

PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION (PSUAC)

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

10:30 a.m

Attending: Commissioners: Richard Montanez, Taylor Leavitt, Leslie Reberg and Ty McCartney. Director: Bill Colbert.

Commissioner Montanez called the meeting to order.

Per Diem sheets were signed.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None

Approval of Minutes

*Commissioner McCartney made a motion to approve the minutes of Thursday, April 15, 2010. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Review Upcoming Events / Commission Assignments

UCE (MMA) – Saturday, May 15, 2010 – Ultimate Combat Training Center – Kearns, UT

UCE (MMA) – Friday, May 21, 2010 – Club Vegas – Salt Lake City, UT. Commissioner Reberg will be in attendance.

Fight Kings (MMA) – Friday, May 21, 2010 – Centro Civico – Salt Lake City, UT

Try Me Productions (Boxing) – Saturday, June 5, 2010 – Location TBA

UCE (MMA) – Saturday, June 5, 2010 – Ultimate Combat Training Center – Kearns, UT  
Commissioner McCartney will be in attendance.

World Championship Full Contact (WCFC) (MMA) – Saturday, June 5, 2010 – The Rail Event Center - Salt Lake City, UT – Commissioners Montanez and Reberg will be in attendance.

UCE (MMA) – Friday, June 11, 2010 – Teazers – Ogden, UT

So You Wanna Fight (MMA/Boxing Exhibition) – Saturday, June 12, 2010. – Eccles Conference Center – Ogden, UT

UCE (MMA) – Friday, June 18, 2010 – Club Vegas – Salt Lake City, UT

UCE (MMA) – Friday, June 25, 2010 – Club Vegas – Salt Lake City, UT

UFC (MMA) – Sunday, August 1, 2010 – Energy Solutions Arena (ESA) – Salt Lake City, UT

There was much discussion about stand up fighting in MMA. This matter will be discussed at the ABC Conference in July 2010.

Bully Beatdown will be filmed over the Memorial Day Weekend.

Bill reported there are still a couple of promoters not yet scheduled that are interested in holding events in Utah.

Proposed Rule Change to Have Ringside Physicians Fee be Reimbursed Directly by Commission and Added to the Promoter Event Fees

Rule R359-1-501 (8): Before a contest begins, the promoter shall give the designated Commission member the money for payment of contestants, referees, judges, and the attending physician. The designated Commission member shall pay each contestant, referee, judge, and physician in the presence of one witness.

Rule R359-1-501 (10) (C): Correction from “should” to “shall”.

New, proposed section would have Commission assign event officials and set minimum fees. Bill stated that making assignments would place an additional burden on the Commission. Commissioner McCartney suggested the Commission certify referees and judges only. If the Commission feels that officials at any given event may be biased then they can disapprove the request. The Commission still controls the area around the cage and chooses seating arrangements. Bill indicated the proposed rule can be revised to state the Commission will approve event officials. Bill also indicated that the Commission can change the number of officials required at any event.

There was some discussion regarding promoter’s paying or not paying event officials for their service and mileage. Commissioner McCartney strongly suggests creating a fee schedule.

If a licensee protests an assignment they can bring the matter before Bill and the commissioner in charge or lead inspector.

*Commissioner Leavitt made a motion to move the amended changes to public comment. Commissioner McCartney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Outstanding Medical Claims

Bill sent information to Mike Stidham (UCE) of Damon Gorecki’s injuries last fall. The promoter maintains he was not notified. The promoter’s insurance company a letter to UCE dated August 17, 2009 which the promoter never responded. This has been a repeated issue, followed with the Commission then receiving a letter from the insurance company denying the claim and leaving the contestant responsible for all incurred medical expenses. The Commission has sufficient evidence that Mike did receive notification in this specific case. Bill will send UCE a letter directing the claim be paid.

### Director's Report

Bill reports small events are negatively impacting the Commission's budget. The same numbers of Commission representatives are required as any other event; however, attendance is substantially lower than other MMA events in Utah. The UCE shows are re-broadcast by television and cable providers. UCE maintains that it provides his show at no cost to the media. Commissioner McCartney requests to review the contracts between UCE and Comcast, CW30, MTV, etc. By commission request, Bill will contact Comcast to obtain the contract. If the contract cannot be obtained from the media source, Bill will secure a subpoena to obtain copies of the contract(s).. Commissioner McCartney will provide Bill contact information for Comcast.. Commissioner Leavitt would like to visit attendance parameters at a future date.

Bill reports that Bully Beatdown requested guidance about female breast implants and chest protection. Bill surveyed other commissions. There is no consistent direction. Some commissions require chest protection and some do not for both boxing and MMA. One commission prohibits females from fighting if they have breast implants and another commission will prohibit females from fighting if they discover a fighter has breast implants. Bully Beatdown will require female chest protection for the stand up round and will not require chest protection for the grappling round.

### Open Discussion – No Action to be Taken

None

### Next Commission Meeting

The next commission meeting will be held Tuesday, June 15, 2010.

*Commissioner McCartney made the motion that the next commission meeting will be held Tuesday, June 15, 2010. Commissioner Reberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

### Adjourn

*Commissioner Reberg made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner McCartney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*