

PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHELETIC COMMISSION (PSUAC)

Friday February 22, 2019

**Attending Commissioners:** Commissioners Taylor Leavitt (Commission Chair), Bruce Baird in attendance with Director Scott Bowler, Commissioner Leslie Reberg joined via teleconference. Director Scott Bowler facilitated the call from the Bryce Canyon Conference Room #369. Also joining; Licensed Second Gary Gomez, (Via teleconference).

Commission Chairman Leavitt called the meeting to order at 12:07pm 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 01-18-2019, Bruce Baird seconded the motion. Leslie Reberg and Taylor Leavitt also voted to approve the motion. The motion passed unanimously without opposition.*

**Discussion of protocol change to Drug Testing in regards to Professionals and Title bouts:**

Director Bowler explained to the Commission members that in addition to the current rule R359-1-506 regarding Drug Testing the Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission shall reserve the right to withhold the "win bonus" of any purse of a professional athlete who produces a drug test sample that indicates a positive result. If the sample result is confirmed by the laboratory the withheld funds will be applied to the fine assessed by the PSUAC in accordance with R359-1-506. If the result is unconfirmed or found to be negative the "win bonus" funds will be turned over to the athlete in a timely fashion.

If the contest is a "Title Bout" and the winner provides a sample that is positive (according to the instant Cup Test) the belt shall be held until the laboratory either confirms the positive result, or confirms the sample is negative. A positive confirmation, will allow the PSUAC to return the belt to the promotion. If the result is negative the belt will then be released to the athlete in a timely fashion. The idea of this change is to protect the promotions financial interests as well as ensure that fines are paid to the Commission. The fines assessed are designed to cover the cost of testing.

*Commissioner Bruce Baird made a motion to approve the protocol change with a single change that the Commission "MAY" not shall. Reserve the right to withhold the "win bonus and /or belt" from a contestant that produces a sample that indicates a positive result. Commissioner Leslie Reberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously without opposition by the entire Board.*

**Director Bowler to present a report on Inspector Compensation for late events:**

Director Bowler related to the Board that this Un-official report would be an ongoing discussion to attempt to curtail the events from running so long that it becomes an issue regarding Inspector compensation.

Current payment structure for Inspectors and Licensed Officials;

**Inspectors:** Paid by the PSUAC

4 Hours and under \$60.00    6 Hours and under \$90.00

Continued.

Inspectors are required to arrive at the venue 2 hours prior to scheduled start time, thus leaving 4 hours for the event.

An event that is scheduled to start at 7pm should end at 11pm. *Any time after that should be considered overtime.*

<b>Judges:</b> <i>Paid by the Promotion</i>	<b>Referee:</b> <i>Paid by the Promotion</i>	<b>Timekeeper:</b> <i>Paid by the Promotion</i>
Tier 3: \$100.00	Tier 3: \$150.00	Tier 2: \$75.00
Tier 2: \$125.00	Tier 2: \$200.00	Tier 1: \$100.00
Tier 1: \$150.00	Tier 1: \$250.00	

Proposed Fee Structure;

- 1) A fee associated with a late start if the event exceeds 4 hours.  
*(A penalty fee of \$100 added to the Event Fee at the end of the night)*
- 2) A per inspector fee for events lasting over 4 hours.  
*(\$30 per Inspector Fee to be assessed at the end of the event for any Inspectors kept longer than the 6 hour total as paid in the PSUAC protocol. As the 4 hour mark approached the Director and/or Chief Inspector will release any none essential personnel.*

*Each fight requires an Inspector in each corner plus an Inspector in each locker room and the Lead Inspector, unless only 1 fight remains. \$20 to be paid to the Inspector via the standard payment and \$10 to the PSUAC)*

- 3) A flat fee for event lasting over 4 hours.  
*(A flat fee of \$150 for the first hour over the first 4 hours. \$200 for every hour after that)*

In the event of an unforeseen delay in the show start or conclusion (such as an athlete injury that requires them to be transported to the hospital). The promotion will not have any fees assessed against them for the duration of the delay.

Since this item could have a financial impact on the promotions as well at the PSUAC budget it will be continued at a later date.

**Update of Director Bowler’s finding regarding Insurance policies and State Risk.**

Director Bowler conveyed the conversation with Christopher Pieper from the Attorney General Office that the burden of proof is on the promotion to provide the proper insurance coverage. It must be \$10,000 coverage per athlete not an aggregate of the entire card. The letter sent out to the promotions will serve as a reminder that they should verify with their individual brokers that the coverage is sufficient.

It is also recommended that the promotions provide a copy of the policy to the PSUAC a few days early for review. Any necessary changes can be made at that time without impacting the event.

## **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.

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:**

Licensed Second/Coach Gary Gomez asked that the upcoming bout between Larry Gomez and Mikhail Lyubarsky be considered for a Utah State Title. He asked if it would be possible at a later date that three members of the Commission would be available to review the bout for consideration of the State Boxing Title at 147 pounds. Commissioners Bruce Baird, Leslie Reberg and Chairman Taylor Leavitt all agreed to make themselves available for a conference call and review.

Later it was determined that an email which outlines the records and information about each athlete would be sufficient to make the determination. This would also give all Commission members a chance to weigh in on the decision/

### **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 March 15, 2019 at 12noon at the PSUAC/GOED Office. Bryce Canyon Conference room

### **Adjourn:**

*Commissioner Bruce Baird made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Leslie Reberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without opposition at 12:29pm.*