

PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION (PSUAC)

Tuesday, January 25, 2010

10:30 a.m.

Attending: Commissioners: Richard Montanez, Taylor Leavitt and Ty McCartney. Director: Bill Colbert and guests, Rebecca Waldron (Assistant Attorney General), Peter Sessions, Mike Stidham, AJ Stidham, Robert Roveta, Michael Memmott and Scott Barrett.

Commissioner Montanez called the meeting to order.

Sign Per Diem Sheet

Approval of Minutes

*Commissioner McCartney made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Closed Meeting to Discuss Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual and/or Litigation

*Commissioner McCartney made a motion to go into closed session to discuss character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual and/or litigation. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Mike Stidham voiced concerns regarding licensing issues, event approval and commission action in response to AJ Stidham's attempts to secure fighters for an unapproved event.

Mike Memmott voiced concerns about the promoter application process and scheduled event approvals.

There was some discussion regarding the concerns above as well as discussion of making ticket sales prior to approval of scheduled events.

Consideration of Protocol to Approve Club Events

Commissioner Montanez asked the commission to consider approving the following protocol for club (alcohol distributing establishment) events;

- a. a minimum of five bouts per event as protection for the paying public,
- b. events need to end by 10:00 p.m. for the safety of commissioners and inspectors,
- c. \$500 event fee to help defray the cost of inspectors.

There was some discussion and elimination of the 10:00 p.m. club event end time.

*Commissioner McCartney made a motion to adopt the protocol of a minimum of five bouts and a \$500 event fee for club events. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

#### Consideration of Promoter License Renewal

- a. IS Promotions
- b. The Ultimate Combat
- c. Moab Combat Sports

Rebecca Waldron reported that in reviewing the administrative rules it is clear that approval or denial of applications for the renewal of a license has to be by a formal adjudicative proceeding. What initiates that is upon obtaining an individual's application for renewal, the commission will send out a notice of agency action according to the rules of the administrative procedure act and following the rules. The three license renewals on the calendar for today will be sent out no later than tomorrow. It is a formal proceeding, before the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). The individual has 30 (thirty) days to respond to the notice of agency action but does not need to wait the 30 (thirty) days. Within the next 10 (ten) days, Rebecca will send out a notice of a pre-trial hearing unless there are settlement negotiations to permit approval through an informal administrative procedure.

#### Review Upcoming Events / Commission Assignments

Showdown Fights (MMA) – Friday, January 28, 2011 – McKay Event Center – Orem, UT

The Ultimate Combat (MMA) – ***PENDING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF PROMOTER LICENSE*** - Friday, January 28, 2011 – Club Vegas – SLC, UT. Commissioner McCartney will support this event.

IS Promotions “Total Mayhem” (MMA) – ***PENDING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF PROMOTER LICENSE*** - Saturday, January 29, 2011 – Ogden, UT

The Ultimate Combat (MMA) – ***PENDING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF PROMOTER LICENSE*** - Friday, February 11, 2011 – Club Vegas – SLC, UT

Fight King (MMA) – Saturday, February 12, 2011 – The Complex – SLC, UT

Flash Academy (MMA) - Saturday, February 12, 2011 – Carbon County Fairgrounds – Price, UT

The Ultimate Combat (MMA) – ***PENDING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF PROMOTER LICENSE*** - Friday, February 25, 2011 – Club Vegas – SLC, UT

Crown Fighting Championship (MMA) – ***PENDING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF PROMOTER LICENSE*** - Saturday, March 5, 2011 – Dixie Center – St. George, UT

Moab Combat Sports (MMA) – ***PENDING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF PROMOTER LICENSE*** - Saturday, March 26, 2011 – South Town Gym – Moab, UT

Fight King (MMA) – Saturday, April 2, 2011 – Western Park – Vernal, UT

*Commissioner Leavitt made a motion to temporarily approve all scheduled events pending license approval issuance. Commissioner McCartney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Bill has also received requests from Showdown for events April 16, August 26 and November 18, 2011. Those event dates all occur after expiration of its license.

#### Final Rulemaking

a. R359-1-506: Drug Tests

Bill reported that this amendment updates the drug restrictions on fighters making sure they comply with the latest version of the prohibited drug list, 2011 edition, published by the World Anti-Doping Agency. It also provides more clarification of the commission's ability to test any licensee for illicit substances. There have been no public comments.

*Commissioner Leavitt made a motion to adopt the amended changes to R359-1-506: Drug Tests. Commissioner McCartney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

#### Proposed Rulemaking

a. R359-1-401 through R359-1-405 Adjudicative Proceedings.

Bill reported that changes to R359-1-401 through R359-1-405 are still ongoing.

*Commissioner McCartney made a motion to continue action on R359-1-401 through R359-1-405. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

b. R359-1-501: Promoter's Responsibilities in Arranging a Contest.

Bill reported that the commission has not received copies of contracts or verification of revenue received for internet broadcasts. This rule change allows the commission to receive that information.

*Commissioner McCartney made a motion to approve the proposed rule change to R359-1-501: Promoter's Responsibilities in Arranging a Contest and send it out for public comment. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

### Director's Report

Bill had nothing further to report.

### Open discussion – no action to be taken

Mike Memmott asked if Mike Stidham can be hired as a consultant. Bill and Commissioner Montanez indicated that would not be a problem.

### Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.

### Adjournment

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