

PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION (PSUAC)  
Tuesday, August 17, 2010  
10:30 a.m

Attending: Commissioners: Richard Montanez, Taylor Leavitt, Ty McCartney and Leslie Reberg. Director: Bill Colbert, guests Rebecca Waldron (Attorney General's Office) and Mike Stidham (Ultimate Combat Experience.)

Commissioner Montanez called the meeting to order.

Per Diem sheets were signed.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None

Approval of Minutes

*Commissioner Reberg made a motion to approve the minutes of Tuesday, July 13, 2010. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Review Upcoming Events / Commission Assignments

Fight Night Explosion (MMA/Boxing) – Friday, August 20, 2010 - Salt Lake City, UT  
UCE (MMA) – Friday, August 20, 2010 – Batters Up – Salt Lake City, UT

Mike Stidham reported that all medical bills have been paid as requested by the commission.

*Commissioner Reberg made a motion to approve Mike Stidham's August 20<sup>th</sup> event contingent upon his producing electronic documentation of paid medical bills faxed to Bill Colbert by the close of business day Thursday, August 19, 2010. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

**\*\*Never got an e-mail with the rest of August events at the time of this meeting – please fill in\*\***

Unbreakable Challenge (MMA) – Saturday, September 4, 2010 - Payson, UT  
World Championship Full Contact (WCFC) (MMA) – Saturday, September 4, 2010 – Scrapyard Arena - Ogden, UT  
UCE (MMA) – Friday, September 10, 2010 – Teazers - Ogden, UT  
UCE (MMA) – Saturday, September 18, 2010 - Western Park - Vernal, UT  
Showdown Fights (MMA) – Friday, September 24, 2010 - McKay Events Center -Orem, UT  
Crown Fighting Championships (CFC) (MMA) – Saturday, September 25, 2010 - Dixie Center – St. George, UT

UCE (MMA) – Saturday, September 25, 2010 - Club Vegas - Salt Lake City, UT  
Blood, Black & Blue (MMA) – Friday, October 1, 2010 - XSI Factory - Lehi, UT  
UCE (MMA) – Friday, October 8, 2010 – Teazers - Ogden, UT  
So You Wanna Fight (Exhibition Competition) – Friday, October 15, 2010 - Salt Palace, Salt Lake City, UT  
UCE (MMA) – Friday, October 15, 2010 – TBD - UT  
World Championship Full Contact (WCFC) – Saturday, October 16, 2010 - The Rail Event Center - Salt Lake City, UT  
Blood, Black & Blue (MMA) – Friday, October 22, 2010 - South Towne Expo Center - Sandy, UT  
Fight King III (MMA) – Friday, October 29, 2010 - Centro Civico Mexicano - Salt Lake City, UT  
UCE (MMA) – Friday, October 29, 2010 - Club Vegas - Salt Lake City, UT

Commissioner Reberg asked if there were any discussions on exhibition fights at the ABC Conference. Commissioner Montanez said it was not discussed.

#### Proposed Rulemaking on R359-1-501. Promoter's Responsibilities in Arranging a Contest

Bill reported that the rule on medical insurance deductibles has lapsed due to the length of time in the rules process without action. The language is drafted if the commission wants to revisit this.

Bill indicated that seven (7) months ago the commission drafted a proposed rule change for public comment regarding payment of ringside physicians and other officials. This would involve the commission collecting the money for officials and paying them directly. There was a negative comment from the UCE and no other comments have been made.

The promoter can suggest event officials for commission approval. Bill indicated that there is a minimum fee schedule in place.

*Commissioner McCartney made a motion that the rule to pay event officials as stated will be adopted as written. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed three to one. (Commissioner Reberg voted no)*

*Commissioner McCartney made a motion to make the above rule to pay officials effective October 1, 2010. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed three to one. (Commissioner Reberg is abstaining)*

### Director's Report

Bill reported that the majority of ABC members were in agreement for the change of fees of the MMA National Registry from \$50 to \$100. The contract is for five (5) years.

Bill said the ABC still has not adopted unified amateur MMA rules.

There are some commissions concerned about mismatches and unqualified contestants being allowed to continue to compete. The MMA National Registry is more mature and there are no excuses for that. No action has yet been taken by the ABC.

Bill reported the next ABC conference is in Washington, D. C. on July 30 through August 3, 2011.

CAMO made a presentation at the ABC conference. California has designated them as the regulator of amateur MMA. Bill reported it was not well received. There was some discussion.

Bill reported other commissions of the ABC have rules that if a fighter is known to have fought in an unregulated or unsanctioned event they are suspended. The concern is that a fighter can be seriously injured and the state sanctioning commission may be liable. Some fighters may also have more professional experience than is reported on the registry. Some commissions around the country deem these as illegal events. Commissioner Montanez is the chair of the Western Region of the ABC and would like this matter to be on the agenda. Commissioner Reberg suggests this topic be teleconferenced with other commissions in the Western Region to take a regional position that can be adopted until the ABC takes a position. Commissioner Montanez agreed with Commissioner Reberg's suggestion will be carried out.

Bill wants to do another formal judge training. Commissioner Montanez suggests that one of the local sponsors may pay training fees.

Bill also reported that he would like to set up a commission Facebook/Twitter access.

Bill mentioned that Commissioner Dayton was formally appointed the commission chair three years ago in July. It is written in the rule to elect a chair every year. Nominations will be discussed at the next meeting.

### Open Discussion – No Action to be Taken

Commissioner Montanez would like to require the promoter be on scene during weigh ins and two hours before the fight. Commissioner Montanez is also in favor of charging a fee for a late event start. Bill will request a promoter designee to be given in writing to the commission if he is not going to be on site two hours before an event.

Set Next Meeting Date

Next commission meeting is scheduled Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.

Adjournment to a Closed Meeting

*Commissioner Reberg made a motion to go into a closed session to discuss professional conduct. Commissioner McCartney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. \*\*not sure of wording\*\**