

UTAH SPORTS AUTHORITY  
PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION (PSUAC)  
Wednesday, March 25, 2009  
10:00 a.m. (1 hour, 24 minutes)

Attending: Commissioners: Rich Montanez, Taylor Leavitt, Leslie Reberg and Ty McCartney.  
Secretary: Bill Colbert and guests, Felicia Alvarez and Melanie Wallentine (Utah State Department of Health)

Commissioner Montanez called the meeting to order.

Per Diem sheets were signed.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

No public comments.

Approval of Minutes

*Commissioner Leavitt made a motion to approve the minutes of February 26, 2009.  
Commissioner Reberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Review Upcoming Events

UCE/MMA - Saturday, April 4, 2009, Western Park, Vernal, UT  
Xtreme Combat - Saturday, April 4, 2009, Snow College, Ephraim, UT  
UCE/MMA - Friday, April 10, 2009, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT  
CAM Boxing, Inc./Combined Boxing/MMA Event - Friday, April, 17, 2009, Marriott Hotel, Ogden, UT  
UCE/MMA - Friday, April 17, 2009, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT  
Flash Academy (FKF Productions)/Combined Boxing/MMA Event Saturday, April 18, 2009, Carbon County Events Center, Price, UT  
UCE/MMA - Friday, April 24, 2009, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT  
Elite Fight Night/MMA - Friday, May 1, 2009, Davis County Conference Center, Layton, UT  
UCE/MMA - Friday, May 1, 2009, Salt Lake City, UT  
Xtreme Combat/MMA - Saturday, May 2, 2009, Sevier Valley Center, Snow College, Richfield, UT  
USA Boxing/Amateur Boxing - Sunday, May 3, 2009 to Sunday May 10, 2009, *Men's Golden Gloves*, - national competition - Salt Palace, Salt Lake City, UT – (Non-PSUAC Regulated Event)

*\*Commissioner Montanez is interested in finding out if the PSUAC can donate to Golden Gloves. Bill will check into it.*

UCE/MMA - Friday, May 8, 2009, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT  
Moab Combat Sports/MMA - Saturday, May 9, 2009, Moab, UT, *Red Rock Rumble*  
UCE/MMA - Friday, May 15, 2009, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT  
UCE/MMA - Friday, May 22, 2009, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT

UCE/MMA - Friday, May 29, 2009, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT

*\*The UCE event May 29 may occur with Throwdown's MMA event at Larry Miller Raceway. If both events are approved, there would be a need for a commissioner to support the UCE event while Bill supports Throwdown's event due to the size of the event and the first at the raceway. \*\*Commissioners Reberg and McCartney will support the UCE event.*

Baronstar Productions/MMA - Saturday, May 30, 2009, St George, UT

Throwdown/MMA - Saturday, June 6, 2009, *Showdown 4*, E-Center, West Valley, UT

Gladiator Challenge/MMA - Saturday, June 13, 2009, Wendover Nugget, Wendover, UT

Xtreme Combat/MMA - Saturday, June 20, 2009, Sevier Valley Center, Snow College, Richfield, UT

Gladiator Challenge/MMA - Saturday, August 1, 2009, Wendover Nugget, Wendover, UT

Gladiator Challenge/MMA - Saturday, October 3, 2009, Wendover Nugget, Wendover, UT

### Action on Proposed Rule Amendments

R859-1-501, Promoter's Responsibility in Arranging Contests (Hepatitis Testing)

*\*Last month the commission deferred action on this rule based on public comment. There was concern from a promoter that there have been no cases of Hepatitis B and C in Utah for several years and that there is currently no rapid testing available. The representatives of the Health Department stated Hepatitis B and C are heartier viruses than HIV (Hepatitis C can live 16 hours to 4 days outside of their host, HIV requires a body as its host) and does exist and is more prevalent than HIV in Utah. The vaccine against Hepatitis B lasts several years (there is no vaccine for Hepatitis C currently). There was much discussion. The Health Department encouraged the commission to at least require Hepatitis vaccines if testing requirements are not executed.*

*Commissioner McCartney made a motion to move to the next agenda item and move this item to next month's agenda for action, invite Dr. Cacciamani and ensure the full commission is in attendance. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

### H.B. 400 Substitute 2 - Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission Amendments

Bill notified the commissioners this bill was enrolled and sent to the Governor's office March 24, 2009 for signature and gave them a copy of the enrolled bill. The commission can address the two minor typographical errors through rule making.

Commissioner McCartney stated that Bill's title of Secretary will be changed to Director effective July 1, 2009.

Bill indicated that he will have a series of rule changes starting next month that take effect July 1, 2009.

Bill also notified the commission that the ABC, in their unified rules, has proposed a different set of weight classes for mixed martial arts (MMA) than Utah has in current rule. Does the commission want to be consistent with the ABC? With the new statute, the commission has some flexibility to make accommodations.

### Financial Report

The fiscal year is two thirds completed and the commission has spent less than 66% of the budget.

### Next meeting date

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

### Open Discussion – No Action to be Taken

Bill states that the Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC) is pushing for a \$50 charge per event to commissions for participating in the MMA registry. They want promoters to record their events in the national database. There are advantages to the promoter when recording events in the database such as fighter active suspensions or needing particular clearances. Can the commission absorb that cost or should that cost be passed to promoters by rule making? The commission asked Bill to encourage promoters to participate in the registry.

Bill wants the commission to be aware that Mike Stidham is concerned about the medical insurance requirements and the possibility of increased costs of his medical insurance.

Commissioner Leavitt indicated some commissions are discussing allowing the use of instant replays on certain fouls in between rounds if a monitor is available. It will allow referees to properly diagnose fouls.

*Commissioner Montanez made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner McCartney seconds the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*