

UTAH SPORTS AUTHORITY
PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION (PSUAC)
Thursday, February 26, 2009
10:00 a.m.

Attending: Commissioners: Alan Dayton, Rich Montanez, Taylor Leavitt, Ty McCartney and Leslie Reberg. Secretary: Bill Colbert and guests, Mike Stidham, Tyler Aires, Daniel Castro, Jennifer Howe and David Putvin.

Alan Dayton called the meeting to order.

Per Diem sheets were signed.

Oath of Office/New Commissioner

Leslie Reberg was sworn in as a commissioner of the Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

No public comments.

Approval of Minutes

Leslie made a motion to approve the minutes of January 27, 2009. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Upcoming Events

February 2009

Friday, February 27, 2009 @ 7:00 PM, Club Elevate, 155 West 200 South, Salt Lake City, UT - <http://www.ucombat.com/> Ultimate Combat Experience - MMA Event

March 2009

Friday, March 6, 2009 @ 9:00 PM, Club Elevate, 155 West 200 South, Salt Lake City, UT -

<http://www.ucombat.com/> Ultimate Combat Experience - MMA Event

Friday, March 13, 2009 @ 9:00 PM, Club Elevate, 155 West 200 South, Salt Lake City, UT -

<http://www.ucombat.com/> Ultimate Combat Experience - MMA Event

Friday, March 20, 2009 @ 9:00 PM, Club Elevate, 155 West 200 South, Salt Lake City, UT -

<http://www.ucombat.com/> Ultimate Combat Experience - MMA Event

Friday, March 27, 2009 @ 7:00 PM, Davis County Conference Center, 1651 North 700 West, Layton, UT , UT -

<http://www.ucombat.com/> Elite Fight Night- MMA Event

Friday, March 27, 2009 @ 9:00 PM, Club Elevate, 155 West 200 South, Salt Lake City, UT -

<http://www.ucombat.com/> Ultimate Combat Experience - MMA Event

April 2009

Saturday, April 4, 2009 @ 7:00 PM, @ 7:00 p.m., Western Park, 302 East 200 South, Vernal, UT, UT - [http://www.ucombat.com/http://www.ucombat.com/Ultimate Combat Experience - MMA Event](http://www.ucombat.com/http://www.ucombat.com/Ultimate%20Combat%20Experience%20-%20MMA%20Event)
Saturday, April 4, 2009 @ 7:00 PM, Snow College, Ephraim, UT - Xtreme Combat - MMA Event
Saturday, April 18, 2009 @ 7:30 PM, Carbon County Events Center, 310 S. Fairgrounds Rd., Price, UT - Flash Academy - Combined Boxing/MMA Event

May 2009

Saturday, May 2, 2009 @ 7:00 PM, Sevier Valley Center, Snow College, Richfield, UT - Xtreme Combat - MMA Event
Sunday, May 3, 2009 to Sunday May 10, 2009, *Men's Golden Gloves*, Salt Lake City, UT - USA Boxing - Amateur Boxing (Non-PSUAC Regulated Event)
Friday & Saturday, May 29 & 30, 2009 @ 7:00 PM, *Showdown 4*, Miller Motorsports Park, Tooele, UT - Throwdown ETC - MMA Event

June 2009

Saturday, June 20, 2009 @ 7:00 PM, Sevier Valley Center, Snow College, Richfield, UT - Xtreme Combat - MMA Event

Discussion of H.B. 400 Substitute -Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission Amendments-Oda, C.

Bill reported that H.B. 400 Substitute will allow the PSUAC to give the commission more flexibility to change more in rule making than to have it in statute. This bill has received favorable comments in the respective sub-committees. Any comments should be passed to Representative Curt Oda.

Action on Proposed Rule Amendments

- a. R859-1-301, Qualifications for Licensure (Amateur MMA Contestant) – This proposed rule change will allow the PSUAC to license amateur contestants and regulate amateur events. This rule would prohibit amateur licensees from competing professional licensees. There was discussion of how amateur licensees will be tracked.

Ty made a motion to approve the language of R859-1-301 and advance it to administrative rules for adoption. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. R859-1-501, Promoter's Responsibility in Arranging Contests (Hepatitis Testing) – This rule change will incorporate mandatory Hepatitis testing. There have been negative promoter comments regarding concerns about excessive cost, no available rapid tests, the inability of filling a card last minute with changes (three days to a week to get results back.) The ABC is a strong promoter of Hepatitis testing and Bill has received positive

feedback from them. The costs of testing for Hepatitis C is \$25 - \$30 and Hepatitis B \$50 - \$60 required possibly every six months to one year. There was much discussion regarding costs of testing and vaccinations. Jennifer Howe mentioned *Request a Test* will

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do HIV, Hepatitis B and C and have results within 24 hours for \$108 total. Rich indicated that there may be a rapid test available in the next three to six months. Mike Stidham asks why there is a rush for Hepatitis testing now if a rapid test will soon be available. Mike Stidham also said there has not been a case of Hepatitis in Utah since the year 2000 according to the Utah Health Department. Mike provided Bill with those statistics.

Ty made a motion to table this item to next month's agenda. Rich seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

There has been support in legislature to give the commission the ability to use more of its dedicated credits. If this were to happen, the commission will be in good shape at the beginning of the new fiscal year. At the six month point, the commission was two percent under the budget. Bill also reported that the ABC has sent correspondence about a possible \$50 fee payable to them by athletic commissions, per event, to record and research suspension activity.

Set next meeting date

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Open Discussion – No Action to be Taken

Rich indicated there is a need for referees to be on the “same page” and conduct the rules meeting together along with a commission representative. Bill said it would be preferred that promoter's notify the commission to identify their referees at least a week in advance to avoid any potential conflicts.

Rich began a discussion of cornermen, cage/ring side seating and numbers of necessary ringside physicians. Bill mentioned the commission has allowed up to three cornermen for bigger events.

Adjournment to Closed Meeting to discuss litigation, the character and professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual

Meeting was adjourned.