

PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHELETIC COMMISSION (PSUAC)

Friday January 18, 2019

**Attending Commissioners:** Commissioners Taylor Leavitt (Commission Chair), Bruce Baird, and Troy Walker in attendance with Director Scott Bowler and Admin. Assistant Tracy Pattillo, Commissioner Leslie Reberg joined via teleconference. Director Scott Bowler facilitated the call from the Bryce Canyon Conference Room #369. Also joining; Contestant Sean Powers, Judge Bridget Mora and Inspector Anthony Mora, and Kamron Dalton (GOED Finance Director).

Commission Chairman Leavitt called the meeting to order at 12:09pm 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 Troy Walker made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 11-16-2018, Bruce Baird seconded the motion. Leslie Reberg and Taylor Leavitt also voted to approve the motion. The motion passed unanimously without opposition.*

**Former promoter Sean Powers would like to discuss fighting on his own promotion:**

Director Bowler explained to the Commission members that in Contestant/Promoter Sean Powers is seeking an exception to the PSUAC protocol that prohibits any licensed participant from exercising multiple licenses in the same event. In an effort to avoid logistical issues and perceived conflicts of interest the PSUAC board expressed reservations regarding granting this exception. The conversation continued; with Mr. Powers explaining that he has competed in events in which he was the promoter as well in the past with the previous Director Bill Colbert. It was reported that those events had inherent problems which brought forth the protocol prohibiting these types of event.

In conclusion, the protocol was implemented to avoid these conflicts and it is the position of the PSUAC that the protocol be upheld.

*Commissioner Bruce Baird made a motion to deny the Sean Powers the exception to the protocol which would allow him to compete on a show in which he was the promoter. Commissioner Troy Walker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously without opposition by the entire Board.*

**Review of Upcoming Events:**

**February 2019**

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

Saturday – February 23, 2019 @7:00 PM, **Mountain Force Kickboxing**, Legacy Event Center, 151 South 1100 West, UT 84125 – Mountain Force – Kickboxing Event.

## **March 2019**

Saturday – March 2, 2019 @7:00 PM, **FIERCE FIGHTING CHAMPIONSHIPS**, Utah State Fair Park, 155 North 1000 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84116 – FIERCE FC – MMA Event.

Saturday – March 8, 2019 @8:00 PM, **FKF BOXING**, 801 Event Center, 1065 W. North Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84116 – FKF Productions – Pro/Am Boxing Event.

Friday – March 22, 2019 @7:00 PM, **SteelFist Fight Night 65**, Union Event Center, 235 N 500 W, Salt Lake City, UT 84116 – SteelFist – MMA Event.

Saturday – March 30, 2019 @7:00 PM, **MOUNTAIN FORCE MMA**, Cache County Event Center, 490 N. 500 W. Logan, UT 84321 – Mountain Force MMA – Pro/Am MMA Event.

## **April 2019**

Friday – February 12, 2019 @6:00 PM, **FITCon MMA**, The Salt Palace, 10 S. West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84101 – FITCon Utah – MMA Event.

Saturday – February 13, 2019 @12:00 PM, **FITCon Muay Thai**, The Salt Palace, 10 S. West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84101 – FITCon Utah – Muay Thai Event.

Friday – April 26, 2019 @7:00 PM, **SteelFist Fight Night 66**, Union Event Center, 235 N 500 W, Salt Lake City, UT 84116 – SteelFist – MMA Event.

## **May 2019**

Friday – May 31, 2019 @7:00 PM, **SteelFist Fight Night 67**, Union Event Center, 235 N 500 W, Salt Lake City, UT 84116 – SteelFist – MMA Event.

## **June 2019**

Friday – June 28, 2019 @7:00 PM, **SteelFist Fight Night 68**, Union Event Center, 235 N 500 W, Salt Lake City, UT 84116 – SteelFist – MMA Event.

## **July 2019**

**ANNUAL ABC CONFERENCE Scottsdale, Arizona July 26 – 31st. NO EVENTS TO BE SCHEDULED**

## **August 2019**

Friday – August 9, 2019 @7:00 PM, **SteelFist Fight Night 69**, Union Event Center, 235 N 500 W, Salt Lake City, UT 84116 – SteelFist – MMA Event.

## **October 2019**

Saturday – October 19, 2019 @7:00 PM, **SteelFist Fight Night 70**, Union Event Center, 235 N 500 W, Salt Lake City, UT 84116 – SteelFist – MMA Event.

## **November 2019**

Friday – November 22, 2019 @7:00 PM, **SteelFist Fight Night 71**, 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 the Financial Report which reflects a positive environment. We are currently within the budget forecast parameters.

Director Bowler relayed an unsettling find regarding the Insurance Policies provided by a few of the promotions within the State of Utah. Jeremy Horn's Elite Fight Night held an even in August of 2017 in which an Athlete was injured. He spent a total of 3 days in the hospital and the policy was used to pay a portion of the bill. There was a remaining balance of which the Insurance policy did not cover. Further investigation revealed that there are significant limitations to many policies.

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Also revealed; many of the policies written by U.S. Fire Insurance reflect a \$10,000 aggregate instead of the \$10,000 per athlete as mandated by U.A.C. R359-1-501 (4).

Director Bowler informed the Board that he has prepared a Memo to go out the promoters informing them of the limitations of such policies. It also urges them to contact their Insurance Brokers to verify the policy has coverage for each athlete in the amount of \$10,000. Also, limitations should be reviewed and acknowledged by the promoter who purchases the policy.

Online License Progress report. The test site has been built and the initial layout is being produced. Director Bowler and Admin. Assistant Tracy Pattillo will continue to test the site until complete. The shopping cart features have yet to be installed. We are hoping to begin a "Soft Rollout" of the program in March, with a hard start date of July to start the new fiscal year. Further reports will follow.

**Public Comments:**

Inspector Tony Mora asked the Board to review the policy regarding the number fights on a given fight card, and the amount of time in which the Inspectors and staff are to be paid. A number of event scheduled lately have gone late, often times the Inspectors and Staff work longer than the 6 hours they are paid as per the provisions of the U.A.C.

Inspectors are compensated as follows:

Up to 4 Hours - \$60 Stipend

Up to 6 Hours - \$90 Stipend

Commissioner Bruce Baird tasked Director Bowler to research options to curtail promotions whom start the events late and/or the event that exceed the 4 hour event time (plus the 2 hours of time in which the Inspectors are required to be at the event). A report will be presented in the next Commission meeting.

**Schedule Next meeting:**

It was agreed to set a tentative schedule of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month we will have a Commission Meeting. The next meeting scheduled for February 15, 2019 at 12noon at the PSUAC/GOED Office.

**Adjourn:**

*Commissioner Bruce Baird made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Troy Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without opposition at 1:41pm.*