

PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION (PSUAC)

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

10:30 a.m.

Attending: Commissioners: Richard Montanez, Leslie Reberg, Ty McCartney (telephone), and Kevin Daniels (telephone). Director: Bill Colbert and guest 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 August 28 and September 25, 2012. Commissioner Daniels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None

Licensing Physicals

Bill expressed concerns with licensing physicals being performed by ringside physicians on the night of weigh-ins or fight night. He is concerned that thorough physicals may not be achieved in this manner and that licensing physicals should be completed by outside medical providers before weigh-ins. Bill is requesting commission and promoter feedback. As a promoter, Kevin Patton acknowledges the need for licensing physicals but expressed the difficulty with follow through of some contestants. Commissioner Daniels suggested the implementation of a contestant fine. Effective January 1, 2013, a \$25 fine will be assessed the contestant in the absence of a licensing physical, a one-time pre-fight physical in place of a licensing physical will be allowed and a suspension will be implemented until a licensing physical is received by the commission.

Model Contestant Contract

Bill reported that he is still receiving contract concerns/complaints from contestants. This primarily stems from poorly written contracts, especially for out-of-town contestants, and lack of provisions for fight cancellations. Commissioner Montanez requests a fine provision be added to the model for contracted weight conditions/penalties. There was much discussion. Commissioner Daniels has been working on draft contracts and will send his models to Bill tomorrow.

Review Upcoming Events / Commission Assignments

The Clash MMA (MMA) – Friday, November 30, 2012 – Eccles Ice Center – North Logan, UT. Tyler Tomlinson will be the referee. Bill is finalizing the judges. Commissioner Leavitt will be in attendance.

SteelFist (MMA) – Friday, December 7, 2012 – The Rail Event Center – Salt Lake City, UT. Commissioner Daniels will be in attendance.

FKF Boxing (Boxing) – Saturday, December 15, 2012 – World Boxing Union (WBU) Welterweight Championship – South Towne Exposition Center – Sandy, UT. Commissioners Montanez and Daniels will be in attendance.

Rocky Mountain Fight Championships (RMFC) V (MMA) – Saturday, January 5, 2013 – Western Park – Vernal, UT

Elite Fight Nite (MMA) – Friday, January 11, 2013 – The Complex – Salt Lake City, UT. Bill has expressed the commission concerns with this venue. The promotion will resolve those concerns.

SteelFist (MMA) – Friday, January 25, 2013 – The Rail Event Center – Salt Lake City, UT

Crown Fighting Championship (CFC) (MMA) – Saturday, January 25, 2013 – Dixie Center - Saint George, UT

SteelFist (MMA) – Friday, March 8, 2013 – The Rail Event Center – Salt Lake City, UT

Rocky Mountain Fight Championships (RMFC) VI – Saturday, March 16, 2013 – Western Park – Vernal, UT

Elite Fight Nite (MMA) – Friday, March 29, 2013 – The Complex – Salt Lake City, UT

SteelFist (MMA) – Friday, April 19, 2013 – The Rail Event Center – Salt Lake City, UT

Director's Report

Bill announced that the commission will be hosting a mandatory MMA referee and timekeeping training on January 19, 2013 from noon to 8:00 p.m. John “Big John” McCarthy will be conducting the training. A fee of \$50 will be required per trainee.

Bill reported that the commission will be providing black and white striped shirts for timekeepers. Boxing referees provide their own white, button down shirts and black bow ties. Commissioner Montanez has ordered Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC) patches to be worn by boxing referees.

Bill reported that there have been high instances of positive drug tests, especially contestants in and from rural areas. The frequency of drug testing in rural areas will be increased. He also reported that many contestants serving suspensions due to positive drug testing are fighting in non-sanctioned events outside of Utah. In an attempt to discourage this behavior, Bill will increase the suspension from sixty (60) days to six (6) months for a competing in non-sanctioned events. There was much discussion.

Bill will begin assigning timekeepers for each promotion effective January 1, 2013.

Jon Neal has requested an administrative hearing regarding his suspension. Commissioner Montanez reported that Mr. Neal was suspended for two (2) promotion “no shows” and was asked to provide a doctor’s note, dated appropriately, for his alleged injuries. As of today, Mr. Neal has not provided a doctor’s note for the commission.

Open Discussion – No Action to be Taken

None

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.

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