

PORTLAND MUNICIPAL BOXING AND WRESTLING COMMISSION

MINUTES - JANUARY 26, 1970

A regular meeting of the Portland Municipal Boxing and Wrestling Commission was held on January 26, 1970 at the Civic Auditorium.

Those in attendance were Chairman Nick Sckavone, Jack Battalia, Mutt Cosentini, Ken Wilhelmi, Ockie Harris, Ray Smith, Al Zornado, Bob Cosby, Sam Singer, Vic Harris, Jim Cassidy and Jack Bracke.

The minutes of the regular meeting on December 9, 1969 were read and accepted as read after a motion by Mutt Cosentini and a second by Ken Wilhelmi.

The minutes of a special meeting on December 15, 1969 were read and accepted as read after a motion by Ockie Harris and a second by Jack Battalia.

Ray Smith asked the Chair for the floor for a discussion and possible solution to problems on rulings pertaining to boxers physical exam schedules and weigh-in procedure. Mr. Smith explained the procedures in New York, Illinois and Washington. The subject was then discussed by all. Several suggestions were made. One was to have physicals and weigh-ins at the same time at an officially designated place. Jack Battalia and Ken Wilhelmi, Commission Physicians, stated that they could not and would not give a physical under those conditions. It was their contention that in order to do a complete physical, it should be done in an office.

Ray Smith then explained that the Matchmakers were being criticized for failure to meet their obligations as far as the time schedules for physicals was concerned and that due to travel delays and employment conditions, something beyond their control, they should be given some consideration.

Dr. Battalia stated that he was familiar with their problems and still felt that the fighters were given a reasonable time and felt that in the future there should either be a fine and if that were not sufficient he would recommend cancellation of the fight.

There were several other proposed solutions which were not feasible and after a short discussion all persons involved agreed to use the present system and make every effort to conform in a compatible manner.

An appeal was made for reinstatement of boxer Joe Hopkins by Jack Bracke. It was decided that Hopkins' suspension remain for a six month period.

Jack Bracke then made a request that the Commission sanction payment for hospital and surgery bills for boxer Richard Sue. There was a short discussion and Commissioner Cosentini requested that we refer to the minutes of December 9, 1969 wherein this claim was denied and by unanimous vote the denial was reaffirmed.

The Three Star Sports asked for tentative dates of February 19th or February 26th and were granted these tentative dates.

Inspectors Zornado and Cosby read to the Commission two police reports regarding wrestler Beauregard, who had been accused of actions detrimental to wrestling and the best interests of the community. They explained that no complaints had been made and therefore no action could be taken by the Police Department. Chairman Nick Sckavone stated that unless there was a formal complaint the Commission could not taken disciplinary action but they did instruct the Secretary to notify Matchmaker Don Owen that it was of mutual thought that he as a Matchmaker should not condole any actions detrimental to either the sport or the community and that it would be his obligation to control such matters.

Sam Singer, Three Stars Sports, requested a release of obligation of contract involving Len Kesey and Pajarito Corona. After a short discussion it was requested for the best interests of all concerned that the contract be declared null and void. A motion was made to this effect by Mutt Consentini and seconded by Ockie Harris and unanimously passed by the Commission.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Executive Secretary

PORTLAND MUNICIPAL BOXING AND WRESTLING COMMISSION

MINUTES - MARCH 3, 1970

A regular meeting of the Portland Municipal Boxing and Wrestling Commission was held on March 3, 1970 at the Civic Auditorium. Those in attendance were Chairman, Nick Sckavone, Mutt Cosentini, Ockie Harris, Jim Swinford, Jack Battalia, Ken Wilhelmi, Abe Tanzman, Vic Harris, and Sam Singer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as read after a motion by Jack Battalia and a second by Mutt Cosentini.

The financial report for February was read and accepted unanimously after a motion by Mutt Cosentini and a second by Jack Battalia.

The Commission officially sanctioned the Three Star Sports Boxing Card for March 5, 1970 featuring a ten round bout between Willis Earls, Austin, Texas, and Chuck Hamilton, San Francisco, California. Sam Singer stated the supporting card would be complete by March 4, 1970.

The Commission sanctioned payment of \$50.00 for annual dues to the World Boxing Association. It was announced that in 1971 the annual dues to the World Boxing Association would be \$100.00.

The Commission discussed the suspension of fighter Al Ford by the World Boxing Association upon the request of the Edmonton Commission of Canada. There was a discussion on the merits of the World Boxing Association's suspension and Jack Battalia read a letter which he proposed to send to the World Boxing Association wherein it was stated that this Commission would not honor the suspension. As explained there were legal matters to be clarified before any suspension should or could be made. It was decided that copies of this letter would go to our neighboring states and also to the New York Athletic Commission.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Executive Secretary

PORTLAND MUNICIPAL BOXING AND WRESTLING COMMISSION

MINUTES - APRIL 27, 1970

A regular meeting of the Portland Municipal Boxing and Wrestling Commission was held at the Civic Auditorium on April 27, 1970. Those in attendance were Chairman Nick Scavone, Jack Battalia, Mutt Cosentini, Ockie Harris and Al Zornado.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read after a motion by Jack Battalia and a second by Ockie Harris.

The financial reports for February and March were read, individually discussed and accepted after a motion by Mutt Cosentini and a second by Jack Battalia.

The Secretary advised the Commission that Boxer Joe Taylor had requested the California Commission to write to this Commission with respect to his purse, which was held up because of a "no effort" fight. After a short discussion it was unanimously decided that no more money be paid to Taylor and further stipulated that he had received transportation plus \$30.00 advancement and \$30.00 for meals and that the interested parties be advised that due to his ineptness this Commission felt that he was well compensated.

The Commission discussed the feasibility of joining the North American Boxing Federation, a newly formed body consisting of several West Coast and Midwest States. After a short discussion it was decided it would be to the advantage of the Commission to join their organization and the Secretary was advised to return their application with a check for \$50.00 for the annual dues.

Three Star Sports requested the date of May 21, 1970 for a fight card featuring Denny Moyer. As of this writing Denny Moyer received a cut eye and will not participate. After a telephone poll the Commission sanctioned a card on the same date, May 21, 1970, featuring Andy Kendall of Portland versus Chuck Hamilton of San Francisco.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Executive Secretary

PORTLAND MUNICIPAL BOXING AND WRESTLING COMMISSION

MINUTES - JUNE 23, 1970

A regular meeting of the Portland Municipal Boxing and Wrestling Commission was held at the Civic Auditorium on June 23, 1970.

Those in attendance were Chairman Nick Scavone, Jack Battalia, Ockie Harris, Ken Wilhelmi, Bob Cosby, and Vic Harris.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as read after a motion by Ockie Harris and a second by Ken Wilhelmi.

The financial report for May was read, discussed and accepted as submitted after a motion by Jack Battalia and a second by Ockie Harris.

The Commission officially sanctioned a Three Star Sports Enterprises fight card scheduled for June 25, 1970 featuring Thad Spencer and Robie Harris.

It was revealed that Thad Spencer, heavyweight boxer, main event fighter on above scheduled card had visited the office of Dr. Jack Battalia claiming injuries to his foot from an alleged fall. Dr. Battalia stated that he checked Spencer out and found no visible evidence of any such injury. Spencer claimed he called the wife of Mike Morton, acting manager of Spencer, and told her he did not intend to fight due to the allegedly sustained injury. Matchmaker Vic Harris stated that Spencer had not been training for this fight.

Mike Morton did not appear at the meeting and in view of the fact that Chairman Nick Scavone received confirmation from Jack Brache, who identified himself as a partner of Mike Morton, that Spencer would fight on Thursday night. Weighing all above information the Commission decided that if Spencer did not show for the fight or show intent to appear by 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 25th, that he would have an indefinite suspension, \$500 fine and the show would be cancelled with the stipulation of a \$500 performance bond from Spencer.

Mike Morton was then discussed and Dr. Battalia related that both Morton and boxer Andy Kendall had been suspended by Texas for failure to fulfill a contract and that this suspension would be upheld.

As of this writing after efforts from all parties concerned and a last minute confirmation that the June 25th bout would still be intact, Spencer did not appear and has been suspended indefinitely by the Commission.

The Commission unanimously sanctioned the use of Hugh McDonald, C.P.A., for the annual audit of the Commission books for the fiscal year July 1, 1969 to June 30, 1970.

The annual W.B.A. Convention to be held in Montreal, Canada, was discussed and it was decided that Chairman Nick Scavone and Dr. Jack Battalia would attend the meeting, after a motion by Ken Wilhelmi and a second by Ockie Harris.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Executive Secretary

PORTLAND MUNICIPAL BOXING AND WRESTLING COMMISSION

MINUTES - AUGUST 4, 1970

A regular meeting of the Portland Municipal Boxing and Wrestling Commission was held at the Civic Auditorium on August 4, 1970.

Those in attendance were Chairman Nick Sckavone, Jack Battalia, and Ockie Harris.

The Chairman, Nick Sckavone, released the Chair to the Secretary for the purpose of having a quorum vote.

The minutes as corrected were accepted as read and corrected after a motion by Ockie Harrie and a second by Jack Battalia.

The financial report was read and accepted as read after a motion by Ockie Harris and a second by Nick Sckavone.

Jack Battalia reported that the Mayor had sanctioned two representatives to attend the W.B.A. Convention in Montreal, Canada, these being Chairman Nick Sckavone and Dr. Jack Battalia.

The Secretary announced there would be no boxing shows until sometime in September and the Three Star Sports mentioned either September 17th or September 24th as possible dates.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Executive Secretary

PORTLAND MUNICIPAL BOXING AND WRESTLING COMMISSION

MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 11, 1970

A special dinner meeting of the Portland Municipal Boxing and Wrestling Commission was held at the Multnomah Club on September 11, 1970. The rules were suspended and we used Chairman Nick Sckavone's rules.

The following were guests invited to the dinner: Mutt Cosentini; Dr. Ken Wilhelmi; George Yerkovich; Don Owen; Nick Sckavone; Bob Cosby; Frank Bonnema; Tony Borne; Bill Thornburg; Bill Connors; Jim Cassidy; Ben LaFord; Jim Signor and Bob Weitzel.

A moment of silence was observed in honor of Ray E. Smith.

Marie Yerkovich's resignation was accepted by the Portland Municipal Boxing and Wrestling Commission. Bob Weitzel was appointed Executive Secretary by unanimous vote of the Portland Boxing and Wrestling Commission.

After the dinner, Chairman Nick Sckavone presented George Yerkovich with a beautiful trophy for his many years of service as Secretary of the Portland Municipal Boxing and Wrestling Commission. George Yerkovich responded with a great big thanks to the Commission.

Meeting was adjourned.

Executive Secretary

PORTLAND MUNICIPAL BOXING AND WRESTLING COMMISSION

MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 21, 1970

Held at 1847 S. E. Clinton

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nick Sckavone. Present at the meeting were: Mutt Cosentini; Dr. Ken Wilhelmi; Dr. Jack Battalia; George Yerkovich; Sam Singer; and Vic Harris of Three Star Sports.

Mutt Cosentini made a motion the minutes be approved with a few corrections. Seconded by Dr. Ken Wilhelmi. Motion carried.

Mutt Cosentini made a motion the financial statement be excepted as presented. Seconded by Dr. Jack Battalia. Motion carried.

Chairman Nick Sckavone asked for any new business. Chairman Sckavone then told about his trip to Montreal at the W. B. A. Convention. He asked Dr. Jack Battalia for a few comments about the convention. Dr. Battalia told of the changes he had recommended. To his surprise, they were passed unanimously. Dr. Battalia also told of some voting changes at the convention. All in all, the trip was a successful one by our representatives at this convention.

Mutt Cosentini made the motion that official sanction be given Three Star Sports to put on a boxing show to be held at the Sports Arena, September 24, 1970. Seconded by Dr. Jack Battalia. Motion carried. Fighters to appear on the program:

Pajarito Conroa vs. Al (Scooter) Davis
Kesev vs. Beccerria
Joe Hopkins vs. Smith
Ray Lampkins vs. Salvador Ramariz
Joe Martinez vs. Manny Sheppard

Chairman Nick Sckavone asked Vic Harris and Sam Singer to be sure and see to it their fighters get their physical exams in time. Various discussion on the timing of rounds was discussed. Chairman Nick Sckavone said he would take care of calling the referees for the September 24, 1970 fights.

Secretary Bob Weitzel was instructed to pay the Annual Dues of \$50.00 for 1970-1971 to the North American Boxing Federation.

Ex-secretary, George Yerkovich thanked the Commission for the marvelous dinner in his honor. George said words cannot express the thanks and gratitude for this wonderful affair. George was then appointed as consultant as was Ray Smith to the Commission.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Executive Secretary

PORTLAND MUNICIPAL BOXING AND WRESTLING COMMISSION

MINUTES - NOVEMBER 23, 1970

Held at 1847 S. E. Clinton

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nick Scavone. Present at the meeting were: Dr. Jack Battalia; Dr. Ken Wilhelmi; Ockey Harris; and Bob Weitzel. Sam Singer of the Three Star Sports was also present.

Dr. Battalia made a motion that the minutes be approved for September 11 and September 21, 1970.

Executive Secretary, Bob Weitzel was instructed to send the W. B. A. the necessary information they requested. Also to tell them we do not receive any money from television.

Sam Singer requested permission to hold a boxing show, Dec. 3, 1970 with the following fighters:

Joe Hopkins vs. Ronnie Wilson
Quincy Daniels vs. Les Riggins
Tony Jacobs vs. Johnny Riggins
Jimmy Rosetts vs. Maurice Rice
Ray Lampkin vs. Agahi

A motion was made by Dr. Battalia and seconded by Ockey Harris that the commission sanction the fight on Dec. 3, 1970. Motion passed.

Various discussion on promoting more fights was talked about.

Sam Singer discussed various means of promoting a pension plan for fighters. The commission then discussed various ways to handle the plan.

The commission gave Sam Singer permission to print special passes and a small charge be made. Motion was made by Dr. Battalia and seconded by Ockey Harris. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Dr. Battalia that they accept the financial statement of September, 1970, as presented. Seconded by Dr. Wilhelmi. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Dr. Wilhelmi that we accept financial statement for October, 1970, as presented. Seconded by Dr. Battalia. Motion passed.

The possible return of Richard Sue was discussed. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Executive Secretary