

PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION (PSUAC)

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

10:30 a.m.

Attending: Commissioners: Richard Montanez, Taylor Leavitt, Ty McCartney (telephone) and Leslie Reberg (telephone). Director: Bill Colbert and guests Jennifer Howe (Elite Performance), Steve Faragher (WCFC), Scott Bowler (Showdown), Kevin Patton (SteelFist) and Mitchell T. Brooks (Attorney).

Commissioner Montanez called the meeting to order.

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Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Leavitt made a motion to approve the minutes from May 29, 2012. Commissioner McCartney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None

Rule Amendment R-359-1-506: Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs) – Final Adoption

This rule was out for public comment to allow TUEs and to establish a process for that and also reflect the latest World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) standard 2012. No public comments were received. The commission does not currently have provisions to allow any issuance of a TUE. The Voluntary Anti-Doping Association (VADA) would be used to review fighter medical files to make recommendations to the commission on whether or not to grant TUEs and to establish any subsequent testing requirements. The fighter would have to pay for all the expenses for the review and all medical testing that is required.

Commissioner Leavitt made a motion to adopt the modifications to R-359-1-506: Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs.) Commissioner Reberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Unarmed Combat Contestant Contracts

There were discussions and public suggestions. This item would allow promoters to add addendums/clauses to contracts if they have specific requirements. Bill will continue edits and accept input from the commissioners.

Assignment of Ringside Officials

Commissioner Leavitt presented a rotational and tier system to assign ringside officials and gave instruction for its use. It would be reevaluated semi-annually. There was much discussion and Commissioner Leavitt explained that this rotational system is a very systematic rotation that

rewards the quality of the judge and referee providing incentive to attend training. Bill will release this for public comment.

Pugil Stick Fighting

Bill had a request from a promoter to allow pugil stick fighting. Bill polled the ABC and there are no commissions that sanction pugil stick fighting. There was some discussion and the commission decided pugil stick fighting will not be sanctioned. Bill will draft a letter in response to the promoter to notify him of the unfavorable decision.

Review Upcoming Events / Commission Assignments

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

SteelFist (MMA) – Friday, July 13, 2012 – The Complex – Salt Lake City, UT. Commissioner Montanez will attend this event.

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

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

SteelFist (MMA) – Saturday, August 11, 2012 – The Complex – Salt Lake City, UT

Showdown Fights (MMA) – Saturday, August 25, 2012 – UCCU Event Center, Utah Valley University – Orem, UT

Rocky Mountain Fight Championships (RMFC) IV (MMA) – Saturday, September 8, 2012 – Western Park – Vernal, UT

Crown Fighting Championship (CFC) (MMA) – Saturday, January 26, 2013 – Dixie Center - Saint George, UT

Bill reported that there may be a World Boxing Union (WBU) championship boxing event in August or September. Bill will let the commissioners know when he receives more information.

Director's Report

Bill received a written request from Kevin Hamby for a formal hearing to appeal his one year suspension due to a second offense for positive illegal substance testing. Bill will talk with Rebecca Waldron of the Attorney General's office to schedule a hearing.

Bill reported he received a request for a fight between Eddie Pelzcinsky and Darrel Florez. Eddie's record is 12 – 6 and Darrel's record is 1-0 amateur and 1-0 professional. A lot of Darrel's amateur fights were successful. Bill will grant approval with commission backing.

Open Discussion – No Action to be Taken

Jennifer Howe questioned the commission to see if there are rules or sanctioning of managers. Bill responded that licensing is the only area of commission purview. He did indicate the licensing fee for managers may increase. Jennifer expressed her concerns of poor managing practices. Bill said that formal complaints can be made to the commission and a warning of unprofessional conduct can be sent by the commission if there is documented evidence. Bill would like to see how other states handle managers. Commissioner Leavitt did add that completion of the manager license does require the licensee to sign an affidavit which would give the commission legal backing. Bill can make modifications to the affidavit if necessary.

Steve asked Bill how fighters should respond regarding his e-mails sent to promoters about certain fighters missing their HIV or physical paperwork. Steve asked if those fighters can fax or e-mail the paperwork to Bill or to bring it to the weigh-ins. Bill will accept any of those options but would prefer those seven (7) days in advance.

Kevin Patton asked the commission if Tim Lund is still allowed to fight. Kevin is aware that there is bad blood between Tim Lund and Mike Crisman and has told them he will put them on his show. The commission would approve that fight.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, August 28, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.

Commissioner Montanez adjourned the meeting and Commissioner Leavitt seconded it. Meeting is adjourned.