

PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION (PSUAC)

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

10:30 a.m.

Attending: Commissioners: Richard Montanez, Taylor Leavitt, Ty McCartney and Leslie Reberg. Director: Bill Colbert and guests, Jennifer Howe (Elite Performance), Tyson Green (contestant.)

Commissioner Montanez called the meeting to order.

Sign Per Diem Sheet

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Leavitt made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner McCartney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None

Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs)

Bill has been researching TUEs in the MMA communities as they are becoming a bigger concern. In the past, contestants have not always disclosed their prescribed medications even though the commission has always asked them to do so. The commission has increasingly stressed the importance of completing the medication disclosure on the pre-fight physical form and the contestants are becoming more aware of the negative consequences of positive drug testing when they have not disclosed this information. Bill indicated that testosterone replacement therapy and amphetamines for ADD/ADHD are being prescribed to contestants more and more by their primary care physicians. Bill provided the commissioners with responses from the UFC and other commissions and their concerns and policies. This is a topic that will be addressed more in the upcoming ABC conference. Bill would like the commission to consider an independent entity to review our TUEs applications and create applicable forms and policies.

Inspector Assignments

Bill advised the commissioners of the need for increased inspector coverage at the larger events.

Official Assignments

Commissioner Leavitt created a discussion document regarding a rotation process for official assignments and disseminated it to the commission. He has received positive feedback.

Bill and Commissioner Montanez are currently working together to assign officials but Bill said he is still receiving complaints from officials that the current assignment process is unfair. Commissioner Montanez stressed that just because an official has completed ABC

training does not make them a good official or guarantee them an assignment. He also said that officials should not call the commission for an assignment. Jennifer Howe said she would like to see the official's fee schedule increase to reflect their training and/or certification as an incentive to seek and complete training and/or certification.

Bill would like to put in place a monitoring system for new, interested judges including the possibility of shadow judging to allow them to rotate into the assignment process. He also has more trust in referees/judges that disclose a conflict of interest and remove themselves from officiating.

There was much discussion about removing distractions ringside.

Review Upcoming Events / Commission Assignments

Muay Thai Institute (Muay Thai) – Saturday, March 3, 2012 – Muay Thai Institute & Fitness Center – Salt Lake City, UT. Commissioner Leavitt will be in attendance.

SteelFist (MMA) – Friday, March 9, 2012 – The Complex – Salt Lake City, UT. There was much discussion/concerns regarding the conflicts that arise at this venue and the venue in West Haven.

Rocky Mountain Fight Championships (RMFC) (MMA) – Saturday, March 24, 2012 – Western Park Arena – Vernal, UT

FKF Boxing (Boxing/MMA) – Saturday, March 24, 2012 – Desert Peak Complex – Tooele, UT. Commissioners Montanez and Leavitt will be in attendance. Bill will be in Vernal.

Total Mayhem (MMA) – Saturday, April 7, 2012 – The Gym – West Haven, UT

Cache Valley Clash 2 (MMA) – Saturday, April 14, 2012 – Logan Recreation Center – Logan, UT

SteelFist (MMA) – Friday, April 20, 2012 – Location TBD – Salt Lake City, UT

Crown Fighting Championship (MMA) – Saturday, May 12, 2012 – The Dixie Center – St. George, UT

SteelFist (MMA) – Friday, June 8, 2012 – Location TBD – Salt Lake City, UT

SteelFist (MMA) – Friday, August 3, 2012 – Location TBD – Salt Lake City, UT

Crown Fighting Championship (MMA) – Saturday, September 15, 2012 – The Dixie Center – St. George, UT

Director's Report

Bill indicated the continuing problems surrounding reimbursement to the commission for

broadcast rights. He still needs some direction on how to proceed in ensuring that the commission receives broadcast revenue. Showdown has affirmed that they will be providing a breakout of their revenue from their last event and this weekend's event. The commission is losing revenue on broadcasts. The rule is 2% of the total revenue gained from the broadcast. There was much discussion on this topic.

Bill mentioned that this is the last meeting that will be held in the current GOED offices. Bill will announce the new location before the next meeting.

Open Discussion – No Action To Be Taken

Tyson Green comes before the commission to talk about his fight record. In his last ten (10) fights he has won one (1) and lost nine (9) which falls into the criteria of Administrative Suspension of Non-Performing Contestants. He would like the commission to approve a 90 day trial to prove his fighting capabilities. He has been training at The Pit Elevated and attending classes with Jason Rutledge beginning in December. Bill and Commissioner Leavitt suggested Tyson document and have verified his training over the next three (3) months then approach the commission again for fight approval.

Commissioner Montanez said Eddie "Flash" Newman spoke to him about requesting commission approval to put Johannes Musa on his next card with an equally matched opponent and Martin Chaparro who had two federal ID's under two different names with two separate records and he presented blood work to the commission that had been altered. Consequently he was suspended by this commission. After some discussion it was affirmed that Chaparro will not be permitted to compete in Utah. Musa does not have any integrity issues but an unsuccessful fight record. Eddie "Flash" Newman said he would come before the commission to make these requests personally but has failed to attend.

Set next meeting date

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.

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