

PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHELETIC COMMISSION (PSUAC)

Friday November 16, 2018

Attending Commissioners: Commissioners Taylor Leavitt (Commission Chair), Bruce Baird, and Mike Deaver in attendance with Director Scott Bowler and Admin. Assistant Tracy Pattillo, Commissioner Troy K. Walker, and Mike Deaver joined via teleconference. Director Scott Bowler facilitated the call from the Bryce Canyon Conference Room #369. Also joining via teleconference; Contestant Thomas Boyer.

Commission Chairman Leavitt called the meeting to order at 12:25pm at the Governor's Office of Economic Development in the "Bryce Canyon Conference Room."

Sign Per Diem Sheet

Director Bowler informed the Commissioners that attended via teleconference, that Tracy Pattillo would email the Per Diem forms to be signed and returned.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Bruce Baird made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 08-17-2018, Mike Deaver seconded the motion. Troy Walker and Taylor Leavitt also voted to approve the motion. The Motion passed unanimously without opposition.

Contestant Caleb Caldwell request to compete in boxing:

Director Bowler explained to the Commission members that in Contestant Caleb Caldwell is seeking a reinstatement of his Contestant License after suffering nine straight losses. Current PSUAC protocol prohibits a contestant from competition with eight consecutive losses without Commission review of opponent (and MAY only be granted a license on a provisional basis pending review of an increase of skill.) Contestant Caleb Caldwell failed to appear before the board for this review.

Commissioner Bruce Baird made a motion to table the review pending Contestant Caleb Caldwell ability to appear (At least via teleconference) before the board to explain the efforts to increase his skillset. Commissioner Mike Deaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously without opposition.

Contestant Thomas Boyer request to review a UA test result:

Director Bowler opened the discussion by explaining that prior to the Mountain Force MMA event on September 29, 2018 In Logan, Contestant Thomas Boyer was selected for a drug test in accordance with R359-1-506 and U.A.C. 63C-11-309. Redwood Toxicology confirmed a positive test result from the sample Contestant Boyer provided that night contained Amphetamines and Methamphetamines. Director Bowler contacted Contestant Boyer via telephone to inform him of the positive result confirmation due to Boyer being scheduled to compete on the Fierce MMA Show on October 27, 2018.

Thomas Boyer made a statement that he had consumed a dietary supplement "Synadrene" by Hi-Tech Pharmaceuticals, which contained a substance Dimethylhexanamine (DMAA) which had been noted in a few articles as indicating on test a "False Positive". He stated that he purchased this supplement at a local General Nutrition Center (GNC) and had no idea he could test positive for banned substances by taking something so readily available to the public. He further added that he had never consumed any illegal drugs, certainly not Methamphetamines.

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Commissioner Bruce Baird had read the information and done a bit of research prior to the meeting and found the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) had banned DMAA as a dietary supplement, and on the label of the Synadrene bottle it states “May cause heart attack”. Much discussion continued as to the supplement itself and the Contestants responsibility for what he/she puts into their bodies. There was mention of checking with Redwood Toxicology to see if DMAA could produce a “false positive” for Amphetamines or Methamphetamines, but it was determined to be irrelevant due to DMAA itself also being banned by the FDA and the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA).

Ultimately, it was determined that Synadrene itself contained DMAA, a banned substance (although not the substance that was confirmed by Redwood Toxicology Labs) and that was a violation of the Utah banned substance policy for Contestants.

Commissioner Troy Walker made a motion to deny the request of Contestant Thomas Boyer to overturn the suspension and to uphold the fine. Commissioner Bruce Baird seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without opposition.

Review and Discussion of Fee schedule change:

Director Bowler led the discussion regarding the proposed fee change from \$30 for Contestants and Seconds, to \$35 or \$40 annually. The pending Online Licensing will have an added cost to the PSUAC in credit card transaction fees. This increase is designed to absorb much of those fees. The License Application fee schedule had not been changed since 2011, and that due to increased cost to rural events a minimal increase in fees could help offset the cost to the PSUAC. A review of several of the similar size and active State Athletic Commissions revealed that the PSUAC was still below the average in License fees. Director Bowler suggested a fee increase of either \$5 or \$10 per annual License could generate enough revenue to financially support the PSUAC cost of coverage for shows in the rural markets such as; Price, Logan, Wendover, and St. George.

Review of Upcoming Events:

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 – November 30, 2018 @8:00pm, **FKF Productions Boxing**, Franklin Covey Business Building, 2580 S. Decker Lake Dr. West Valley, UT 84411 –FKF Boxing- Boxing Event

December 2018

USABOXING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS @ The Salt Palace Dec. 3rd-8th

Saturday - December 8, 2018@7pm **MOUNTAIN FORCE MMA** Eccles Ice Center 2825 N. 200 E. N. Logan, UT 841341 – MTF MMA – Pro/Am MMA

January 2019

Saturday – January 5, 2019 @7:00 PM, **SteelFist Fight Night 63**, The Union Event Center, 235 N 500 W, Salt Lake City, UT 84116 – SteelFist – MMA Event.

February 2019

Friday – February 16, 2019 @7:00 PM, **SteelFist Fight Night 64**, The Union Event Center, 235 N 500 W, Salt Lake City, UT 84116 – SteelFist – MMA Event.

Directors Report:

Director Bowler provided the Commission with information regarding Weigh in / Fight day weight results from the last six events. The study will continue until next year. All members agreed that the info should be made public, in an effort to dissuade dramatic weight cuts.

Public Comments:

No public remained. No Comments recorded

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 November 16, 2018 at 12noon at the PSUAC/GOED Office.

Adjourn:

Commissioner Bruce Baird made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Deaver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without opposition.