

PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION (PSUAC)

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

10:30 a.m

Attending: Commissioners: Richard Montanez, Taylor Leavitt, Leslie Reberg and Ty McCartney. Director: Bill Colbert, guests Rebecca Waldron (Attorney General's Office), Jennifer Howe (Elite Performance), Jeremy Horn (Elite Performance), Mike Stidham (Ultimate Combat Experience), and Vanessa Monson (Extreme Combat).

Commissioner Montanez called the meeting to order.

Per Diem sheets were signed.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Jennifer is concerned with why Dave Seljestad called a lot of quick stand ups in the WCFC fight which is not his refereeing style. She asked if the commission is directing referees to limit ground fighting. Commissioner Leavitt replied saying there were no instructions given to the referee by the commission. She also asked the commission's stand on pausing a fight to retrieve a mouthpiece. Bill said if fighters are engaged the referee should wait until there is a break in the fight.

Jennifer also asked what the commission's stand is on limiting grappling in an MMA fight. She indicated there seems to be a push to remove grappling. The ABC is concerned with agreements apparently being made between MMA fighters not to go to the ground. Commissioner Montanez said those agreements change an MMA fight to boxing with 4 ounce gloves. The Muhammed Ali Act specifies only 8 ounce and 10 ounce gloves.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Leavitt made a motion to approve the minutes of Tuesday, May 11, 2010. Commissioner McCartney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Upcoming Events / Commission Assignments

UCE (MMA) – Saturday, June 26, 2010 – Club Vegas – Salt Lake City, UT

There have been requests from the WCFC and Aaron Garcia for events on July 17, 2010. Dates have not been secured with an event fee. Bill and two commissioners will be out of town for the Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC) Convention and feels there would not be sufficient commission support for multiple events that weekend.

The UFC event Sunday, August 1, 2010 has been canceled.

Commission Action in Response to Ultimate Combat Experience (UCE) Failure to Pay Outstanding Medical Insurance Claim

Commissioner McCartney made a motion to move agenda item 6: Commission Action in Response to Ultimate Combat Experience (UCE) Failure to Pay Outstanding Medical Insurance Claim to the end of the agenda with an intent of going into a closed session. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Final Rule Adoption for Amendment to R359-1-508, “Hepatitis B Surface Antigen (HBsAg) and Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Antibody Testing” to Extend Validity of Hepatitis Test Results to 1 Year

Bill indicated there has been no public comment.

Commissioner Leavitt made a motion to adopt the rule as written as a final action. Commissioner McCartney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Final Rule Adoption for Amendment to R359-1-501, “Promoter’s Responsibilities in Arranging a Contest” to Allow Contestants to be Responsible for up to 10% of Their Medical Insurance Deductibles, Not to Exceed \$500

Commissioner McCartney would like to discuss this topic more after the ABC Convention next month to see what other commission’s are doing in other states.

Commissioner McCartney made the motion to delay taking action on this rule until August. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Vanessa Monson indicated that Extreme Combat did not go out of business because of insurance claims. In the year and a half they held shows there were only four insurance claims filed.

Request for Public Comment on Proposed Amendment to R359-1-501, “Promoter’s Responsibilities in Arranging a Contest” Setting the Fee For Unarmed Combat Events Occurring in Venues with Less Than 500 Attendees at \$200

Bill reported the commission is losing significant money each week on small shows. Commission oversight and cost remains the same regardless of the number of attendees.

Commissioner McCartney made a motion to put this out for public comment as proposed. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commission Direction on R359-1-502, “Ringside Equipment” Dressing Room Requirements

Some venues do not have sufficient space for a dressing area separate from spectators. Bill is requesting direction from the commission. There is a need for a physical barrier.

Commissioner McCartney suggests that the director give direction for creation of a physical barrier or a security guard posted at the dressing room for every venue.

Director's Report

Bill reported that most feedback on the "So You Wanna Fight?" event is positive but some do not like the 30 second ground clock.

There have been problems with ambulance services arriving late. Commissioner McCartney will contact the scheduler to remind them there can be more than one event per night. He feels it is a scheduling error.

Bill said the ABC Federal MMA Registry fee is being charged to commissions. The \$50 fee will be collected from the promoter for every event unless the promoter is participating in the registry.

Bill reported that there have been some problems with timekeepers leaving the table and moving around. As officials they need to stay at their position.

Bill reported there is a need for certified officials training. Bill would like to schedule that in August or September depending on budgetary issues.

Bill reminded commissioners that will be traveling to the ABC Convention to make their hotel and airplane reservations if not already done.

Open Discussion – No Action Taken

Jennifer showed the commission that their accident insurance will not raise their rates upon number of claims.

Next Meeting

Commissioner McCartney made the motion that the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, July 13 at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session

Commissioner McCartney made a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion.

Open Session

Commissioner Leavitt made the motion to move to an open session. Commissioner McCartney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner McCartney made the motion that within 30 days the \$2,841.93 will be paid to Damon Gorecki by Mr. Stidham. Commissioner Leavitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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