

PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION (PSUAC)

Tuesday, May 29, 2012

10:30 a.m.

Attending: Commissioners: Richard Montanez, Taylor Leavitt (telephone), Ty McCartney (telephone) and Leslie Reberg. Director: Bill Colbert and guests Rebecca Waldron (Attorney General's Office), Jennifer Howe (Elite Performance), Carlos Henrique (Fighter), Fabio Serrao (Fighter/Manager), Tracy Spinks (CCC Promotions), Eddie "Flash" Newman (FKF Productions) and Mitchell T. Brooks (Attorney).

Commissioner Montanez called the meeting to order.

Sign Per Diem Sheet

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Leavitt made a motion to approve the minutes from April 24, 2012.

Commissioner McCartney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Carlos Henrique received a six month long suspension April 7, 2012 with his fight deemed a "no contest" and fined his win bonus of \$300 due to a positive drug test for THC. Carlos is asking that the "no contest" be reversed and the suspension lifted or shortened with the promise that this will never happen again. There was some discussion. The suspension and "no contest" remain in place.

Tracy Spinks wishes to speak to R359-1-501. Promoter's Responsibilities in Arranging a Contest. Upon discussion of paragraph 6 and 7, Commissioner Montanez clarifies that it is initially the promoter's responsibility to approve a fight and then it is submitted to the commission for final approval. Tracy feels he fulfilled the promoter responsibilities asked of him by the commission when setting up the Pat Reeves fight on his last card and the commission denied the fight. There was some discussion.

Fabio Serrao asked what the procedure is for commission approval based on fight records. Bill lead with a discussion and explanation of the many variables including possible commission consultation that are considered in fight approval. There was much discussion and participation.

Eddie "Flash" Newman would like to know what the commission would require for a Utah sanctioned World Boxing Union (WBU) championship fight to defend a title. Commissioner Leavitt said all Utah rules will need to be upheld and Bill will need to speak with the director of the WBU, find out their rules and what that sanctioning body requires.

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

None

Ultimate Women Combat – Lifting of Embargo on Bout Results

The Ultimate Women Combat (UWC) reality show bouts were held in Utah in August 2010. The women were talented and the show went well but the women were not paid due to company bankruptcy. Bill would like a motion to lift the embargo on bout results. Commissioner McCartney would like to be cautious and asked Bill to discuss any legal implications.

Commissioner Leavitt made a motion to lift the embargo on bout results of the UWC held in Utah in August 2010. Commissioner McCartney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Contestant Contract Form

In response to commission request, Bill created a contract and distributes it to the commission today for feedback. The form clearly provides the purse amount to “show” and to “win”, glove size, contestant initials for payment received, weight minimum and maximum and any overweight penalty, the name of the opponent, whether the fighter is to receive their show money in the event of a canceled bout or opponent being unable to compete with a provision to waive that and the fighter’s responsibility to file timely claims with the promoter medical insurance. Promoters can attach addendums if desired. Commissioner Montanez would like the following additions: 1) any advanced money from the promoter, 2) if the promoter is going to cover any medical/testing fees (deductions) and 3) boxers receive a flat fee, what do they receive if their opponent does not fight or the fight is cancelled. A suggestion was made to have an MMA contract and a Boxing contract. Commissioner Leavitt also suggested the type of unarmed combat sport also be specified on the contract, additional wording that the promoter also understands he needs to provide medical insurance and careful attention be paid to any unintended consequences in the language. Bill will continue making revisions.

Assignment of Officials – Discussion

Commissioner Leavitt wishes to move this item to the next commission meeting when he is there in person.

There was some discussion regarding rural area official’s possible bias and whether their performance is effective. Bill reported that officials are evaluated by the commission.

Review Upcoming Events / Commission Assignments

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

SteelFist (MMA) – Friday, June 8, 2012 – The Complex – Salt Lake City, UT

The Pit Elevated (Amateur MMA) – Saturday, June 9, 2012 – The Pit Elevated - Orem, UT. Bill will not be able to attend the weigh in for this event. A commissioner will be assigned.

WCFC (MMA) – Saturday, June 30, 2012 – Inferno Cantina – Salt Lake City, UT. Bill has heard there may be an amateur tournament and would like commission feedback. He is not supportive of amateur tournaments, the commission concurs. Bill and Commissioner Montanez will attend.

Total Mayhem (MMA) – Saturday, June 30, 2012 – The Raptor Stadium (Lindquist Field) – Ogden, UT. Commissioner Leavitt will attend the weigh in June 29 and fight night.

SteelFist (MMA) – Friday, July 13, 2012 – The Complex – Salt Lake City, UT

Cache Valley Clash 3 (MMA) – Friday, July 13, 2012 – Eccles Ice Arena – North Logan, UT. Commissioner Leavitt will attend.

Friday to Thursday - July 21 to July 26 – Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC) Annual Conference – No events

SteelFist (MMA) – Friday, August 3, 2012 – TBD Location – Salt Lake City, UT. Promoter may be moving the date to August 10 but no paperwork has been received yet.

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

Director's Report

Bill has received a copy of the medical bill from Tim Lund from his New Year's Eve fight for Total Mayhem. Tim states he is not receiving any cooperation from the promoter to pay the deductible or the bill. Bill can share a voice mail from Tim Lund with the commission. Bill will be directing Isaiah Salazar to pay the deductible and the bill or his next fight will be on hold until he meets with the commission.

Open Discussion – No Action to be Taken

Flash would like to make an agreement that 10 ounce gloves will be used for welterweights. The commission agrees and the contract will state glove weight.

Commissioner Leavitt lead a discussion regarding THC as a non-performance enhancing drug and may qualify for a lesser suspension. Rebecca Waldron suggested the difference between active THC in the system and metabolite would be a better deciding factor for a lesser suspension. Bill is looking for a consensus from the commission. This item will be discussed at the next meeting

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.

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