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Minutes of the December 12, 2017 meeting of the Ohio Athletic Commission ("OAC") held at 10:00 A.M. at the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, Garfield Heights, Ohio.

I. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Bernie Profato. Roll call was taken by Mr. Profato. Present for roll call were: Commissioner Armile, Commissioner Mancini, and Commissioner Schuerger.

II. A moment of silence was taken for former chair commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt. Mr. Ochsenhirt passed away November 20, 2017.

III. The minutes of the October 10, 2017 meeting were first on the agenda. Commissioner Armile moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Mancini seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

IV. The Licensure list was presented for Commission approval. Commissioner Mancini moved to approve the Licensure list. Commissioner Armile seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

V. Unfinished business: Audit, the audit is completed. The Athletic commission got the highest rating they ever had. Next on unfinished business, Mr. Profato discussed a letter from Attorney Ali Nouri and a settlement agreement letter referencing Gary Young and the falsified bloodwork investigation. The settlement agreement was drawn up by the Attorney General's office. In the settlement agreement, Gary Young has agreed to a $3500.00 fine, the revoking of his license where he will be suspended for good. The commission moved to approve the agreement. Commissioner Armile moved to accept, Commissioner Mancini seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

VI. Public Comments: Taken out of order and not scheduled on the agenda, Brad McDonald, appeared before the commission to discuss a proposal to the tough man contests. McDonald runs the tough man event that is held once a year in Toledo. Mr. McDonald feels it is nearly impossible to have a successful tough man event these days and has proposed the following changes to the commission: 1) He would like to increase bouts from 3 bouts to 4 bouts over the course of the weekend. Having 4 bouts would give a champion in each weight class. He doesn't feel this would compromise anyone's safety. 2) The current age limit for the senior division is 35 an older. Can the age limit be increased to 40 and over? 3) If someone wins, can they be allowed to come back to defend their title? The commission moved to make a

motion to have the proposed changes reviewed by JCAR for approval. Commissioner Armile approved. Commissioner Mancini seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

VII. New Business: Article from Blue Grass MMA incorrect information. Anytime contacted by Blue Grass for comment will be "NO COMMENT".

VIII. Events: A Pro AM MMA event on December 15 promoted by Dannon Svab. Commissioner Armile moved to approve the event. Commissioner Mancini seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

IX. Executive Director Report: Ohio stepped up as a leader in regulation Ohio Combat sports. Blood results must come from a lab and any blood result will not be accepted from anyone other than a lab. JCAR approved proposed new rules, increase in next day weigh for pro fighters will go from 8 lbs. to 10 lbs. on the 55 and below. Amateurs will have to have 9 fights instead of 5 with a winning record to turn pro. All fighters 35 and over will have to have EKG and MRI, the 39 an over is no longer. The increase in percentage for fines are going from 10% to 20%, 20% to 30%, and 30% to 40%. Dues will increase for the promoters $100.00 to $150.00 and all licensing fees from $30.00 to $40.00. On behalf of Bernie, Judy and Hollie wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. A motion to move to executive session, Commissioner Armile approved, Commissioner Mancini seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

X. Executive Session: An executive session was held for Joe Bridenbaugh regarding the blood work investigation and holding title fights against the Ohio Revised Code and Athletic Commission policy. Dr. Armile made a motion for a 1-year suspension dated back from November 8, 2017, Commissioner Mancini seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

XI. Commissioner Schuerger moved to adjourn. Commissioner Mancini approved and Commissioner Armile seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

The minutes have been edited for clarity and punctuation only. Content remains unchanged and the original tape of the meeting is intact and available.

ATTESTED TO: _____ DATE: January 9, 2018

POSITION: Chairman