

PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION (PSUAC)

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

10:30 a.m

Attending: Commissioners: Richard Montanez, Taylor Leavitt and Leslie Reberg (phone conference). Director: Bill Colbert. No guests in attendance.

Commissioner Leavitt called the meeting to order.

Per Diem sheets were signed.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None

Approval of Minutes

*Commissioner Montanez made a motion to approve the minutes of Tuesday, December 8, 2009. Commissioner Reberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Review Upcoming Events / Commission Assignments

UCE (MMA) – Saturday, January 23, 2010 - Western Park – Vernal, UT

UCE (MMA) – Friday, January 29, 2010 – Club Vegas – Salt Lake City, UT

Get Tough Boxing Academy (Boxing/MMA) - Saturday, February 13, 2010 - Carbon County Event Center - Price, UT

UCE (MMA) – Saturday, February 13, 2010 - Ultimate Combat Training Center – Kearns, UT

UCE (MMA) – Friday, February 19, 2010 – Teazers - Ogden, UT

UCE (MMA) – Saturday, February 27, 2010 - Club Vegas - Salt Lake City, UT

Commissioner Montanez will be the commissioner in charge of the Price event February 13.

Bill reports there has been renewed interest in the St. George area by a Las Vegas promoter. A gym owner in the St. George area would also like to promote some events there.

Report by Chief Ringside Physician

None

Proposed Rule Making and Interim Commission Protocol to Extend Acceptance of Hepatitis B/C Test Results from Six Months to One Year

Commissioner Montanez surveyed commissions through the ABC which showed most of them nationwide require the Hepatitis B and C testing annually. It has been a struggle for Utah fighters and promoters with the amount of money they make. Many times fighters, after fighting, end up owing the promoters. He would like the commission to consider

changing the Hepatits B and C from every six months to annually. Bill would like the commission to have the authority to increase frequency if there is a breakout.

*Commissioner Reberg made a motion that, effective immediately, Hepatits B and C testing will be changed to an annual requirement but allow Bill, the Executive Director, to go back to a six month testing cycle if there is an outbreak or a health situation that he deems it necessary. Commissioner Montanez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

### Director's Report

Bill reported that the budget is good right now. He will report at the conclusion of this legislative session.

Commissioner Dayton has been discussing insurance requirements with one promoter. The promoter is requesting a rule modification that will make contestants responsible for part of the deductible. There has not been any direction given from these discussions.

Bill reported that a letter was sent to Dave Seljestad last month as discussed regarding his behavior as a judge. His recent behavior has been acceptable. A letter was sent to Tyrone Johnson regarding his behavior as a contestant at the last boxing event. A letter was sent to Julian Stephens for taunting the crowd when acting as a cornerman. There will be a letter sent out regarding contracts and purses. These letters will create a paper trail for any licensees that have issues.

Bill reported there have been inquiries regarding promotions of championship full contact unified rules. Bill sent information to commissioners. This promotion includes, in part, the following: 1. this is not MMA but similar, 2. they do not allow tapout submissions, if the fighter does tapout he loses a point and the fight is restarted, 3. the audience will pay to be the judges of each event via the internet, 4. they do have a ten point judging system, and 5. the record of events will not be kept on the federal registry. They want to do an event February 13<sup>th</sup> which has been removed from their website as Bill told the promoter he needs to go before the commission to make his proposal. No commission action is needed at this time.

### Open Discussion – No Action to be Taken

None

### Set Next Meeting Date

Next meeting will be on February, 23, 2010.

Commission Non-Agenda Item

Commissioner Montanez reported that Throwdown has been bought out by Josh Burkman's sponsor. The name will be changed and Derek Downey will be the director of the new gym. The gym will be run by Adam Legelas and Griff Reynaud will be putting the shows together.

Many of Utah promoters are restructuring their promotions.

Adjournment

*Commissioner Montanez made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*