

Meeting Minutes
Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission
January 12, 2006

Meeting Called to order
Per Diem Sheet Signed
Minutes of December Meeting Reviewed and Approved

**Motion to accept minutes with the exception of rescinding the fine against Junior Selu.
Motion passed unanimously.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Budget Update: Francine Giani addressed the Commission and informed the Commission that they are currently running a projected \$20,000 over budget for the fiscal year. Also, there is currently proposed legislation which would move PSUAC to Community and Culture.
2. Drug Testing: Valdez would like to see the saliva test used for drug testing in spite of the increased cost. **Valdez made the following motion: The Commission has determined it will test two fighters per event for the next six months and re-evaluate the Commission's position at that time. If the test is positive for anything other than THC the fighter will be put under an emergency suspension until the Commission can hold a hearing and have the sample sent to the lab for confirmation. If the fighter tests positive and denies the results he will be given the right to take the test again (at his own expense). The doctor will be consulted in any event. If the fighter tests positive it will be considered an emergency suspension. McQuiston seconded: Motion passed unanimously.**
3. Update On Edward Mendy: After receiving the Commission's Order Mendy sent an email to Scott Reed indicating that he wanted to "appeal". Mendy also asked whether the Commission would be willing to consider forgoing the fine until the "appeal" had been made. He is now out of time for filing a request for reconsideration and/or a judicial review (either of which would have been his proper course of action – not an "appeal").
4. Update on "Flash" Newman: Flash has not applied to renew his promoter license. He has been arraigned on misdemeanor charges concerning the falsified HIV paperwork. He has not made good on payments owed to fighters, gate receipts owed to the Commission, and other owed monies.
5. Promoter Licensing Renewal: There has been a PSUAC requirement for promoters to attach two years worth of tax returns to the application. PSUAC currently only has two licensed promoters in the State. There is a concern about an unlicensed promoter possibly operating on Native American land in the Roosevelt area. This activity will be reported to law enforcement if it is *not* held on actual Native American territory. This activity might also fall under the Fight Club prohibition.

6. Injured Fighter Issues: Two boxers (Strol/Edward Mendy and Villastrigo/Bob Olesen) have not had insurance co-pays and/or deductibles paid. Villastrigo is scheduled to fight again for Bob Olesen and the Commission will check with the fighter on this issue.
7. Upcoming Events (Posting of Events on Web Page): Zollinger reported that Commissions in other states list calendars of events, fight cards and other events and information on their respective websites. Zollinger would like to do the same thing for the PSUAC website. Jason Back in the I.T. Department will help the Commission design and implement new ideas for the Commission's website. McQuiston moved that Ken Hansen be the Media Relations Commissioner. Deluca seconded. No vote was taken.
8. Series Issue As Related to MMA: Discussion held concerning the number of inspectors held at events. Discussion on changing the one-half of 3% amounts of gate receipt that goes back to the general fund. Revenue generated by the sport ought to be returned to the Commission for enforcement and running of the Commission. Discussion concerning creating a special fund (rather than having funds go to the general fund) for the Commission to use for operating funds.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting: TBA