

PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION (PSUAC)

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

10:30 a.m.

Attending: Commissioners: Richard Montanez, Taylor Leavitt and Ty McCartney. Director: Bill Colbert and guests, Kevin Patton, Mike Memmott and Michael Burkland.

Commissioner Montanez called the meeting to order.

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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

Proposed Rulemaking – Request for Public Comments

- a. R359-1-515. Competing in an Unsanctioned Unarmed Combat Event. Bill explained that he has added language for clarification of unclear language in paragraph two (2).

Commissioner Leavitt made a motion to distribute R359-1-515 as presented for public comment. Commissioner McCartney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. R359-1-501. Promoter's Responsibilities in Arranging a Contest. Bill reported that there have been problems with contestants requesting the commission for assistance in filing an insurance claim, sometimes months after an event. Fighters are instructed at each event to notify the ringside physician if they are injured at the time of the event so the ringside physician can document the injury. If fighters do not seek medical attention within seventy-two (72) hours and/or file a claim within a reasonable time, there is no way to insure the fighter has not been injured in an outside event. Paragraph E requires a contestant that is injured in an unarmed combat event to seek medical treatment for their injuries within seventy-two (72) hours of their bout and maintain written records of their treatment, expenses and correspondence with an insurance provider of promoter insured coverage.

Commissioner Leavitt made a motion to adopt the changes to R359-1-501 as presented and put out for public comment. Commissioner McCartney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Protocol Prohibiting Kickboxing and Muay Thai Boxing in a Cage

Bill explained that there have been periodic kickboxing and Muay Thai boxing bouts in a cage. Traditionally, these are forms of boxing and should always take place in a ring. Commissioner Montanez requested, because these bouts have been allowed in a cage in the past, a motion be made to prohibit these bouts in a cage by motion if it is the desire of the commission. Bill currently does not submit results of these fights to any recording body as none exists for kickboxing or Muay Thai boxing. However, they are recorded with the commission for their records.

Commissioner Leavitt made a motion to propose the insertion of the word “professional” at the beginning of this proposed protocol. Commissioner McCartney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Protocol Establishing Ringside Officials Standards of Conduct

Bill indicated that Commissioner Montanez prepared this protocol after referring to Arizona and other commission’s standard of conduct for ringside officials. It insures that our ringside officials behave professionally and remain impartial such as preventing judges from leaving the table so as to remain focused. If the commission adopts this protocol, it will be put in the officials’ licensing packet.

Commissioner McCartney made a motion to adopt the standard of conduct as presented for ringside officials. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Upcoming Events / Commission Assignments

WCFC (MMA) – Saturday, June 4, 2011 – Rail Event Center – Salt Lake City, UT.
Commissioner Montanez will cover this event.

Maximus IV, South Valley Gym (MMA) – Saturday, June 4, 2011 – Payson High School – Payson, UT. Bill Colbert will cover this event.

Fight King (MMA) – Friday, June 10, 2011 – The Complex – Salt Lake City, UT.
Commissioner Leavitt will cover this event.

Crown Fighting Championship (MMA) – Saturday, June 18, 2011 – Dixie Center – St. George, UT – Bill will cover this event.

Flash Academy (Boxing/MMA) – Saturday, June 18, 2011 – Eccles Center – Ogden, UT.
Commissioner Montanez will cover this event.

Total Mayhem (MMA) – Saturday, June 25, 2011 – The Gym – West Haven, UT

Fight King (MMA) – Wednesday, August 17, 2011 – Salt Palace – Salt Lake City, UT

Flash Academy (Boxing/MMA) – Friday, August 19, 2011 – Fairgrounds – Salt Lake City, UT

Director's Report

Bill needs to know who the second commissioner will be to attend the ABC Conference. The conference is from Monday, August 1, 2011 through Wednesday, August 3, 2011.

Bill received a promoter application from Steel Fist. They still need the BCI report.

Bill also reported that there have been many staffing changes and per diem payments have been delayed.

Open Discussion – No Action to be Taken

None

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 28, 2011 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 meeting. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.