

Friday July 20th, 2018

Attending Commissioners: Taylor Leavitt (Commission Chair), Commissioner Troy Walker in attendance with Commissioner Mike Deaver and Assistant Attorney General Mike Green via teleconference. Director Scott Bowler facilitated the call from the Bryce Canyon Conference Room #369. Also in attendance, Administrative Assistant Tracy Pattillo, and Judge Dan Furse

Commission Chairman Leavitt called the meeting to order at 12:15pm at the Governor's Office of Economic Development in the "Bryce Canyon Conference Room."

Sign Per Diem Sheet

Director Bowler informed Mike Deaver that he would be emailed his Per Diem as he attended via teleconference.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Troy Walker made a motion to approve the minutes from the 6-15-18 Commission Meeting as they are written. Commissioner Mike Deaver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without opposition.

Jeremy Horn's Elite Fight Night Would like to propose an Amateur State Title defense bout between Julian Ruiz 7-3 (Champion) and Ryder Campo 5-0 (Challenger):

Director Bowler explained to the Commission members that in accordance with the Protocol for granting a State Title both fighters must be in good standing without restrictions or sanctions on their respective Licenses. Both fighters currently meet all criteria for eligibility for the State Title matchup.

Commissioner Troy Walker made a motion to sanction the Amateur Featherweight State Title defense bout between Julian Ruiz and Ryder Campo. (Provided both parties meet the criteria within the date of the contest) Commissioner Mike Deaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Review of approved drinks in the Locker Room area to include (Body Armor):

Director Bowler opened the discussion by explaining that the current protocol allows fighters to have "approved" drinks in the Locker Room area, which include Gatorade, Powerade, Pedialite, and bottled water. All bottles must be unopened, and sealed at the time of entry into the Locker Room. Excluding drinks with any form of stimulant, such as Coffee/tea, Soda pop, Energy Drinks. Pre-workout powders and/or liquids are strictly prohibited.

Director Bowler also related that several other State Athletic Commissions have approved the Body Armor drinks, as they have no sort of stimulants, but many natural vitamins well under the recommended daily allowance.

Commissioner Troy Walker made a motion to permit the Body Armor Drinks into the locker room area along with the other approved drinks. Commissioner Mike Deaver seconded the motion the motion passed unanimously without opposition.

Review of info for upcoming ABC Conference in Florida:

Director Bowler related to the group that all reservations and flight arrangements have been made, and forwarded to the each respective Commission member.

Assistant Attorney General Mike Green informed the group that he had been offered another position outside of the States Attorney General office. Mr. Green will be leaving his position and asked if the Board still wanted him to attend the ABC Conference in Florida. Discussion continued and it seemed the consensus of the board that he continue on with the trip as he could still function in an advisory position, to ensure the Utah statutes permitted any proposed rule changes during the conference.

Review of Upcoming Events:

August 2018

Friday – August 3, 2018 @7:00 PM, **SteelFist Fight Night 60**, **The Union Event Center**, 235 N 500 W, Salt Lake City, UT 84116 – **SteelFist** – MMA Event.

Friday- August 10th, 2018 @ 7:00 PM, **Jeremy Horn’s Elite Fight Night**, **Weber County Fairgrounds Golden Spike Event Center** 1200 Bill Bailey Blvd, Ogden, UT 84404 –**EliteFightNight** – Pro/Am MMA

October 2018

Friday – October 12, 2018 @7:00 PM, **SteelFist Fight Night 61**, **The Union Event Center**, 235 N 500 W, Salt Lake City, UT 84116 – **SteelFist** – MMA Event.

September 2018

Saturday - September 22st, 2018@10am FitCon Fights Riverbend Sports Complex 1085 Winding River Cove W. Salt Lake City, UT 84104 – FitCon - Muay Thai Amateur Event

Saturday - September 29, 2018 @ 7pm Mountain Force MMA Eccles Ice Center, 2825 N. 200 East, North Logan UT 84341 – Mountain Force MMA – Pro/Am MMA Event.

November 2018

Friday – November 16, 2018 @7:00 PM, **SteelFist Fight Night 62**, **The Union Event Center**, 235 N 500 W, Salt Lake City, UT 84116 – **SteelFist** – MMA Event.

Friday – April 13, 2018 @7:00 PM, **SteelFist Fight Night 57**, **The Rail Event Center**, 235 N 500 W, Salt Lake City, UT 84116 – **SteelFist** – MMA Event.

Directors Report:

Director Bowler related that the financial report was delayed due to the end of fiscal year report being generated by the GOED Finance Department. Not much had changed with no major purchase or income changes outside the norm.

Director Bowler informed the Commission that the Fee Schedule was up for review at the next meeting, and will be proposing a slight fee increase for Contestant and Seconds Licensure. This change would be introduced at the next Commission meeting as a prelude to increased cost associated with the Transaction Fee from the online licensing program.

Public Comments:

Judge Dan Furse asked the Commission to consider an increase to the Fight Night Protocol, which would require promoters to provide a barrier system that separates the ringside/cageside seating from the fans, even in venues without alcohol. "Often times the crowd starts the event at a safe distance but as the night goes on they slowly get closer and closer." "The Commission staff is often time encroached upon by hyper passionate or intoxicated fans." Dan Furse Continued, "I have had fans literally right over my shoulder cheering for fighters and even attempting to see my score cards".

Commission Chairman Taylor Leavitt asked to bear with the changes, which were made only last month and give the promotions time to make the adjustments. We will review this again after a few months.

If a significant change is not detected then promotions may be required to post security personnel to protect the "Technical Zone".

Schedule Next meeting:

It was agreed to set a tentative schedule of the 3rd Friday of every month we will have a Commission Meeting. The next meeting scheduled for August 17th, 2018 at 12noon at the PSUAC/GOED Office.

Adjourn:

*Commissioner Troy Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Deaver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without opposition. **Meeting Adjourned. 12:59 PM***