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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL AND SAFETY STANDARDS MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, April 14, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or Conclusion of Business

IN-PERSON LOCATION:

**Wallace Skin & Body Institute
5120 W Goldleaf Circle, Conference Room
Ladera Heights
Los Angeles, CA 90056**

REMOTE LOCATION:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84483508381?pwd=alAwbDlR3U3QkpWVng4UjZCMW53QT09>

Committee Members Present

Chair Dr. Paul Wallace
Dr. Diego Allende
Dr. Rhonda Rand
Dr. Robert Ruelaz
Dr. Jonathan Schleimer

Staff Present

Andy Foster, Executive Officer
Patrisha Blackstock, Assistant EO
Kenneth Swenson, Legal Counsel

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Agenda Item 1-Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance/ Roll Call.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Wallace. Executive Officer (EO) Andy Foster called roll. A quorum was established.

Agenda Item 2-Opening Remarks by Committee Chairperson Dr. Wallace.

Chair Dr. Wallace stated that it had been a very interesting year with the new things that were coming and that the Commission has been doing everything that is needed to keep all the combatants safe. He added that the communication between the ringside physicians and referees is top notch. He stated that he was happy in regards with the Neurologic testing that

was being conducted at events and looks forward to adding more tools so the Commission can continue to be ahead in safety standards.

Agenda Item 3-Opening Remarks by Commission Chairperson Peter R. Villegas.

Chair Villegas thanked the ringside physicians for the role they play in keeping everyone safe. He stated that in addition to the ringside physicians being at weigh-ins and events, they also provide the Commission with their knowledge and expertise so that the Commission is well informed.

Agenda Item 4-Update on the C3 Logix Testing.

EO Foster presented the updated baseline/follow-up test numbers as of March 29, 2024; the test numbers were included in the materials for review. He added that the Commission was in the process of renewing the contract with Neurologic Tech and that the Commission was going to share the weight data with them as well.

Vice Chair Dr. Williams stated that the whole goal was to mine this data for research and tracking. He stated that the Commission had been in collection mode and can move forward with sharing the data.

Chair Dr. Wallace asked if we were the only Commission sharing its data. EO Foster stated that we would be the only Commission sharing combat sports data, but other people would be sharing their data.

Dr. Schleimer stated that he would be interested in the Committee doing a paper later on regarding this.

Agenda Item 5-Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Recommend the Commission to Approve NanoSomiX testing at events for athletes.

Dr. Williams introduced the NanoSomix technology and explained how he has been discussing the possible benefits of using it with the Commission. Dr. Mitsuhashi presented a slide presentation explaining the mechanism NanoSomix uses to assess post-fight brain injury. The presentation was submitted to the Commission and can be found in the meeting materials. NanoSomix is requesting Commission approval to begin collecting fighter data so they can ask them if they would like to participate in their proposed study.

Dr. Wallace explained that he believes this study would allow them to examine the Commission's 30/45-day suspension for knockouts and hard bouts and decide if it was correct or needed to be adjusted.

Dr. Schleimer suggests paying the fighter to ensure they have incentive to complete the study.

Dr. Allende is concerned that multiple samples will need to be taken to get a true baseline value that accounts for day-to-day variability. He is also concerned that the Commission will need to obtain the samples themselves to verify that it is the fighter's sample. Dr. Mitsuhashi

explained that they did not see much variation in the baseline samples that they obtained from samples.

Some doctors expressed the concern that fighters may lie about feeling symptoms if they felt it would prevent them from fighting.

Dr. Wallace moved to approve NanoSomix's testing of athletes for their proposed study on baseline and post-fight brain injury and to refer to the Commission for discussion, review, and approval.

Dr. Schleimer seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

Agenda Item 6-Review and Discussion of Bare-Knuckle Fighting Championship rules and other Commission approved rulesets.

EO Foster presented the three new rulesets that the Commission approved. He added the Commission looked at these rulesets and guidelines and the question that was asked was are any of these rulesets more dangerous than what is already regulated.

Dr. Allende stated that the rulesets approved are no more brutal than what is already approved and regulated.

EO Foster stated that the Bare-Knuckle event is on April 27th. He added that the physicians will see a lot more lacerations at the Bare-Knuckle events, but the concussions are less according to the data. EO Foster stated that the bare-knuckle events will have four physicians assigned with two of those physicians dedicated to suturing.

EO Foster informed the Committee that Power Slap was also approved by the Commission, but no events are scheduled at this time.

EO Foster informed the Commission the Team Combat League was also approved by the Commission and that those events are very cumbersome for the Commission as there are a lot of boxers for each event.

Chair Dr. Wallace suggested that all ringside physicians review videos of these events so that they are prepared if they are assigned to work one of these events.

Agenda Item 7-Public comment on items not on the agenda. The Committee will receive comment from members of the public concerning items not on the agenda.

(The Committee may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this public comment section, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting pursuant to Government Code §§ 11125, 11125.7(a)).

Greg Patschull stated that he requested to be placed on the agenda, he added that the March Commission meeting and April MAC meeting notices were not posted to the website.

He stated that youth pankration was regulated even though no head contact was allowed. He added that karate tournaments with head contact are not regulated and considered light contact. He stated that youth pankration was only regulated because they were trying to control it.

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Agenda Item 8-Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(c)(2), the Committee will discuss matters that constitute an unwarranted invasion of the privacy of an individual licensee or applicant.

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Agenda Item 9-ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.