buddy Embanato	
New York - Daniel Gustafson	
Puerto Rico – Herman Colberg	

A Committee was established to research airfares, hotel rates, and per diem and provide input to assist the ABC in deciding the location of the 2015 ABC Convention site.

The 2015 ABC Convention Site Selection Committee consists of the following members:

Chairman - Lydia Robertson (AR)  
Daniel Gustafson (Oneida)  
Alan Tanaguchi (HI)  
Buddy Embanato (LA)  
Pam Shealy (SC)  
Susan Colard (WA)  
Herman Colberg (PR)  
John Rajkowski (MN)  
Eileen McNiff (MN)

#### **Tuesday, July 30, 2013**

#### **Any Test Lab - Terri McCullough**

McCullough presented information on the services offered by Any Test Lab. They have over 150 retail stores in 43 states and are open on Saturday.

## **Boxing Judges Seminar Overview - Duane Ford**

Duane Ford passed out score cards to Commissions and showed a boxing match and there were eight (8) different scores.

10/9 - Close/Moderate

10/8 - Extreme Decisive w/o knock-down

10/7 - 1 knock-down

10/6 - Greater than 2 knock-downs

Advice given was "just be an official", stay out of politics in boxing, do not work in gyms, can't have close friends in boxing that are fighters, managers, and promoters, do not be a member of the media, do not have any criminal or domestic charges, do not ask to get assigned to a particular fight, do not ask for tickets, remain neutral, only talk to Commission/Referee only during bout.

## **Overview of Proper Regulation of Boxing - Jim Erickson (Mille Lacs)**

The following must be performed for every boxing event sanctioned:

- 1) Physical Examinations
- 2) Ambulance Present
- 3) Physician Present Ringside
- 4) Health Insurance (Promoter pay deductible)
- 5) Each Boxer registered with state in which they reside
- 6) Commission issues federal identification card
- 7) No Boxer can fight on suspension

Andy Foster (CA) asked that Commissions list specifics on the report to Fight Fax, i.e. amount you would like withheld from purse for administration suspension. The more information listed the better. Commissions need to report to Ani Miramontes if they renew the federal id.

Only the suspending Commission can remove a suspension.

Jon Lewis (MS) stated you can have another Commission lift the suspension if you state it in the terminology that another Commission can lift it in the comments.

Tim Lueckenhoff (MO) stated you cannot suspend a fighter if you have not licensed them.

## **Fight Dynamics - Wes Elliott, Chad Elliott, and Brian McAdams**

Fight Dynamics have manufactured chips to incorporate into gloves to determine punch count speed, impact, force, and type (see attachment 4). The chips weigh less than half an ounce and is patented. Components of the chip are accelerometer, gyro, processor, blue tooth, and 3.5 hour battery life.

Every punch has a unique signature and the data gathered will be incorporated into the database. This will increase audience and economic development. The goal is to get more data disseminated to fans and entertainment-focused. It promotes fighter health and safety. The chip is not designed to score fights.

Mark Langlais (CT) asked if they had taken judges into consideration and is similar to information already available and is concerned with HIPAA, FOIA and social media.

Fight Dynamics stated it is not their intention to become involved in judging.

Alberto Leon (WBC) asked if measurements are not based on impact, how your account for partial hits. Fight Dynamics replied they match deceleration and calculate into an algorithm off of impact and they do not need anything off of opponent.

Lydia Robertson (AR) asked what was the estimated cost for trainers to utilize this technology. Fight Dynamics replied that it is estimated to be \$100's of dollars for the trainer, however they are still working on the product.

## **Committee Report -**

A new committee of Governmental Relations to work with Commissions on the passage of rules and regulations was created with the following members:

Chairman - Andy Foster (CA)

Lydia Robertson (AR)

Brandon Owens (AL)

Bill Colbert (UT)

Skip Brown (DC)

A new committee of Social Networking was created to develop a Facebook page and other social media with the following members:

Chairman - Brandon Dawson (AR)

Brandon Owens (AL)

Bill Colbert (UT)

Josef Mason, (CO)

Pam Shealy (SC) was added to the medical committee.

## **Boxing Training Committee Report - Jim Erickson (Mille Lacs)**

The word "certification" needs to be taken out of the training, as people are not certified, the training is certified. Address timekeeper course.

Inspector training video

Score cards

KO for Timekeeper training

## **USA Boxing - Dr. Charles Butler, and Anthony Bartkowski**

Local Boxing Committee (LBC) are responsible for the Olympic Movement.

Three boxing divisions consists of:

AIBA - Open Boxing

WSB - World Series Boxing

AIBA - Professional Boxing

New Scoring Criteria - Changed to 10-point must system. Most scores are 10-8. Lowest score would be 10-6. No ties and no points for knock-downs.

5 Judges, only 3 judges will determine the outcome, and they will not know. Maximum - 3 standing 8 count per round.

3 Ideals - Education, Safety, and Marketing.

Greg Sirb (PA) asked about the record keeping for amateur boxing. USA Boxing replied they are looking into it. Sirb stated passports can be forged. USA Boxing replied yes, he would lose his Olympic status. Sirb asked if that was a monopoly.

Pat English (NJ) stated that was a direct violation of Muhammad Ali Act.

IABA called them a ranking organization.

Sirb stated four (4) elite fighters come back to Philadelphia wanting to fight on amateur card that had already fought professional. They better be matched appropriately. Athlete over twenty (20) years of age has to go through.

Robert Diaz (Golden Boy Promotions)

WSB upset because they promised they will get experience and would not affect Olympic status and they didn't qualify.

Joseph Diaz lost because WSB bout in Mexico was not sanctioned. Two fighters getting paid except as authorized by amateur organization.

Any Foster (CA) asked to provide explanation for removing headgear. Nobody looked at what headgear is protecting? Look at what happened when changed rules on January 14, 2013. Concussion rate doubled. Headgear does not decrease concussions. Laceration rates would increase with headgear.

Any Foster (CA) stated he was in favor of amateurs wearing headgear. Say I want to leave headgear on can my athlete still go to the Olympic Games? USA Boxing replied yes, they can still go, however they will have to wear headgear.

Pat English said WSB asked ABC to create professional record. ABC told them yes. Fighters were not told what ABC told WSB. English asked is USA Boxing under IABA. English stated his problem is IABA is trying to create a monopoly. Boxers are being extorted to go professional with IABA to reach Olympics which is a clear violation of the Muhammad Ali Act. Urge strong to inform IABA they can get federally sued which is a real serious problem.

I know it is a violation of the Muhammad Ali Act and USA Boxing will do everything to educate IABA.

Alberto Leon (WBC) echoed English's sentiments. Document Boxing 16 & IABA overall every Commission should be familiar with what IABA wants to do. Competitor's opponent IABA attempt to take over professional boxing in the world.

### **Hornswoggled - Pat English (NJ)**

Pat English (NJ) explained that hornswoggled meant hoax or bamboozle.

Solomon

Black Bombs - Increases energy and competition strength. Same substance that Tyson Day turned out positive. Amphetamines increase metabolism. Too strong for most users. Language changed after he tested positive. Fat burner now says IBF Battle they are updating rules.

Jessica Handy albuterol tested positive at Olympic trials. Advocare supplement had endorsement. Advocare tried to intervene. Other factors involved?

Mickey Beck - Day or Las Vegas Health Center Wellness Center/Clinic. Doctor making tons of money. Testosterone shots told Doctor he could not take performance enhancing substances. Doctor ensured him he would be okay. Doctor was suspended from practice a couple of months later. Urged Commissions gather most facts as possible at hearing.

Lamont Peterson (DC) said Homeopathic LV Clinic and Desert Oasis Clinic. Injected testosterone enzymes and said it would be dissolved by fight time. Mr. Peterson requested testing plus artificial testosterone.

Reports should be from a licensed endocrinologist.

Victor Conte said Shane Mosley filed lawsuit against... Filed affidavit he did use... No follow-up by athletic commission.

Oscar Goodman former Las Vegas Mayor tested positive for steroid. He repeatedly argued the penalty should not be severe (Mr. Shultz)

Frank Sullivan motorcycle accident and did not know what was being prescribed to him. He received five (5) prescriptions and never looked at them and all five prescriptions were steroids.

Michael Gross, M.D. recently represented by NJ authority improper steroid prescriptions.

### **WBC - Alberto Leon**

Alberto Leon (WBC) with the WBC stated that the WBC has created a benevolent fund last fall for retired Boxers in need. They have risen over \$1 Million Dollars and provide monthly grants to meet basic needs such as housing and insurance. They provide Boxers anywhere from \$6,000 to \$10,000 per year. So far they have helped thirty (30) former Boxing Champions. The Nevada Commission Foundation administers the funds.

Leon made a presentation on WBC Instant Replay (see attachment 5). Open Scoring after 4th and 8th round.

### **Bare Knuckle Boxing - Nick Lembo (NJ)**

Nick Lembo (NJ) stated that the ABC Board had expressed concern about the gloves, number of rounds, round time, surface, etc. They wanted results to count as a professional boxing contest result. ABC did not recognize bare knuckle boxing as a professional boxing contest because of deviations and cage type.

New Hampshire went on own and ABC notified Governor of New Hampshire.

Dennis O'Connell (AZ) stated bare knuckle boxing was occurring on Native American trust lands in Arizona and the Arizona Commission would not recognize for Commission, besides adultery of sport of boxing, it demeans the boxers and their hands.

We use a modified glove, in beginning they appeared to be bare knuckled.

Bill Colbert (UT) asked if New Hampshire was a member of the ABC. Bobby Stevens has not attended meeting recently, however have paid dues and is a member of the ABC.

We do not bring Commissions in as members unless they meet our standards.

BKBboxing.com

### **Amateur MMA Headgear - John "Juanito" Ibarra**

32 year's experience, trained Olympic Boxers and amateur/professional MMA Fighters. Biggest key is safety.

Have designed and developed MMA head gear which took almost seven (7) years to design and is patented.

Top Ten equipment. Problem is equipment is very cheap like paper it smells and mildews.

Believes head gear should be worn in MMA bouts. Hope Commissions will support and adopt the use of head gear. No safety currently exists in MMA. California promoters use product. Small expense, hypoallergenic. Prevents cuts and trauma. Other sports are contacting us requesting we create a prototype.

Novice Fighter has one (1) to ten (10) fights. Over thirty (30)

Let make choices of over 18 Get cut man out of there. Raving reviews from Bellator fighter Randy Couture endorses this. Negative - it slips when sweats, shell cap, Under Armor. Neopritine - chin strap absorbs sweat

Richard - Development reduced weight over 2lbs., less than 450, Olympics. Top is open - breathing. 85% shock absorbent. Tech Inst. testing. Minimum 10,000 blows.

Younger kids/women shell considered soft tissue. If it moves 1/16 inch it will not pass testing. Prevent open eye socket. Fracture eye socket - friend will help.

Wash with anti-bacterial soap and pass to next guy - removes germs. Retail cost is \$149. Minimum five (5) year warranty. Might have to replace straps. 3-6 months department number tournaments. Willing to give to state/tribal Commissions at wholesale price. Not about money, it's about safety. Tested 40% above any other head gear in the world.

Pat Pannella (MD) passed out procedures on how to request medicals.

### **New Commission Orientation - Jim Erickson (Mille Lacs) and Aaron Davis (NJ)**

Erickson and Davis held orientation for newly established Commissions.

### **Wednesday, July 31, 2013**

#### **MMA Training Committee Report - Nick Lembo (NJ)**

Nick Lembo (NJ) stated the Committee had review four (4) courses this year for ABC approved courses. Committee unanimously passed two (2) MMA trainers. Cardo Urso as a trainer for MMA Judges and Dan Miragliotta for MMA Referees.

**Motion** to accept ABC-Certified Trainers Cardo Urso for MMA Judge and Dan Miragliotta for MMA Referee made by Buddy Embanato (LA) and seconded by Aaron Davis (NJ). Motion passed unanimously.

#### **MMA Scoring Criteria Committee Report - Nick Lembo (NJ)**

Nick Lembo (NJ) stated the Committee decided not to implement the half-point scoring system. There will be no new proposals this year from the Committee. No new proposals came forward this year.

The question of the reason the Committee decided not using the half-point scoring system was asked. Lembo replied the Committee talked with Judges and Commissions and reviewed 300 fights. Less than five (5)% of fights would have changed the outcome. Keeping the scoring system the same makes it less complicated.

#### **Video Study of Decisions by Referees - Nick Lembo (NJ)**

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Nick Lembo (NJ) stated there are two (2) issues in MMA. The first is eye pokes with open-finger gloves and the second is touching down. A "standing fighter" is a fighter with two (2) soles of feet touching only, anything else is a "down fighter" Certain target area strikes will now become illegal such as knee strikes or kicks to the head. Placing finger/hand down they can't be struck in head with kicks or knees. Example would be when fighter got ready to kick and the opponent is a standing fighter but then when the strike occurred, the opponents finger/hand is down. At that point it would be illegal strike and an accidental foul.

#### **Eye Pokes-**

Recommend Referee to caution against fighters coming forward with their hands opened and striking toward opponent with hand open. One eye poke is a real game changer in an MMA contest. Warning or foul needs to be discussed by Referee at rules meeting about advancing with finger open and forward toward the opponent's facial area.

An accidental eye poke constitutes accidental foul. If fighter cannot immediately continue or referee notices any injury or discomfort, utilize Ringside Physician to determine if fighter can continue or not or if they are going to receive additional time up to five (5) minutes to assess fighter. Referee should not immediately stop bout if fighter says he cannot see due to eye poke, but should immediately stop bout and bring in ringside physician to access.

Referee needs to cover in pre-fight rules meeting and treat eye poke as any other accidental foul except for a groin strike. The Referee needs to utilize the Ringside Physician.

Juanito Ibarra stated the problem is some fighter's hands are not properly wrapped. More education needs to be taught in proper hand wrapping and glove on top will help prevent it. Coaches teach how to fight to prevent striking with hand opened

Dennis O'Connell (AZ) the question was asked if an eye poke would Referee consider accidental foul if two (2) rounds are not completed it would be a No Contest. Lembo responded Referee will provide guidance to score partial round - go to score cards for technical decision or otherwise it would be a No Contest.

#### **Touching Down-**

The Committee suggested that language be amended as established in the 2009 ABC Rules and Unified Rules that kicks/knees to head on a grounded opponent constitutes a foul. Grounded opponent is any fighter with more than two

(2) soles of feet on ground. One exception already is they would be a grounded fighter but for solely the cage is holding them up. Referee has the ability to instruct them they are treating fighter held up solely by cage is constituted as a grounded fighter.

We ask that the Referee has the ability to consider the down fighter, as a standing fighter, if down fighter is attempting to draw a foul by bringing fingers up and down and benefit from that foul. Referee should instruct fighter that they may still be considered standing fighter even if a finger, entire hand, or portion of hand is on canvas if they are touching down in an attempt to draw a foul. They may be legally struck in head with kicks or knees if touching up and down without offensive or maneuver to attempt to improve position. The Referee may determine there was no foul

Bill Colbert (UT) asked the question why don't we just change the unified rules. Nick Lembo (NJ) stated they are just trying to bring it to the Commissions/Referees because there is not uniform protocol on how to handle it.

Bill Colbert (UT) stated language was released to membership on website two (2) weeks ago in annual conference documents.

Lydia Robertson (AR) stated she did not see the thumb in eye wording as confusing in documents. Nick Lembo (NJ) replied it was just a discussion point.

Bernie Profato (OH) stated you do not need to make a rule change, give in pre-fight rules meeting. We didn't change the rules for the back of the head strikes and it is working.

### **ABC Medical Committee Report - Dr. Sheryl Wulkan (NJ)**

Dr. Sheryl Wulkan (NJ) stated this is the first time the medical committee did not form topic for presentation. All topics were submitted by various jurisdictions for review (see attachment 6).

Marijuana in combat sports. Medical committee came to the consensus it precludes combat participants. Exceptions should be handled on a case by case basis. Therapeutic Exemption Use (TEU) Form should be granted. TEU for testosterone and asthma medication for ADD was discussed. Can be found on ABC website. Letter from Board Certification. Committee conclusion is no use.

Transgender - From our standpoint, not an issue. If participant undergone complete transformation for two (2) years - bone density/muscle mass agg are negated. Can compete as a female.

Licensure/application issues are not a medical issue. Stance we take right now.

The Committee was asked to review a couple of products. Qwick-Aid bandage assists in healing and promotes clotting. Product does as stated. Ingredients are not listed on WADA. Feels product can be used. Qwick-Aide is a non-prescription alternative to ephedrine, avetine, and thrombin. Look for tampering. Disadvantage is more expensive - \$214. Is reusable.

UFC changes to federal criminal law in Canada. Clarification - prize fighting is illegal. Exempted - boxing. Does it provide to MMA. Added to California MMA. 100% clear - MMA competition is legal is provided city level regulated by sports commission.

Vancouver city council approved two (2) year probationary period provision to have MMA. Still concerned with federal prohibition law. Connecticut is most recent state to legalize MMA.

### **VADA (Voluntary Anti-Doping Association) & Drug Testing - Dr. Margaret Goodman and Ryan Connolly**

Dr. Margaret Goodman, Neurologist from LV and Ryan Connolly, LA Attorney gave presentation on VADA (see attachment 7).

Offer/promote effective anti-doping programs in boxing and MMA. Horse racing is doing a lot more in drug testing than boxing and MMA. Website is [www.vada-testing.org](http://www.vada-testing.org)

Pat English (NJ) asked what was the relationship with Las Vegas and Victor Conty. VADA responded by stating they have no relation with Victor Conty.

### **Kids Pankration - Andy Foster (CA)**

Having matches every weekend until we issued a cease and desist order. They are extremely passionate and Foster is not comfortable with it.

Andy Foster (CA) showed an ABC News piece titled "Little Warriors" with kids participating in cage fighting. Foster warned the activity is headed to the east part of the country.

Bill Colbert (UT) stated in Utah it is a criminal action and is growing. Asked ABC Medical Committee to review this.

Nick Lembo (NJ) stated that it has been a problem in New Jersey for a long time.

Asked the following requirements be put into place: 1) Put minimum age requirement 2) Criminalize industry in New Jersey and 3) Significant civil penalties. Business owners risk the forfeiture of business certificate and license for the venue being held. Arrest business owners and up to a \$25,000 fine per incident.

Dennis O'Connell (AZ) stated that it had crept across Colorado River and had two (2) shows on Native American trust lands and he had been trying to contact the tribes. O'Connell asked the question if the kid's events have cage side Physician and insurance. Foster responded sometimes they have Physicians, but to his knowledge they have never had an ambulance, and he was not sure on the insurance.

Dr. Sheryl Wulkan (NJ) stated she would be happy to write a Physician statement in regards to the issue.

### **Muay Thai Liniments - Anthony Salcedo**

Anthony Salcedo stated a committee was formed and with help of thirteen (13) experts from around the world the established unified rec? set of rules for amateur and professional Muay Thai.

They had a 2011 publication on the ABC website.

Greasing fighters is a huge issue. The use of Thai Liniments from neck to toe is required in use of Muay Thai.

Thai Liniment aka Boxing Liniment was passed out.

Muay Thai is the national sport of Thailand. There are approximately 65,000 professional Muay Thai fighters in Thailand who participate in a range of 200 to 400 fights in their career.

Namman Muay is the authentic Thai Liniment (a sample was handed out). Does allow prior to fight competition.

Anthony Salcedo may be reached by email at [anthonys@competitiveace.com](mailto:anthonys@competitiveace.com) or by telephone at (305)407-1620 ext. 101.

### **USA MMA - Bob Schirmer**

Bob Schirmer with USA MMA came on in November 2012. Does sanctioning for amateur MMA with the goal of going to the Olympics with MMA.

Sports Commissions keep MMA legal and safe. Don't see the number of deaths in MMA as in other sports such as cheerleading, rodeo, etc.

Help bring organization to every state in 2020 Olympics. They would like to see US Champion in every weight class. US MMA Federation.

Closing Remarks was given by Tim Lueckenhoff (MO) and stated the room was filled the majority of the time and was family oriented. The conference stayed on time and there seemed to be shorter sessions.

Pat Pannella (MD) stated it was a big deal that USA Boxing attended the conference. It is a game breaker and was very helpful. Always stopped communicating. USA Boxing never treated us well.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.** (There was no motion)

## **MOTIONS (12)**

**Motion** to accept minutes from 2012 ABC Conference made by Bernie Profato (OH) and seconded by Aaron Davis (NJ). Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion** to accept Treasurer's report made by Bill Colbert (UT) and seconded by Pam Shealy (SC). Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion** to waive the twelve (12) hour voting requirement made by Bernie Profato (OH) and seconded by Jon Lewis (MS), motion passes with 34 Yes and 2 No.

**Motion** to add the provision of term limits to two (2) consecutive terms made by Andy Foster (CA) and seconded by Lydia Robertson (AR), motion passes 28 Yes, 8 No, and 1 Abstain.

**Motion** made that Commission issues international fighters federal id to expire one (1) year from issuance date by Mike Mazzulli (Mohegan) and seconded by Andy Foster (CA). Motion failed.

**Motion** made by Bernie Profato (OH) to cease nominations for the office of President and seconded by Matt Roberson (Wichita). Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion** made by Bernie Profato (OH) to cease nominations for the office of 1st Vice President and seconded by Brandon Owens (AL). Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion** made by Bernie Profato (OH) to cease nominations for the office of 2nd Vice President and seconded by Brandon Owens (AL). Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion** made by Bernie Profato (OH) to cease nominations for the office of Treasurer and seconded by Pam Shealy (SC). Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion** made by Joe Miller (OK) to cease nominations for the office of Secretary and seconded by Brandon Owens (AL). Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion** to accept ABC-Certified Trainers Carlo Urse for MMA Judge and Dan Marguyato for MMA Referee made by Buddy Embanato (LA) and seconded by Aaron Davis (NJ). Motion passed unanimously.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Attachment 1 - Voter Authority Forms (40)  
Attachment 2 - Treasurer Report  
Attachment 3 - PodIndex Presentation  
Attachment 4 - Fight Dynamics Presentation  
Attachment 5 - WBC Presentation, (no presentation provided)  
Attachment 6 - ABC Medical Committee Report  
Attachment 7 - VADA Presentation (no presentation provided)  
Attachment 8 - Commission's Allowing Boxer's to Participate on Suspension - July 2012 to June 2013  
Attachment 9 - Comparison of Inspector Pay by Commission  
Attachment 10 - ABC Uniform Rules Amended July 24, 2012