

PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION (PSUAC)

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

10:30 a.m.

Attending: Commissioners: Richard Montanez, Taylor Leavitt, Leslie Reberg, Alan Dayton and Ty McCartney. Director: Bill Colbert and guest, Rebecca Waldron (Assistant Attorney General).

Commissioner Montanez Call 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.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None

Review Upcoming Events / Commission Assignments

Elite Fight Night (MMA) – Friday, January 14, 2011 - XSI Factory - Lehi, UT. Commissioner Montanez will cover this event.

King "Quatro" (MMA) – Saturday, January 15, 2011 - Vernal, UT. Bill will do the weigh-ins on Friday Night.

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

Fight King (MMA) – Saturday, February 12, 2011 - The Complex - Salt Lake City, UT

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

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

Final Rulemaking

1. R359-1-501: Promoter's Responsibilities in Arranging a Contest. No public comment.

Commissioner Reberg made a motion to adopt the changes to R359-1-501. Commissioner Dayton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. R359-1-502: Ringside Equipment. No public comment.

Commissioner Leavitt made a motion to adopt the changes to R359-1-502. Commissioner Reberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. R359-1-511: Event Officials. No public comment.

Commissioner Reberg made a motion to adopt the changes to R359-1-511. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. R359-1-901: "White-Collar Contests"

Commissioner Leavitt made a motion to adopt the changes to R359-1-901. Commissioner Reberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Proposed Rulemaking

1. R359-1-301. Qualifications for Licensure.

Bill reported that other commissions license matchmaker's to ensure matches are competitive. He also added ring announcers to this rule to prevent unprofessionalism and to prohibit licensed contestants from holding a concurrent judge license.

Commissioner Leavitt made a motion to strike the ring announcer from R359-1-301. Commissioner Reberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Bill is still working with Rebecca on this section of the rules. He is reviewing other commissions (Nevada, Nebraska, Oklahoma and other commissions) who have less formal proceedings that the commission is the body that holds hearings.

Commissioner Reberg made a motion to continue the rulemaking process of R359-1-401 through R359-1-405 for future commission consideration. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Bill indicated this rule proposal is in response to problems within the past 6 weeks where two promoters went under after their first event. This rule requires the following:

- a. the bond be a minimum of \$10,000 or the total sum of all purses for the event, whichever is greater,

- b. new promoters with less than five (5) unarmed combat events are required to have \$5,000 hard cash in a cashier's check or bank draft deposited with the commission seven (7) days prior to the event or the event will be canceled,
- c. the promoter will also be responsible for any financial shortfalls that may take place in the event of money being taken out of purses and
- d. medical and life insurance coverage required by the commission cannot be waived by the contestant or any other party.

Commissioner Leavitt made a motion to put proposed rule changes to R359-1-501 out for public comment. Commissioner Reberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report

Bill reported that there are still some difficulties with XSI insurance policies for a couple of promoters. There was some discussion on some promoters not providing the commission with insurance cards due to late bout changes and submittals to XSI. This makes it difficult to provide insurance documentation and claim forms at the event to an injured contestant.

Open Discussion – No Action to Be Taken

None

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.

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

Commissioner Dayton made a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.