

PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION (PSUAC)

Tuesday, October 26, 2010

10:30 a.m

Attending: Commissioners: Richard Montanez, Ty McCartney (via telephone conference) and Taylor Leavitt. Director: Bill Colbert

Commissioner Montanez called the meeting to order.

Per Diem sheets were signed.

Appointment of Commission Chair

Commissioner McCartney made a motion to nominate Commissioner Richard Montanez as commission chair. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Leavitt made a motion to approve the minutes of Tuesday, September 21, 2010. Commissioner McCartney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Upcoming Events / Commission Assignments

Fight King III (MMA) – Friday, October 29, 2010 – Centro Civico Mexicano – Salt Lake City, UT – Commissioner Montanez will be the commissioner in charge.

UCE (MMA) – Friday, October 29, 2010 – Club Vegas – Salt Lake City, UT – Bill will be in attendance and Commissioner Leavitt will be the commissioner in charge.

Zar MMA Fight Night (MMA) – Friday, November 12, 2010 – Davis Conference Center – Layton, UT

Blood Black & Blue (MMA) – Saturday, November 13, 2010 – South Towne Expo Center – Sandy, UT

Flash Academy/FKF Boxing (Boxing/MMA) – Saturday, November 27, 2010 – Carbon County Fairgrounds – Price, UT

CCC Promotions (Boxing/MMA) – Saturday, December 4, 2010 – Golden Spike Arena (Weber County Fairgrounds) – Ogden, UT

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

Bill indicated that most weigh-ins will now be held the day of the event unless approved by Bill.

Bill still has a request from Leroy Caldwell to hold an event in St. George December 4, 2010. He has not received an application yet. UCE has sent an e-mail to request several dates in November and December but has not submitted any applications.

Approval of Amateur Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) Rules

Commissioner Montanez would like the commission to standardize two sets of rules for MMA only; unified rules and amateur rules. Professional fighters can fight under amateur rules if they wish and the commission has allowed the promoters to adopt three (3) minute rounds instead of the standard five (5) minute rounds. Commissioner Montanez read through the recommended, but not adopted, ABC amateur rule fouls. New Jersey's amateur MMA rules are similar to the recommended ABC amateur rules with some modifications. The PSUAC will adopt New Jersey's amateur MMA rules with the following Utah amendments: continue using unified rule weight classes and female fighters will wear a form fitting sports bra. The effective date will be November 1, 2010.

Commissioner McCartney made a motion to adopt the New Jersey amateur MMA rules with amendments as stated. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner McCartney made an addendum to the previous motion to go into effect November 1, 2010. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the addendum. The addendum to the previous motion passed unanimously.

Payment of Ringside Physician/Event Officials

Bill reported it has been a complicated procedure to pay officials through the normal State means. Bill is still working on that but in the meantime; he will open a commission checking account, seed it with some money and then deposit straight into it and write PSUAC check straight out of it effective November 1, 2010. Bill may have two checkbooks made up to handle multiple events and have each commission member as a signer on the account.

Review of Ryan Kyllonen vs. Kyle Kennington Bout Results

This fight took place at the XSI amateur event. Prior to the event, the referee made it clear to all fighters that there were absolutely no elbows involved in this contest. The video clip clearly shows the use of elbows on three separate occasions. The referee did not see the elbow strikes at all.

Commissioner Leavitt made a motion to change the result of the Ryan Kyllonen and Kyle Kennington bout from a win to a no contest based on video proof that the winner of the bout used illegal strikes to influence the result of the bout. Commissioner McCartney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill will notify both athletes of the decision.

Proposed Rulemaking

a. White-Collar Contests

Bill indicated that at least one gym in Orem is holding contests not in accordance with the legislated intent of the White-Collar Contest provisions. Bill is proposing the requirement of an M.D. or D.O. be present and the facility and be within a five (5) minute response time to a local emergency provider. No ticket sales, admission fees or donations will be allowed as well as concession sales. There will be no more than four (4) bouts and existing amateur rules will be followed and the commission will require the full name, of birthdates and addresses the contestants that are participating. Commissioner Montanez would also like the gym's to cover the fighter with medical insurance. This issue will be up for public comment if approved by the commission.

Commissioner Leavitt made a motion that R359-1-901 – White-Collar Contests rules suggested by the commission in this meeting be posted for public comment. Commissioner McCartney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Ringside Equipment

There have been some promoters having problems with the requirement of providing commission approved gloves. This is clarified in the Unified Rules. Bill struck out the existing requirement that the promoter provide the buckets for each contestant, Bill feels the seconds are responsible for the bucket. Bill struck out the scale for weigh-ins being the promoter's responsibility as the commission is supplying the certified scale. Bill wants to make it clear that promoter's be responsible for ring or cage supplies including bucket, towels and disinfectants. Bill also struck out the gong being the promoter's responsibility as the commission is providing the bell or air horn. Bill also added that the promoter meet county regulations as well as the city, town and village venue regulations. Bill also made some grammatical corrections to the restrooms not being used as dressing rooms.

Commissioner Leavitt made a motion that the changes to R359-502 – Ringside Equipment suggested at this meeting be put out for public comment. Commissioner McCartney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Payment of Officials

When this rule was adopted there was some concern that it was based on the number of attendance of bouts rather than the number of bouts. It was the consensus of the commission was that it should be based on number of bouts, not attendance. Bill made some changes for commission consideration that are based on one (1) to five (5) bouts or more than five (5) bouts. The changes for commission review is that a referee for one (1) to five (5) bouts will be paid \$100 minimum, judges a \$50 minimum and timekeepers a \$35 minimum. For greater than five (5) bouts referees will be paid the same minimum payment of \$100, the judges a \$100 minimum and timekeepers a \$50 minimum. The physician will set their own fee. The officials can negotiate payment with promoters.

Commissioner Leavitt made a motion that the minimum payments outlined and proposed in this meeting be added to R359-1-511 – Event Officials and put out for public comment. Commissioner McCartney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report

Bill is expecting the commission attorney to visit later today to talk about some other issues. The commission may get some feedback about not doing day before weigh-ins for small events. Bill will continue to forward any comments to the commission.

Open Discussion

Commissioner Montanez asked fellow commissioners to think about Muay Thai and Kickboxing bouts being held in a ring and not a cage as is tradition. Commissioner Montanez asked Bill to put this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

Bill reported that “Big” Jon McCarthy is coming to Utah for the event at the Davis Conference Center Friday, November 12th. He will be at the weigh-ins on Thursday, November 11th. His manager set the fee of a judging day course at \$100 per participant and \$575 for a two day judge training course. Commissioner Montanez would like to see judge training to be conducted by a judge, not a referee.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 30, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.

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

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