

UTAH SPORTS AUTHORITY
PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION (PSUAC)

Tuesday, August 18, 2009
10:30 a.m

Attending: Commissioners: Richard Montanez, Taylor Leavitt, Leslie Reberg and Ty McCartney. Director: Bill Colbert and guests, Rebecca Waldron (AG), David Putvin (Elite Fight Night), Anthony Monson (Xtreme Combat) and Alicia Monson (Xtreme Combat).

Commissioner Montanez called the meeting to order.

Per Diem sheets were signed.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner McCartney made a motion to approve the minutes of Tuesday, July 14, 2009. Commissioner Reberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Selection of Commission Chief Ringside Physician and American Association of Professional Ringside Physicians (AAPRP) Annual Conference

Commissioner Montanez made a motion to make Dr. Mark Cacciamani the chief ringside physician and send him to the American Association of Professional Ringside Physicians (AAPRP) Annual Conference in October. Dr. Cacciamani will also share the information from the conference with the Commission and other ringside physicians.

Dr. Cacciamani is putting together a protocol and will have direct contact with other physicians around the state of what should be done on suspensions. Commissioner Montanez asked Bill to make sure Dr. Cacciamani has access to the web site that will allow him to discuss issues with other physicians on the panel.

Bill reported that the cost of the AAPRP conference is \$650 which includes the annual membership fee and the budget will support those costs.

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 meeting. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner McCartney made a motion to come out of closed session. Commissioner Reberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Contestant Medical Insurance – Denial of Claim(s)

Commissioner McCartney made a motion to suspend UCE's license as of September 18, 2009 pursuant to R859-1-403 unless payment is made for Blake Sprouse's medical claims of \$2,743.84 and to direct Bill Colbert to draft a letter for commission approval to be sent to Mike Stidham. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Stidham shall pay Blake Sprouse's medical expenses as outlined above. Payment shall be given to Bill Colbert to send to Blake Sprouse.

Licensed Second Access Encumbered at Venue by Promoter

Bill reported there was an issue at the UCE event July 17, 2009 where Cole Rose, with a signed contract as the main event, left the venue without fighting as his selected cornerman was prevented by Mike Stidham from entering the venue pursuant to an altercation that took place between Mike Stidham and the cornerman previously. Cole and his cornerman voluntarily left the venue because Cole's cornerman was not allowed to support his fight. The promoter felt the contestant was in violation of the commission's rules, however, Bill discussed with Mike Stidham that cornermen are licensees of the commission and contestants are entitled to whatever licensed cornerman he chooses. The unpaid purse of Cole Rose and his opponent is in question.

Commissioner McCartney made a motion that the commission will send a warning letter to Mike Stidham reiterating that seconds (cornermen) are in the jurisdiction of the commission and not the promoter. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Upcoming Events / Commission Assignments

Bill provided a list of all approved events into December. He also provided to the commission some changes that have been requested by Xtreme Combat and Throwdown.

Rule Making

Actions were deferred last month on the changes to R859-1-501, Promoter's Responsibility in Arranging Contests (Fees). Bill further clarified changes from number of seats to number of attendees when accessing event fees and broadcast revenues now have a ceiling of \$25,000 per event.

Commissioner McCartney made a motion to accept the above changes going out for public comment. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Summary Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC) Meeting

The biggest changes addressed were to the MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) Unified Rules. The ABC unanimously adopted the changes Bill provided the commissioners regarding recommendations of the committee. Knuckles can now be covered with one layer of tape and tape or gauze only can be used in hand wrapping. If tape is not used over the knuckles, one layer of Coban can be used to secure the hand wrap to assist getting the contestants hand in the glove. Female contestants are now encouraged to compete in 3 – 5 minute rounds for professional events. Contestants can no longer strike anywhere below the ear line at the back of the head/neck. If striking the side of the head, the glove should at least be in contact with the ear. Contestants can no longer grab the cage with their toes.

There are also a number of commissions concerned about contestants with losing records being allowed to continue to fight. Rebecca Waldron suggested that the renewal period is the best time for the commission to review if a contestant license should be granted.

Set next meeting date

Next meeting date will be Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.

Open Discussion – No Action to be Taken

Judge training conducted by John McCarthy was well received. Referee training is pending John McCarthy's next visit to Utah.

Bully Beatdown filmed ten (10) episodes while they were here for four (4) days. The TV broadcast will begin before the end of August. The first season and a couple of episodes not broadcasted can be purchased on line. Bully Beatdown may film a live show in Utah in October.

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