

UTAH SPORTS AUTHORITY
PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION (PSUAC)

Tuesday, June 23, 2009
10:30 a.m

Attending: Commissioners: Alan Dayton (via telephone), Richard Montanez, Taylor Leavitt, Leslie Reberg and Ty McCartney. Secretary: Bill Colbert and guests, Rebecca Waldron (AG's), Mike Stidham (UCE), Mike Crisman (UCE), Tony Saiki (UCE), Rick Montoya, David Putvin (Elite Fight Night) and Jennifer Howe (Elite Fight Night.)

Commissioner Montanez called the meeting to order.

Per Diem sheets were signed.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Leavitt made a motion to approve the minutes of Tuesday, May 21, 2009. Commissioner Reberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Upcoming Events / Commission Assignments

UCE has requested approval for all Fridays in September, October and November for MMA events. Bill is concerned that if events are scheduled four or five months in advance it could conceivably impact other promoters trying to hold events in Utah. There are now events scheduled up to December. Bill is comfortable scheduling events up to three months in advance. The commission directed Bill to go ahead and schedule the requested events. However, if there is a scheduling conflict, the promoter with the first \$100 deposit will secure the date.

July 2009

Friday, July 10, 2009 @ 9:00 PM, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT - [Ultimate Combat Experience](#) - MMA Event

Friday, July 17, 2009 @ 9:00 PM, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT - [Ultimate Combat Experience](#) - MMA Event

Saturday, July 18, 2009 @ 7:00 PM, Sevier Valley Center, Snow College, Richfield, UT - [Xtreme Combat](#) - MMA Event

August 2009

Saturday August 8, 2009 @ 7:00 PM, Western Park Arena, Vernal, UT - [Ultimate Combat Experience](#) - MMA Event

Friday, August 14, 2009 @ 9:00 PM, Club Elevate,
Salt Lake City, UT - [Ultimate Combat Experience](#) - MMA Event

Friday, August 14, 2009 @ 7:30 PM - Davis County Conference Center, Layton, UT - [Elite Fight Night](#)- MMA Event

Saturday, August 15, 2009 @ 7:00 PM, Sevier Valley Center, Snow College, Richfield, UT - [Xtreme Combat](#) - MMA Event

Friday, August 21, 2009 @ 9:00 PM, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT - [Ultimate Combat Experience](#) - MMA Event

Saturday, August 22, 2009 @ 8:00 PM, Carbon County Expo Center, Price, UT - Get Tough
Boxing Academy - MMA/Boxing Event

Friday, August 28, 2009 @ 9:00 PM, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT - [Ultimate Combat Experience](#) - MMA Event

Saturday, August 29, 2009 @ 7:00 PM, Wendover Nugget, Wendover, UT - [Gladiator Challenge](#) - MMA Event

September 2009

Friday, September 4, 2009 @ 9:00 PM, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT - [Ultimate Combat Experience](#) - MMA Event

Friday, September 11, 2009 @ 9:00 PM, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT - [Ultimate Combat Experience](#) - MMA Event

Friday, September 18, 2009 @ 9:00 PM, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT - [Ultimate Combat Experience](#) - MMA Event

Saturday, September 19, 2009 @ 7:00 PM, Sevier Valley Center, Snow College, Richfield, UT - [Xtreme Combat](#) - MMA Event

Friday, September 25, 2009 @ 9:00 PM, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT - [Ultimate Combat Experience](#) - MMA Event

Friday, October 2, 2009 @ 9:00 PM, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT - [Ultimate Combat Experience](#) - MMA Event

Saturday, October 3, 2009 @ 7:00 PM, Wendover Nugget, Wendover, UT - [Gladiator Challenge](#) - MMA Event

October 2009

Friday, October 9, 2009 @ 9:00 PM, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT - [Ultimate Combat Experience](#) - MMA Event

Saturday, October 10, 2009 @ 7:00 PM, Sevier Valley Center, Snow College, Richfield, UT - [Xtreme Combat](#) - MMA Event

Friday, October 16, 2009 @ 9:00 PM, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT - [Ultimate Combat Experience](#) - MMA Event

Friday, October 23, 2009 @ 9:00 PM, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT - [Ultimate Combat Experience](#) - MMA Event

Friday, October 30, 2009 @ 9:00 PM, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT - [Ultimate Combat Experience](#) - MMA Event

November 2009

Friday, November 6, 2009 @ 9:00 PM, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT - [Ultimate Combat Experience](#) - MMA Event

Friday, November 13, 2009 @ 9:00 PM, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT - [Ultimate Combat Experience](#) - MMA Event

Saturday, November 14, 2009 @ 7:00 PM, Sevier Valley Center, Snow College, Richfield, UT - [Xtreme Combat](#) - MMA Event

Friday, November 20, 2009 @ 9:00 PM, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT - [Ultimate Combat Experience](#) - MMA Event

Friday, November 27, 2009 @ 9:00 PM, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT - [Ultimate Combat Experience](#) - MMA Event

Saturday, November 28, 2009 @ 7:00 PM, Carbon County Expo Center, Price, UT - [Get Tough Boxing Academy](#) - MMA/Boxing Event

December 2009

Friday, December 4, 2009 @ 9:00 PM, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT - [Ultimate Combat Experience](#) - MMA Event

Friday, December 11, 2009 @ 9:00 PM, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT - [Ultimate Combat Experience](#) - MMA Event

Friday, December 18, 2009 @ 9:00 PM, Club Elevate, Salt Lake City, UT - [Ultimate Combat Experience](#) - MMA Event

Request by Promoter to Allow Amateur Boxing Exhibition/Sparing Bouts in Conjunction with MMA Events

There was a lot of discussion about amateur boxing exhibitions/sparing bout that took place prior to a sanctioned MMA events. USA boxing does not recognize or allow amateur exhibition bouts. USA boxing has to document ring time if boxers fight in front of any crowd. If experience is gained outside of USA Boxing sanctioned events, it results in an unbalance of fighter experience. Participants in unauthorized events could also be penalized by USA Boxing. Current statute provides guidance regarding regulation of amateur boxing events and the promoter's request is not in compliance.

Request to Waive Commission Event Fee for Xtreme Combat. "Relay for Life Cancer Association" Fundraiser held on June 20, 2009 in Richfield, UT

There is currently no fee waiver request process within the rule or statute for a charity event. Event fees for charity events have not been previously waived. Granting this request would establish a precedent that could be difficult to manage. However, a promoter's charitable contribution may be tax deductible.

Commissioner McCartney made a motion to deny the waiver request. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report

Review of language on medical requirements, Rule R859-1-501(10). Promoters are required to have \$10,000 of medical coverage for contestants. Promoter insurance will be the primary insurance for uninsured contestants and secondary insurance for insured contestants. At least one promoter has voiced concerns.

Three proposed rule amendments are in place. The public comment period ends July 1, 2009 for the following proposed rule changes:

R859-1-301: Qualifications of licensure, promoter's responsibilities in arranging contests, and martial arts weights and classes – Requires the timekeeper to be a licensed official.

R859-1-501: Promoter's Responsibilities in Arranging Contests – Establishes the fee schedule in rule – fee schedule was removed from statute.

R859-1-802: Martial arts weight classes. Establishes the weight classes for mixed martial arts in rule - weight classes were removed from statute.

There have been concerns about potential biases of several judges and referees. PSUAC does not assign MMA officials; promoters assign their own officials. Bill asked if the commissioners wish him to make assignments for MMA officials. Commissioner Montanez points out that the

commission has always assigned judges and referees for boxing. Bill would like to be informed of any potential conflict of interests for any officials in advance of the event. Commissioner Montanez suggested that conflicts may become apparent at the time of the rules meeting.

Bill indicated there have been questions of some discrepancies of judging and refereeing. He purchased some training videos to be shown at scheduled trainings.

Bill reminded the promoter's that Hepatitis B and C requirements will be enforced effective September 1st. A number of counties in the State do have some low cost or free vaccination programs. If a contestant receives the vaccination and tests negative they will be exempt from needing future tests.

Bill states that section 400 of the PSUAC rules needs to be restructured regarding administrative proceedings. PSUAC does not have the resources available that the Department of Commerce had. Rebecca Waldron will be looking at ways of addressing this issue.

Financial Report

Bill gave commissioners a financial summary from May. Any excess monies at 2009 year end will rollover to fiscal year 2010.

Bill requested commissioners to schedule early for the July ABC conference in New Orleans.

Set next meeting date

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.

Open Discussion – No Action to be Taken

None

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

Commissioner McCartney made a motion to go into a closed session. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Leavitt made a motion to open the closed session and adjourn the meeting. Commissioner McCartney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.