

Alabama Athlete Agent Commission Meeting Minutes

State House, Room 622

December 5, 2007

The Alabama Athlete Agent Commission Meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Commission Chairman Gerald Allen.

The roll was called and the commission members that were present follows:

Honorable Gerald Allen	Alabama House of Representatives
Honorable Roger Bedford	Office of the Lt. Governor
Honorable Taylor Nichols	Office of the Governor
Honorable Emily Thompson	Office of the Secretary of State
Honorable David Mines	Auburn University
Honorable Mike Logan	University of Alabama, Huntsville
Honorable Debby Bishop	Jacksonville State University
Honorable Jana Morrison	University of North Alabama
Honorable Chad Jackson	University of Alabama, Birmingham
Honorable Chris King	University of Alabama
Honorable Kit Alewine	Troy University
Honorable George Johnson	Tuskegee University
Honorable Michael Chadwick	University of Montevallo
Honorable Janet Montgomery	University of West Alabama
Honorable Kenneth Provitt	Alabama A & M University
Honorable Joe Evans	Alabama High School Athletic Association

Others in attendance:

Ms. Jeannie Price, SOS Finance Director, Mr. Steve Bailey, AHSAA, Ms. Christina Butler, Mr. Jerry Bassett, Code Commissioner and Legislative Reference Director, Mr. Frank Caskey, Legislative Reference Analyst, Ms. Julia Bradshaw and Ms. Terrie Wilson, from the Office of the Secretary of State.

Commission members not in attendance at the meeting:

University of South Alabama Appointee
Alabama State University Athletic Director
Miles College Appointee

Representative Gerald Allen, Chairman, administered the oath of office to the new members, Jana Morrison, Janet Montgomery, and Kit Alewine.

The Minutes of the September 11, 2007 Athlete Agent Commission meeting were read and a motion was made to approve. Bishop/Nichols, Motion passed.

Pending athlete agent applications held over from the last meeting were reviewed for additional information. The applications of Thomas Kleine and Michael Hawthorne were approved and the application of Daniel Martoe was again denied citing the lack of NFLPA certification. Mines/ Nichols, Motion passed.

The new athlete agent applications that were accepted are: Thad Foucher, Tyrone Barnes, Matthew LaVallee, Alvin Nelson, Ronald DelDuca, Jr., and Karim Lawrence. The application of Herbert Stone was held until the next meeting for additional information.

Renewing agents were: Lenford Rowe, John Mark Deakle, James Schottel, Robert B. Walker, Chad Speck, Otho Ray Carter, and William T. Riley, Jr. A motion was made to approve all. Bishop/Evans, Motion passed.

Chris King, UA, presented proposed legislation and a comprehensive description of each section that he has been working on for several months. The sections included a revision of the current Uniform Athlete Agent Act, significant changes to the application, an administrative manual, and a FAQ document for the Secretary of State website.

Emily Thompson, Chief of Staff for the Secretary of State's Office, stated the proposed changes would create a substantial increase in responsibilities for the Government Support Division. She also suggested that it may be best to delay the vote on the proposed legislation until various questions from the committee members have been answered.

Representative Allen called for a special meeting in January to continue discussions relating to the changes and the meeting was set for January 23rd, 2008.

David Mines, AU, stated that it would probably be best to register runners as athlete agents. Joe Evans, AHSAA agreed.

Taylor Nichols from the Governors Office stated that more restrictive qualifications for agents may not be for the best.

Ken Provitt, AA&MU, suggested the commission continue to review the definitions of agents and runners. He also discussed additional penalties for infractions and reciprocity between states that have adopted the Uniform Athlete Agent Act.

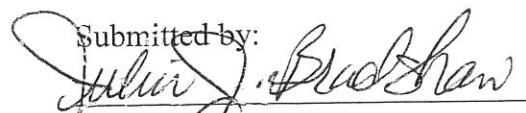
Mr. Bassett from Legislative Reference stated that the current Uniform Athlete Agent Act contained no stipulation that applicants had to be registered with any private sports organizations in order to be qualified for certification in Alabama. He also explained that the current law defines runners as athlete agents and therefore requires them to be registered in Alabama.

Joe Evans made a motion to bring Mr. Daniel Martoe's application up for another vote but after a discussion about his lack of NFLPA certification and the fact that his company represented football players, Mr. Evans withdrew his motion.

Senator Bedford suggested the references listed on the agent applications should be called and interviewed and he recommended continuing education for agents.

Hearing no further business to come before the commission a motion was made and seconded and the chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Approved: 
Representative Gerald Allen, Chairman AAAC

Submitted by: 
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My commission expires 10-20-2008