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BIENNIAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

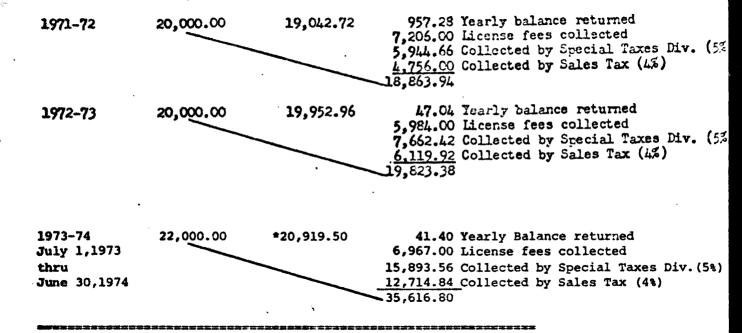
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Jack Gibbons Saint Paul

The Boxing Commission is charged with the responsibility of making and publishing rules and regulations governing the conduct of boxing, and the time and place thereof. Issuing licenses to individuals or organizations desiring to promote boxing and suspending same when necessary. Also, telecast and radio rights. It licenses Boxers, Managers, Seconds and Referees, and reports all suspensions (because of knockout or technical knockout) to the World Boxing Association, so that through WBA reports, these boxers will not be allowed to box subsequent to recent injury. Surveillance between States is maintained. Deputy Commissioners are appointed in outlying areas to supervise bouts when Commissioners are unable to attend. Deputy Commissioners also assist at professional bouts with weigh-ins and dressing room surveillance.

Professional Boxing is the only tax imposed upon gate receipts, and, although the Boxing Commission does not include within its receipts, such returns as earned as a result of the Sales Tax as well as the five per cent tax imposed on boxing receipts deposited to the Department of Taxation, nevertheless, the following statistics hold true and are substantiated by the attached report:

FY	Expenditures	Earned Revenues
1971-72	19,042.72	18,863.94
1972-73	19,952.96	19,823.38
1973-74	20,919.50	35,616,80

With these figures in mind, obviously the Boxing Commission is actually self-sustaining, although we operate on a direct appropriation. And, whether or not the Boxing Commission collects the taxes, its work remains pretty much the same as when such tax receipts were credited (at least the five per cent tax on boxing) the Athletic Commission accounts.



Statistics on Amateur Shows - Tax Free

1969-70 - 57 Shows 1970-71 - 67 Shows 1971-72 - 89 Shows 1972-73 - 91 Shows 1973-74 - 111 Shows as of May 31,1974**

- ** Up to this date, Amateur Promoters collected 38,990.24 with some reports not in.
- * There was a free Balance of 1,039.10 which took care of the new equipment and furniture for the office.

20,919.50 41.40 1,039.10 22,000.00 Also, during the past year, we supervised lll amateur shows throughout the State, an increase of 20 shows over the previous year. Interest seems to be on the increase in this particular field, providing an added activity for youth programs throughout the State. The only revenue received on amateur activity is that of the original Franchise fee. However, amateur boxing collected close to \$40,000.00 for local programs peculiar to individual aims. Also, the licensing of Referees and Seconds as well as Boxers and Managers who filed their contracts with the State. We average 30 or more Franchises per year.

The number of Commission meetings per year depend upon circumstances. During the past biennium, we have had no problems with Amateur Coaches. The professional ranks have been plagued, more than in previous years, with promotional controversies.

As a result, the Commission has found it necessary to do more long-distance phoning in an effort to obtain last-minute certification of Boxers, to photograph all headline and preliminary Boxers, to have affidavits signed by boxers attesting to their identity and eligibility to enter the ring, and also to subscribe to more nationwide reporting services in order to be the better informed. The Commission's efforts are bringing very favorable results. In larger shows we have begun the use of two Deputies instead of one in order to maintain and enforce every precaution.

Although we continue to follow customary procedures, inflation takes its toll and a need for \$20,000.00 in appropriated funds to the Boxing Commission was granted in 1973. Our 1974 appropriation was \$22,000.00 and for 1975 \$25,000.00. Our expenses over the years would indicate we do not take advantage, but use sparingly and only as absolute necessity dictates. Our efforts are directed toward keeping the Boxing Commission on a firm foundation, on an acknowledged minimum budget.

There are seven (7) Commissioners serving on the Boxing Commission who are appointed by the Governor. The following Commissioners are listed below:

Fay R. Frawley, Chairman 3-1-72 - 3-1-75

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The Minnesota Boxing Commission's executive secretary, Jack Gibbons, is recognized for his boxing know-how by members of the World Boxing Association. He is a past vice-president of this organization, and in the past year at the 1974 WBA Convention was appointed to the Budget and Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Gibbons, Commissioner

and Executive Secretary