

PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHELETIC COMMISSION (PSUAC)

Monday January 16, 2016

Attending Commissioners: Taylor Leavitt (Commission Chair), Mike Deaver and Kevin Daniels. Director, Bill Colbert, Scott Bowler (Executive Assistant and guest Jennifer Howe (Matchmaker/Elite Fight Night)

Commission Chairman Leavitt called the meeting to order at 10:23am

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Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Daniels made a motion to approve the minutes of November 19th 2015. Commissioner Deaver seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Director Colbert provided a budget report for the Commission. He stated that to this point in the fiscal year the commission is doing exceptionally well. He also stated that in accordance with the previous meeting ruling by the commissioners he hired an Assistant (Scott Bowler). He added that with the hiring the PSUAC will still be operating under budget.

Appeal - Andrew Cruz - June 20 2015 – Positive test for prohibited substance.

Director Colbert stated that as a continuance of the discussion from the November 19th 2015 meeting that during a UA test on June 20, 2015 that Andrew Cruz (contestant) exceeded the normal threshold for a banned substance. A preliminary positive from the sample was confirmed by the lab. As a first offense the positive test would result in a 6 month suspension and the result of the contest changed from a “win” to a “no contest” and a fine of one half of his purse.

Andrew Cruz stated that he had ingested several pieces of bread that contained Poppy seeds, which he felt was the only reason for the positive test result.

Commissioner Daniels made a statement regarding the matter; the current threshold for a violation in the State of Utah is “Zero” threshold for banned substances. (Particularly opioids) Any detectable amount of the substance would constitute violation in accordance with Utah standards. *“All athletes are responsible for what they put into their body.” “If we are to accept the “Poppy Seed” defense as it is called, we would be legalizing all opiates. There is no test to differentiate between Oxycodone, Hydrocodone, and Poppy Seeds.”* Daniels went on to state, “Until there is a test to determine the difference I cannot accept the ‘poppy seed’ Defense.” “WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency) and USADA (United States Anti-Doping Agency) also hold fast to that stance.”

Discussion continued as to threshold cut off levels and other sanctioning body’s current standards.

Commissioner Deaver asked what the other commission standards are regarding this matter, and Commissioner Daniels explained that no other commission allows the “Poppy Seed Defense.”

Discussion continued for some time regarding what the fighter ate and what the standards are nationwide.

Commissioner Daniels made a motion to deny the Appeal based Commission Chairman Leavitt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Deaver asked that at a later date a further discussion needs to be had to determine new threshold standards as well as the overall testing policy. Director Colbert will be coordinating a future date for a commission retreat in late February or early March.

Financial Sponsorship for 2016 Golden Gloves event is Salt Lake City

Discussion to provide a grant to Golden Gloves Boxing for an upcoming event was opened but no official action could be taken because Commissioner Deaver declared a conflict of interest and recused himself from future voting regarding the matter due to a Marketing Agreement with the organization.

Commissioner Daniels made a motion to table the vote to Sponsor the Golden Gloves tournament for 2016 until a proper quorum could recognize the donation and make a vote. Commission Chairman Leavitt Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Upcoming Events / Commission Assignments:

January 2016

Saturday – January 23, 2016 @ 6:00 PM, Power Promotions, Davis Conference Center, 1651 North 700 West, Layton, UT – **Power Promotions** – Kickboxing Event.

Saturday – January 30, 2016 @ 7:00 PM, Corner to Corner Entertainment, Davis Conference Center, 1651 North 700 West, Layton, UT – Corner to Corner Entertainment – Boxing Event.

February 2016

Friday – February 19, 2016 @ 6:00 PM, RFA-35, Resurrection Fighting Alliance (RFA) – Showdown Fights, UCCU Event Center, Utah Valley University, 800 W. University Parkway, Orem, UT 84057 – **RFA/Showdown Fights** – MMA Event.

March 2016

Saturday – March 5, 2016 @ 7:00 PM, Fierce MMA, The Tuscan, 23 East 100 North, Price, UT – **Fierce MMA** – MMA Event.

Friday – March 11, 2016 @ 7:00 PM, SteelFist Fight Night 40 (21+ Show), The Complex, 536 West 100 South, Salt Lake City, UT – **SteelFist** – MMA Event.

Saturday – March 19, 2016 @ 7:00 PM, The Clash MMA 17, Eccles Ice Center, 2825 North 200 East, North Logan, UT – **The Clash MMA** – MMA Event.

April 2015

Friday – April 29, 2016 @ 7:00 PM, SteelFist Fight Night 41 (21+ Show), The Complex, 536 West 100 South, Salt Lake City, UT – **SteelFist** – MMA Event.

Friday – April 29, 2016 @ 7:00 PM, FitCon, South Towne Exposition Center, 9575 S State Street, Sandy, UT – **FitCon Fight Night** – MMA Event.

May 2016

Saturday – May 21, 2016 @ 7:00 PM, SteelFist Fight Night 42 (21+ Show), The Complex, 536 West 100 South, Salt Lake City, UT – **SteelFist** – MMA Event.

June 2016

Friday – June 24, 2016 @ 7:00 PM, SteelFist Fight Night 43 (21+ Show), The Complex, 536 West 100 South, Salt Lake City, UT – **SteelFist** – MMA Event.

Jul 2016

Friday – July 29 – August 4, 2016 – Association of Ringside Physicians and Association of Boxing Commissions Annual Conference and Training – Las Vegas, NV – No events scheduled.

August 2016

Friday – July 29 – August 4, 2016 – Association of Ringside Physicians and Association of Boxing Commissions Annual Conference and Training – Las Vegas, NV – No events scheduled.

Friday – August 12, 2016 @ 8:00 PM, Elite Fight Night 26, Weber County Fairgrounds, 1000 North, 1200 West, Ogden, UT – **Elite Fight Night** – MMA Event.

Friday – August 12, 2016 @ 7:00 PM, SteelFist Fight Night 44 (21+ Show), The Complex, 536 West 100 South, Salt Lake City, UT – **SteelFist** – MMA Event.

October 2016

Saturday – October 15, 2016 @ 6:00 PM, SteelFist Fight Night 45 (All Ages Show) , The Legacy Event Center, 151 South 1100 West, Farmington, UT – **SteelFist** – MMA Event.

November 2016

Saturday – November 18, 2016 @ 7:00 PM, SteelFist Fight Night 46 (21+ Show), The Complex, 536 West 100 South, Salt Lake City, UT – **SteelFist** – MMA Event.

Schedule Discussion continued as to the number of Inspectors needed at a given event which will be included at the Anti-Doping retreat for all Commission Members.

Director's Report

Director Colbert reported that he had hired Executive Assistant Scott Bowler. Commission Chairman Leavitt asked that Director Colbert provide a formal job description for the Executive Assistant. Director Colbert also informed the commission that GOED had some concerns regarding the PSUAC logo.

Public Comments – Open Discussion – No Action to be taken

Jennifer Howe asked if the commission could possibly meet at night, to make the meeting more accessible for those that work day jobs. Chairman Leavitt will look towards scheduling meeting when possible at night. Howe also made a statement that if a promoter chooses to have large number of bouts that the cost of additional Inspectors need be absorbed by the promoter not the commission.

Adjourn

Next meeting to be scheduled Thursday February 25th 2015 at 12pm at the GOED/PSUAC office 60 E, South Temple Third Floor Bryce Canyon Conference Room 369 Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Commissioner Daniels made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Deaver seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously