

UTAH SPORTS AUTHORITY
PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION
MINUTES
August 7, 2008
10:30 a.m. (57 min, 38 sec.)

Attending: Commissioners: Rich Montanez, Ty McCartney and Taylor Leavitt, Secretary: Bill Colbert and guests, Jeremy Horn (Elite Fight Night), Jennifer Howe (Elite Fight Night), David Putvin (Elite Fight Night).

Rich Montanez called the meeting to order.

Per Diem sheets were signed.

Ty made a motion to approve the minutes of May 5th and 13th and June 3, 2008. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

Public Comments

None

Review of Currently Approved Events

The commission reviewed previously approved events for August, September and October 2008.

IS Promotions – Saturday, October 4 - Venue location moved to the *Body Shop* - Brigham City

Request for Approval for New Events

Double Deuce Promotions (Boxing/MMA) – Saturday, August 30, Davis Convention Center, Layton

Xtreme Combat (MMA) – Saturday, September 13, Blackhawk Arena, Salina

Xtreme Combat (MMA) – Saturday, October 25, Blackhawk Arena, Salina

Elite Fight Night (MMA) – Saturday, October 25, South Town Expo Center, Sandy

Bill stated that contest applications need to be completed by promoters and submitted to the commission for approval (no verbal or e-mailed requests, etc.)

There was discussion about the need of inspectors to be neutral, unbiased and have no conflict of interest.

Rich made a motion that promoters pay for their events up front upon approval by the commission and that there be no more than two events in a weekend. **Motion was incomplete and voted on at the end of the meeting.

Taylor made a motion to approve all newly submitted event requests. Ty seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ty made a motion to tentatively approve four UCE events in September. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Rulemaking

There were no public comments on any of the following rule change items;

- a. R859-1-501, Promoter's Responsibility in Arranging Contests
- b. R859-1-506, Drug Tests
- c. R859-1-509, Weighing-in

R859-1-506, Drug Tests - Bill was informed by members of the Administrative Rules Review Committee that he cannot reference the evolving rules of the Anti-Doping Agency. Bill needs approval from the commission to change the language (in paragraph F) as highlighted and italicized here: “the **2008** edition of the prohibited list published by the World Anti-Doping Agency which is hereby **incorporated** by reference”. *Taylor made the motion to change the word **adopted** to **incorporated** in R859-1-506 in 2F and the word **current** to **2008**. Ty seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Ty made a motion to pass the rule changes for R859-1-501, F859-1-506 and R859-1-509 effective September 1, 2008. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill stated there were some concerns expressed, not formally in the public process, regarding promoters providing a \$10,000 medical insurance policy (R859-1-501.) He also indicated that some promoters are concerned about being required to pay deductibles.

*Taylor made a motion to amend the language of the proposed rule change of R859-1-501, section 10 as follows; “**primary insurance coverage for uninsured contestants and secondary insurance for insured contestants in the amount of . . .** “. Ty seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Withdrawn Events

None

Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC) Mixed-Martial Arts Registry

Each MMA contestant is required by the ABC to complete an MMA Federal ID application. The application fee is \$10 and a photo is taken of each contestant to receive a federal ID number and card (good for five years) and be posted on a national registry. Only official commissions can record contestant records in the official database. All promoters are encouraged to register on the database and submit their events and contestants to receive current contestant suspension statuses. Every Utah fight is recorded as a professional fight.

Website Update

Due to a recent request for information on the activities of the PSUAC and background information on the commissioners, Bill requested that whatever the commissioners want posted on the website be consistent across all commissioners. Such requests will be referred to the website.

Open Discussion – No Action to be Taken

Bill indicated that there are five events in the next two weeks with commission coverage. One of the Friday night weigh-ins for the August 16th events at the Ogden Stadium and Club Elevate need commissioner coverage. Taylor (?) will cover the weigh in for the Club Elevate event and Bill will schedule one inspector to assist with the weigh in. Bill will cover the Ogden weigh in.

Ty will travel to Vernal for the August 23rd event with inspectors Carl Wimmer, Darrin Coles and Rick and Courtney Youse. Darren will cover the weigh in. Chuck Forbes, Travis Parsons and the Steadman's will accompany Bill to the Salina event August 23rd. The Elite Fight Night event the same date will also have commission coverage.

Concluding Business

Ty made a motion that payment will be due at the time of commission meetings for event approval effective September 1, 2008. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

Ty made a motion to adjourn. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.