

PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION (PSUAC)

Tuesday, February 22, 2011

10:30 a.m.

Attending: Commissioners: Richard Montanez, Taylor Leavitt and Ty McCartney. Director: Bill Colbert and guests AJ Stidham, Michael Memmott and Burton.

Commissioner Montanez called the meeting to order.

Per Diem Sheet signed.

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

None

Public comments on non-agenda items

Mike Memmott asked who the Fight King promoter is. Commissioner Montanez and Bill Colbert responded that Victor Galindo of Victor's Tires is the promoter and Joey Montanez is the manager and matchmaker. There was concern that Joey is announcing himself to fighters as the promoter.

Commissioner McCartney went on the record to voice his concern that when ring announcing at an event Mike Stidham refrain from voicing disparaging remarks against the commission.

Consideration of Protocol for Announcers

Proposed Announcer Protocol

- a. an announcer cannot be under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol, and
- b. an announcer cannot engage in unprofessional conduct

Commissioner Leavitt would like an addition to protocol that the announcer will announce the judge's scores.

Commissioner Leavitt made a motion to approve proposed announcer protocol with an addition that the announcer will announce the judge's scores if there is a decision, time and methodology. Commissioner McCartney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Upcoming Events / Commission Assignments

The Ultimate Combat (MMA) – Friday, February 25, 2011 – Club Vegas – Salt Lake City, UT

Total Mayhem (MMA) – Friday, February 25, 2011 – Marshall White Community Center – Ogden, UT

Crown Fighting Championship (MMA) – Saturday, March 5, 2011 – Dixie Center – St. George, UT

Elite Fight Night (MMA) – Friday, March 18, 2011 – XSI Factory – Lehi, UT

Moab Combat Sports (MMA) – Saturday, March 26, 2011 – South Town Gym – Moab, UT

Fight King (MMA) – Saturday, March 26, 2011 – Sevier County Fairgrounds – Richfield, UT

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

Showdown Fights (MMA) – Saturday, April 16, 2011 – Utah Valley University – Orem, UT

Fight King (MMA) – Friday, April 29, 2011 – Legacy Event Center – Farmington, UT

Bill reported that he received the fee and request for four more events from The Ultimate Combat this morning. There is a conflict with the requested event date of March 25 as two other events are taking place that weekend. Commissioner Montanez will be in Richfield and Bill will be in Moab. Commissioner Leavitt will cover the event unless otherwise discussed with Bill. There is a prospective event for March 19 in Price. No event fee has been received.

Final Rulemaking

a. R359-1-102: Definitions

Proposed additions under unprofessional conduct are g. through l. No public comments have been received.

Commissioner McCartney made a motion to adopt proposed rule R359-1-102. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Proposed Rulemaking

a. R359-1-511: Event Officials.

Bill will strike announcer information from this rule as the announcer is not an event official. Event officials can be tested for drugs and/or alcohol.

b. R359-1-512: Announcer.

Commissioner McCartney made a motion to put rules R359-1-511 and R359-1-512 out for public comment. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

c. R359-1-515: Competing in an Unsanctioned Unarmed Combat Event.

Bill reported some fighters are fighting in states that do not sanction events. These fighters may be injured or have unreported wins/losses on their record and the Utah commission would not know. Bill surveyed the ABC as to what other states require in the event of a fighter fighting in an unsanctioned event. Bill is recommending a 60 day suspension of a fighter who has fought in an unsanctioned event, which is supported by most commissions. This Association of Boxing Commissions is considering implementing a national policy on this issue.

Commissioner McCartney made a motion to put rule R359-1-515 out for public comment. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report

Bill received an e-mail this weekend alleging there was an illegal MMA fight that took place in St. George, UT on 02/19/2011. He has not contacted the specific gym yet, but will do so. If there was an illegal event, Bill will send them a strongly worded letter indicating it is a misdemeanor to promote illegal events. If repeated, the commission will work with the local law enforcement.

Bill reported that IS Promotions is holding an event this Friday, February 25 in Ogden. It was suggested that Jack Avery fight Craig Mock. Bill suggests this is poor matchmaking as Jack Avery has a record of 0-8. Commissioner Montanez reminded the commission and Bill that the commission gave authority to the Director to make matchmaking approvals/denials. He also indicated that licensing matchmakers will help.

Bill just received a new promoter application from Perry Grant this morning. His show will be called "The Septagon". They are planning to do an event in early summer in Farmington. The application will be complete upon receiving the bond.

Bill received a call from a potential promoter in Nevada.

Bill is expecting to receive the bond this week for “Try Me Promotions”. Upon receipt, he will disburse the money to the physician, officials and fighters.

Commissioner Montanez did mention to guests at this meeting that if they manage fighters, they do need to be licensed as a manager.

Open Discussion – No Action to be Taken

Mike Memmott asked the difference between a club fight and a small venue fight. Bill responded that it is by the constraint of the club fights that the commission loses money. The fighters are recycled so new licensing income is not often collected, there is restricted attendance and there are fewer bouts. The commission is looking at a possible 7% budget cut.

Mike Memmott said they are looking for a different venue.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.

Adjourn

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