

UTAH SPORTS AUTHORITY
PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION
MINUTES

Monday, May 5, 2008

11:00 a.m. (28 minutes, 34 seconds and 2 minutes, 17 seconds)

Attending: Commissioners: Alan Dayton, Chairman, Ty McCartney and Rich Montanez, Secretary: Bill Colbert and Guests: Rebecca Waldron (AG's office), Travis Marx, Referee James Saccomano, Jeremy Horn (Elite Fight Night), Jennifer Howe (Elite Fight Night), Lee Doss, Alfred Quinn (radio producer of the MMA radio program on 1280 *The Zone*).

Alan Dayton called the meeting to order.

No public comments on non-agenda items.

Upcoming Events

Bill indicated that there are two events scheduled this week; 1) UCE event at Club Elevate in Salt Lake and 2) Moab Combat Sports in Moab (new promoter). Hotel reservations in Moab have been made for Ty and need to be confirmed by Wednesday, May 7, at 3:00 p.m. There should be at least one commissioner attending the UCE event in Salt Lake City. The weigh-ins in Moab will be on Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m.

MMA UCE: Saturday, May 10, 2008 @ 7:00 PM, Club Elevate, 155 W. 200 S., SLC

Saturday, May 17, 2008 @ 7:00 PM, Club Elevate, 155 W. 200 S., SLC

Saturday, May 31, 2008 @ 7:00 PM, Club Elevate, 155 W. 200 S., SLC

Friday, June 6, 2008 @ 8:00 PM, Salt Lake Community College West Jordan Campus
3491 W. 9000 S.

Saturday, June 7, 2008 @ 7:00 PM, Club Elevate, 155 W. 200 S., SLC

Saturday, June 14, 2008 @ 7:00 PM, Club Elevate, 155 W. 200 S., SLC

Saturday, June 21, 2008 @ 7:00 PM, Club Elevate, 155 W. 200 S., SLC

MMA Fight Night, Inc.: Saturday, May 17, 2008 @ 7:00 PM, Salt Palace Convention Center
100 S. West Temple, SLC

I.S. Promotions: Saturday, May 31, 2008 @ 7:00 PM, Eccles Center, 2415 Washington
Blvd., Ogden, UT

Moab Combat Sports: Saturday, May 10, 2008, Old Spanish Trail Arena, 3641 S. Highway
191, Moab, UT

Consideration to convert May 13, 2008 License Hearing to an informal adjudicative proceeding
IAW Utah Code Ann. § 63-46b-4

After some discussion, Rebecca recommends the commission convert from a license hearing to an informal adjudicative proceeding. *Ty made the motion to convert the license hearing to an informal adjudicative proceeding. Rich seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Bill has sent a letter to the fighter outlining his rights and the possibility of the above meeting conversion and will send another indicating the conversion.

Concern about Contestant Health Insurance Coverage from Walter Hartje

Bill provided the commission a copy of an e-mail from Walter Hartje sent to Ty regarding medical bills of around \$6000. His insurance covered 85% leaving a balance of \$951. His concern was that the promoter did not cover the co-payment. Bill spoke with the promoter and he indicated the claim for \$951 was brought in past the time frame his insurance would consider it. Walter told Ty he was unaware of the procedure to submit a claim but the promoter helped him out with the ambulance after the event of September 22, 2007. Bill reminded the commission that insurance will be worked on as one of the upcoming revised rule changes. Rich indicated that the insurance policy and procedure used to be posted on each dressing room wall. Ty's feeling is that the promoter work with the fighter for a resolution regardless. Bill will send an e-mail to the promoters to post or provide, stapled to their contract, the insurance policy to their fighters.

Open Discussion

Alfred Quinn introduced himself to the commission. They are putting together a local MMA news team. Johnny Richie will be part of it as well as a freelance journalist and the website, thecagenews.com, will be out soon.

The hearing date is set for May 13, 2008.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

Closed Session

Ty made the motion to go into a closed session to discuss the character and professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual. Rich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Concluding the closed session, *Ty made the motion to suspend Jason Williams for 90 days for violation of Rule 859-1-506. It was discussed that Jason refused to take a drug test. Lengthening suspensions was also discussed. Rich seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Ty made the motion to adjourn. Rich seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.