

PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION (PSUAC)

Tuesday, September 21, 2010

10:30 a.m

Attending: Commissioners: Richard Montanez, Taylor Leavitt, Ty McCartney and Leslie Reberg. Director: Bill Colbert

Commissioner Montanez called the meeting to order.

Per Diem sheets were signed.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner McCartney made a motion to approve the minutes of Tuesday, August 17, 2010. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Upcoming Events / Commission Assignments

September 2010

Friday - September 24, 2010 Dixie Center, 1835 S. Convention Center Dr., St. George, UT – “Ultimate Women Challenge” - Entertainment Production

Friday - September 24, 2010 @ 6:00 PM, McKay Events Center, 800 W. University Parkway, Orem, UT - Showdown Fights - MMA Event

Saturday - September 25, 2010 @7:00 PM, Dixie Center, 1835 S. Convention Center Dr., St. George, UT - Crown Fighting Championships (CFC) - MMA Event

Saturday - September 25, 2010 @ 9:00 PM, Club Vegas, 445 South 400 West, Salt Lake City, UT - Ultimate Combat Experience (UCE) - MMA Event.

October 2010

Friday - October 1, 2010 @ 7:00 PM, XSI Factory, 4425 North Thanksgiving Way, Lehi, UT, Blood, Black & Blue - MMA Event

Friday - October 8, 2010 @ 9:00 PM, Teazers, 366 36th St, Ogden, UT - Ultimate Combat Experience (UCE) - MMA Event.

Friday - October 15, 2010 @7:00 PM, Salt Palace, Salt Lake City, UT - So You Wanna Fight? - Exhibition Competition

Friday - October 15, 2010 @ 9:00 PM, TBD, UT - Ultimate Combat Experience (UCE) - MMA Event.

Saturday - October 16, 2010 @ 7:00 PM, The Rail Event Center, 255 North 500 West, Salt Lake City, UT - World Championship Full Contact (WCFC) - MMA Event.

Friday - October 22, 2010 @ 7:00 PM, South Towne Expo Center, 9575 S. State St., Sandy, UT - Blood, Black & Blue - MMA Event

Friday - October 29, 2010 @ 7:00 PM, Centro Civico Mexicano, 155 South 600 West, Salt Lake City, UT - Fight King III - MMA Event

Friday - October 29, 2010 @ 9:00 PM, Club Vegas, 445 South 400 West, Salt Lake City, UT - Ultimate Combat Experience (UCE) - MMA Event.

Bill reported that he is only scheduling events when promoters have paid the event fee.

Director's Report

Bill said it is rumored that John McCarthy will be in Utah soon for an event. Bill spoke to him about hiring him for a couple of days for judge and referee training. Commissioner Reberg feels that training should be mandatory licensed in Utah. Bill will provide a report to promoters of ABC certified and Utah licensed judges and referees to draw from first when making assignments. There will be a small fee for the training.

Commissioner Leavitt said Duane Ford is an acquaintance and he can also do boxing training. Commissioner Montanez commented that Duane Ford and Jay Nady have done complimentary training for the PSUAC in the past.

Bill reported that there is a growing problem of promoters not providing adequate or enough gloves for fighters. Bill said that the PSUAC can do what the Nevada commission does and impound gloves at the weigh-ins until the event.

Bill also reported that schedule payment for officials begins October 1. There is a concern about the physician pay being collected and paid by the commission. It may take some time to set that process up.

Bill reported that urine drug testing will take the place of oral drug testing. Contestants have used different methods of falsifying negative oral results. There was recently a contestant suspected of drug use and refused urine drug testing. He and his participating corner man have been suspended for 180 days. They both have the right to request a formal hearing for appeal.

Bill mentioned that the oldest commission scale has broken and he has ordered a new scale. There are only two scales right now.

Bill's computer had a catastrophic hard drive failure. Most of his information is on the network, however, some information may have been lost and he is trying to find a way to recover it. The GOED IT specialist is rebuilding his computer now.

Upcoming Rulemaking Priorities

Rule 359-1-501 and 359-1-511: Paying Event Officials – Bill reports that the GOED finance department is undergoing changes and asks the commission to delay the aforementioned rule for one month. Commissioner McCartney suggests having the rule in place and make the payment retroactively.

Commissioner Reberg made a motion to delay the 359-1-501 and 359-1-511 rulemaking until November 1. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

There has not been much process made by the Attorney General's Office on the Adjudicative Proceedings section.

There continues to be reports of people holding major, full contact events under White Collar Contests that abuse the intent.

Open Discussion – No Action Taken

Commissioner Montanez reiterated the need for the promoter or promoter designee to be on site at the weigh-in and the fight "not five minutes before the fight." Bill is worried about allowing a designee to be present in place of the promoter because they do not have any authority.

Commissioner Montanez wants to make sure contracts are signed before the weigh-in. Changes to contracts and bout sheets at the last minute causes confusion among the officials.

Bill reminded commissioners to notify him if guests will be attending events with them so seating can be accommodated.

Set Next Meeting Date

Next commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.

Adjourn

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