

PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION (PSUAC)

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

10:30 a.m.

Attending: Commissioners: Richard Montanez, Taylor Leavitt, Leslie Reberg and Ty McCartney. Director: Bill Colbert and guests Jennifer Howe (Elite Performance) and Kevin Patton (SteelFist).

Commissioner Montanez called the meeting to order.

Sign Per Diem Sheet

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Reberg made a motion to approve the minutes from March 27, 2012.

Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None

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

None

Proposed Rule Amendment R-359-1-506: Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs) – Request for Public Comment

Bill reported that the present rules for drug testing do not include provisions for TUEs. It is an evolving science and several commissions have started issuing TUEs. If there are fighters that do need TUEs for a controlled substance or performance enhancing substance, they can go through a medical process to get that TUE issued. Bill has done some updates to reference the latest edition of the World Anti-Doping Agency list that now allows athletes to use standard oral inhalants for asthma and recognizes those inhalants as non-performance enhancing substances. Fighters will not need a TUE for oral asthma inhalants. Bill also mentioned there is more stringency on blood doping including athletes supplanting their own red cell count.

Commissioner Reberg made a motion to put proposed rule amendment R-359-1-506: Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs) out for public comment. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Protocol for Dressing Room Requirements and Reimbursement for Additional Inspectors

Bill reported there have been concerns about adequate dressing room space for fighters as well as inspector coverage for multiple dressing rooms. This protocol defines how much dressing room

space is needed for each contestant and their cornermen. Bill suggested fifty (50) square feet per contestant and their cornermen. There was much discussion. Commissioner Leavitt suggested editing the square footage requirement to language that reads “each dressing room shall provide adequate space for each contestant and their corners as approved by the commission”. Bill also mentioned the need for additional inspectors.

Commissioner Leavitt made a motion to adopt the protocol for dressing rooms with the change to number one (1); “each dressing room shall provide adequate space for each contestant and their corners as approved by the commission”. Commissioner Reberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Protocol for Ring/Cage Side Seating

The statute provides stringent guidelines for ring side/cage side seating which allows for the commission officials, licensees and others granted credentials by the commission only. There are continued issues with tickets being sold to spectators for ring side/cage side seating. Promoters need to understand that the statute gives the commission authority over an area of no less than six (6) feet from the perimeter of the ring/cage as well as the prohibiting of alcohol ring/cage side. Bill said it is the shared responsibility of the promoter and commission to secure the perimeter of the ring/cage. There was much discussion.

Adopt Protocol for Ankle/Knee Wraps

Bill stated he has received negative criticism regarding the inconsistency of the use of ankle/knee wraps. Commissioner Montanez stated that contestants will be allowed to use a pull on nylon/neoprene ankle sleeve and/or two (2) wraps of white tape around the ankle only. He also stated that the use of any knee or elbow wrap is prohibited.

Commissioner Reberg made a motion to adopt this protocol for ankle/knee wraps. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Assignment of Officials – Discussion

Commissioner Leavitt asked what the commission thought is on using multi-licensed officials. Bill reminded the meeting participants that the commission approves all officials and that he would hesitate prohibiting the participation of multi-licensed individuals. However, licensees can be told that holding multi-licenses may result in fewer assignments due to possible conflicts. There was much discussion.

Contestant Contracts – Discussion

Bill was hoping to present a model contract for commission review. Instead, this agenda item will need to be deferred to the next meeting to allow him and commissioners time to review sample contracts presented at this meeting from other commissions around the country. There was some discussion.

Review Upcoming Events / Commission Assignments

Showdown Fights “Uprising” (MMA) – Friday, May 4, 2012 - UCCU Event Center, Utah Valley University – Orem, UT

Crown Fighting Championship (MMA) – Saturday, May 12, 2012 – The Dixie Center – St. George, UT. Commissioner Montanez will be commissioner in charge.

CCC Promotions (Boxing) – Saturday, May 12, 2012 – Davis Conference Center – Layton, UT. Commissioner Leavitt will be commissioner in charge.

Muay Thai Institute (Muay Thai) – Saturday, June 2, 2012 – Muay Thai Institute & Fitness Center – Salt Lake City, UT

SteelFist (MMA) – Friday, June 8, 2012 – TBA Location – Salt Lake City, UT

The Pit Elevated (Amateur MMA) – Saturday, June 9, 2012 – The Pit Elevated – Orem, UT

WCFC (MMA) – Saturday, June 30, 2012 – Inferno Cantina – Salt Lake City, UT

Total Mayhem (MMA) – Saturday, June 30, 2012 – The Raptor Stadium (Lindquist Field) – Ogden, UT

Friday to Thursday, July 21 to July 26, 2012 – Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC) Annual Conference – No Events

SteelFist (MMA) – Friday, August 3, 2012 – TBD Location – Salt Lake City, UT

Crown Fighting Championship (MMA) – Saturday, September 15, 2012 – The Dixie Center – St. George, UT

Director’s Report

None

Open Discussion – No Action to Be Taken

None

Set next meeting date

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Leavitt will be out of town and will teleconference.

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