

PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION (PSUAC)
Monday, February 16, 2015

Attending: Commissioners: Richard Montanez, Ty McCartney (teleconferencing) and Kevin Daniels.
Director: Bill Colbert and guests Jeremy Horn (Elite Performance), Mitchell Brooks (SRBH &R) and Scott Bowler (Showdown)

Commissioner Montanez called the meeting to order.

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Commissioner McCartney made a motion to approve the minutes of January 19, 2015. Commissioner Daniels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None

Financial Report

Bill stated that the February report is not available yet. He will send the February report to the commissioners.

Approval of THC/TCOOH Policy for National Suspensions

Commissioner Daniels made a motion to table discussion of this agenda item until next month's meeting. Commissioner McCartney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Upcoming Events / Commission Assignments

SteelFist (MMA) – Friday, February 6, 2015 (21+ Show) – The Rail Event Center – Salt Lake City, UT

Total Mayhem Entertainment (MMA) – Saturday, February 28, 2015 – The Eccles Center – Ogden, UT

Flash Academy (Pro/Am Boxing) – Saturday, February 28, 2015 – The Complex – Salt Lake City, UT.
Commissioners Montanez and Leavitt will be in attendance.

Elite Fight Night (MMA) – Friday, March 6, 2015 – The Complex – Salt Lake City, UT.
Commissioner Daniels will be in attendance.

SteelFist (MMA) – Friday, March 13, 2015 (21+ Show) – The Rail Event Center – Salt Lake City, UT

The Clash MMA (MMA) – Saturday, March 21, 2015 – Eccles Ice Arena – North Logan, UT.
Commissioner Daniels will be in attendance.

Power Productions (MMA) – Saturday, April 4, 2015 – Davis Conference Center – Layton, UT

SteelFist (MMA) – Saturday, April 18, 2015 (All Ages Show) – Legacy Events Center – Farmington, UT

Fight King (MMA) – Saturday, May 9, 2015 – Western Park Arena – Vernal, UT

Charity Vision Fight Night (Professional Boxing) – Friday, May 15, 2015 – The Rail Event Center – Salt Lake City, UT

SteelFist (MMA) – Friday, May 22, 2015 (21+ Show) – The Rail Event Center – Salt Lake City, UT

Elite Fight Night (MMA) – Friday, May 29, 2015 – The Complex – Salt Lake City, UT

Elite Fight Night (MMA) – Friday, June 5, 2015 – The Complex – Salt Lake City, UT

SteelFist (MMA) – Saturday, June 20, 2015 (All Ages Show) – Legacy Events Center – Farmington, UT

Friday, July 24 through Thursday, July 31, 2015 – Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC) Conference – San Diego, CA – No Events

SteelFist (MMA) – Friday, August 7, 2015 (21+ Show) – The Rail Event Center – Salt Lake City, UT

Elite Fight Night (MMA) – Friday, August 7, 2015 – Weber County Fairgrounds – Ogden, UT

SteelFist (MMA) – Saturday, October 3, 2015 (All Ages Show) – Legacy Events Center – Farmington, UT

Elite Fight Night (MMA) – Friday, October 16, 2015 – The Complex – Salt Lake City, UT

SteelFist (MMA) – Saturday, November 14, 2015 (All Ages Show) – Legacy Events Center – Farmington, UT

Director's Report

There was much discussion of amateur contestants selling tickets and having medicals paid for by promoters. Bill has discussed these items with the Attorney General's office. There will be more discussion at a later date.

Commissioner Montanez reported that the inspector training went well and was well attended. There are currently 30 to 40 inspectors. There was some discussion.

There was some discussion of radios/headsets for better communication.

Open Discussion – No Action to Be Taken

Jeremy Horn feels there is discrimination against his show. Examples of his frustrations are

inconsistencies of kickboxing fights not allowed in a cage, minimum bout requirements, proper glove use that are not enforced uniformly by the Commission, the tier system for judges and the length of time it takes the Commission to finalize changes. He feels there are many aspects of the rule that can be handled in Commission meetings without formal rule changes. Commissioner Daniels agrees that the Commission can bring greater clarity, greater definition and move forward with more consistency of rules, regulations, protocols and procedures/processes. Mr. Horn would like the Commission to poll the promoters and get them involved. Mr. Bowler states that promoters want equal protection. For example, do not impose on bigger promotions something that is not imposed on smaller promotions. Commissioner Daniels reminded Mr. Horn that any proposed rule change is released for public comment before adoption.

Commissioner Daniels would like discussion of MMA minimum bout requirements put on the agenda when there are more commissioners in attendance. He also feels that legal counsel involvement is needed. The grievance process and specific dispute resolutions need to be outlined for promoters as well as fighters with the possibility of closed meetings where applicable. There was much discussion.

Mr. Bowler raised some concerns of a new promotion and asked what qualifications need to be met at the time of Promoter licensing. After some discussion, Bill suggested that the Commission can have a formal process for approval of promoter applications.

Adjourn to Closed Meeting to discuss the character and professional competence of an individual or physical or mental health of an individual. (If necessary)

None

Set next meeting date

The next meeting date was tabled to best meet commissioner availability.

Commissioner McCartney made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Daniels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.