

UTAH SPORTS AUTHORITY
PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION (PSUAC)

Tuesday, April 21, 2009
10:00 a.m

Attending: Commissioners: Alan Dayton, Rich Montanez, Taylor Leavitt, Leslie Reberg and Ty McCartney. Secretary: Bill Colbert and guests, Mike Stidham (UCE), Jennifer Howe (Elite Fight Night) and Chuck Costello (LA Boxing).

Commissioner Dayton called the meeting to order.

Per Diem sheets were signed.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

No public comments.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Montanez made a motion to approve the minutes of March 25, 2009. Commissioner Reberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Upcoming Events

Elite Fight Night - MMA Friday, May 1, 2009 - Davis County Conference Center, Layton, UT

Ultimate Combat Experience - MMA Friday, May 1, 2009 - Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT

Xtreme Combat – MMA Saturday, May 2, 2009, Sevier Valley Center, Snow College, Richfield, UT

USA Boxing - Amateur Boxing (Non-PSUAC Regulated Event) - Sunday, May 3, 2009 to Sunday May 10, 2009, Men's Golden Gloves, Salt Lake City, UT

Ultimate Combat Experience – MMA Friday, May 8, 2009, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT

Moab Combat Sports - MMA Saturday, May 9, 2009 - Moab, UT, Carbon County High School, Red Rock Rumble II

Ultimate Combat Experience – MMA Friday, May 15, 2009, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT

Ultimate Combat Experience – MMA Friday, May 29, 2009, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT

Throwdown ETC – MMA 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

Elite Fight Night – MMA Friday, June 26, 2009 - Davis County Conference Center, Layton, UT

Baronstar Productions - MMA Friday, July 3, 2009, St George, UT

Gladiator Challenge – MMA Saturday, August 1, 2009 Wendover Nugget, Wendover, UT
This event will probably be moved to August 8.

Gladiator Challenge – MMA Saturday, October 3, 2009, Wendover Nugget, Wendover, UT

Bill reported that he anticipates Bully Beatdown coming back to Utah in July.

Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC) Conference – July 28 – August 2, 2009 in New Orleans

Commissioner Montanez will be going to the conference. Reservations need to be made soon for any other commissioners interested in attending.

Action on Proposed Rule Amendments

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

Commissioner McCartney made a motion to defer this agenda item until rapid testing is available. Commissioner Reberg seconded this motion for the purpose of discussion.

There was discussion on the motion above. Jennifer Howe said that Lab Corp can have results within 24 hours (longest is 48 hours) nationwide. The cost is \$109 for Hep B, Hep C and HIV testing.

Commissioner McCartney amends his motion that the PSUAC approve Hepatitis testing effective September 1, 2009. Commissioner Reberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Proposed Rule Making

- a. R859-1-301, Qualifications for Licensure (Timekeeper).

Commissioner Montanez requested discussion on licensing timekeepers. There was explanation by Commissioner Montanez and discussion. Commissioner Montanez reports the PSUAC is one of only a few commissions that do not require licensing of timekeepers. Bill indicated this is proposed for public comment and will not take effect until at least July 1, 2009.

Commissioner Montanez made a motion that R859-1-301 be put out for public comment. Commissioner McCartney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. R859-1-501, Promoter's Responsibility in Arranging Contests (Fees)

Effective July 1, 2009, commission fees stay the same with the addition of a new paragraph adding fees of \$1,000 for events of 5,000 to 10,000 spectators and over 10,000 the fee will be \$2,000. Fees are moved from statute to rule.

Commissioner Reberg made a motion to transfer the fees that are currently in 63C-11 and move them to rule effective July 1, 2009. Commissioner Montanez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

c. R859-1-802, Martial Arts Contest Weights and Classes

The statute currently defines weight classes for anything other than boxing. It is proposed that these weight classes no longer be in statute but moved to rule. Bill did not adopt the ABC weight classes that were approved last year. If the commission wants to expand the weight classes for specific martial arts disciplines they will be able to do so.

Commissioner Reberg made a motion to move weight classes for anything other than boxing from statute to rule and put them out for public comment. Commissioner McCartney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Pankration Presentation

Chuck Costello gave commissioners a packet of information on Pankration and presented a 6 minute video. Chuck is a coach at LA Boxing in Orem, a licensed fighter, second, referee and judge in Utah. He defines Pankration as limited rule striking and grappling. Controlled point fighting only (no punching or kicking to the face) in tournament format. They have been doing it since 2001 in California. Commissioner Montanez indicated that some California promoters are using Pankration to mask *smokers*. Chuck responded that there are rules promoters have to adhere to. LA Boxing is sanctioned by FILA and the World Pankration League. The on-line link is *fightleague.org*. June 6, 2009 will be the first LA Boxing Pankration event in Utah. The fees are \$35 to join and \$5 - \$8 to watch a tournament. Chuck would like to hold a tournament every other month to once per month. Bill indicated Pankration events would have to follow the same rules as any other event. Chuck desires Pankration include individuals under the age of 18 years as Golden Gloves does and asks the commission to consider allowing participants under the age of 18 years.

Financial Report

Bill notified the commission that he has a \$20,000 surplus but does not have authority right now to spend any of it. All stipends will be held until July 1, 2009.

Set next meeting date

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2009.

Open Discussion – No Action to be Taken

No discussion items.

Commissioner McCartney made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Reberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.