

PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION (PSUAC)

Tuesday, March 27, 2011

10:30 a.m.

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

Commissioner Montanez called the meeting to order.

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Approval of Minutes

Commissioner McCartney made a motion to approve the minutes from February 28, 2012. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None

Appeal by Jordan Clements of His Suspension and/or Fine

Bill spoke with Aaron Garcia, Jordan's manager, regarding today's meeting. The meeting time, date and location was given to him. Aaron believes the length of suspension and the amount of the fine that was levied were excessive. They are not in attendance today.

Protocol on Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs)

Bill has done much research on TUEs and polled the ABC. Those results were shared with the commission. Bill provided a copy of the California proposed rule change on TUEs. Bill suggests the PSUAC consider using the Voluntary Anti-Doping Association (VADA) in Nevada under Dr. Margaret Goodman as the evaluating body. The commission should consider testing fighters to make sure their levels are compliant/reasonable for treatment and not for enhancement. Bill is still researching and suggests it would be best to handle this issue with a rule change versus a protocol. No action to be taken.

Protocol on Approving Unarmed Combat Events

Bill reported there have been problems with a couple of promoters not having adequate funds to pay fighters, officials and/or the commission, leaving at the conclusion of the night before funds can be collected and relying on ticket sales to cover those expenses. Bill has waited up to a month before receiving commission fees. Commissioner Montanez wants to put the seven (7) day rule back into effect. He also noted that fight cards and contracts are not being provided to the commission until just before the beginning of the event or not at all. Also, the contracts that are provided are not protecting fighters. Spectators are also negatively affected by these

poorly promoted fights. There was much discussion of this issue. Commissioner Reberg asked to see a newly drafted blank contract.

Commissioner Leavitt made a motion to approve the proposed “Protocol for Approving Unarmed Combat Events” with the omission of the word “boxing” in the opening paragraph. Commissioner McCartney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Reauthorization of Commission Rule R359-1

Bill reported that every five (5) years, all state agencies that are established by statute that have administrative rules need to reauthorize those administrative rules. Bill provided each commissioner with those rules. In the last five (5) years, Bill has received no comments from anyone specifically about the overall rules.

Commissioner Reberg made a motion to reauthorize administrative rule R359-1. Commissioner McCartney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Upcoming Events / Commission Assignments

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 – The Complex – Salt Lake City, UT. Commissioners Montanez and Leavitt will attend this event.

Crown Fighting Championship (MMA) – Saturday, May 12, 2012 – The Dixie Center – St. George, UT. Commissioner Leavitt will attend this event.

Muay Thai Institute (Muay Thai) – Saturday, June 2, 2012 – Muay Thai Institute & Fitness Center – Salt Lake City, 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

Showdown may hold an event on May 4, 2012. Bill still has not received the deposit yet.

Promoter Tracy Spinks (CCS Promotions) may be submitting an application for a boxing event on May 11 or 12, 2012 in Ogden. Commissioner Leavitt will attend this event if scheduled.

Director's Report

Assigning officials was the first issue on Bill's report. Commissioner Leavitt mentioned, however, that he was unable to make some edits on his assignment rotation and will have that completed for review next month.

Bill showed the commissioners the new urine drug kits. Lids need to be screwed on very tight so they will seal and not leak.

There have been problems with some amateur contracts. For example, a contestant manager has been demanding exorbitant fees from promoters to bring his amateur fighters to events. Also, the outstanding issue is that the commission has not precluded amateurs from selling tickets as there can be a financial gain from selling tickets.

Bill also mentioned that he has begun to provide commission shirts to referees. The referees look more professional, consistent and it does not cost much to provide shirts. Bill also has new shirts for commissioners and inspectors.

Open Discussion – No Action to be Taken

Kevin Patton has a concern about corner men and their conduct. Bill will be sending letters to some individuals and other concerns will be discussed in a closed session. He also mentioned that he has received some written complaints. There was some discussion.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 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.