

PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHELETIC COMMISSION (PSUAC)

Friday April 19th, 2019

Attending Commissioners: Commissioners Taylor Leavitt (Commission Chair), Commissioner Bruce Baird, with Director Scott Bowler in attendance, Commissioners Leslie Reberg, and Mike Deaver joined via teleconference. Director Scott Bowler facilitated the call from the Bryce Canyon Conference Room #369. Also joining; Contestant Kent Mafileo, Second Jake Paul.

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 Bruce Baird made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 03-15-2019, Leslie Reberg seconded the motion. Taylor Leavitt also voted to approve the motion. The motion passed unanimously without opposition.

Jake Paul appeal of disciplinary suspension of Seconds License:

Director Bowler explained to the Commission members on February 16, 2019 at the SteelFist event in Salt Lake City, Second Jake Paul was the coach/second for Contestant Kent Mafileo. That night there was an incident where the gloves Mr. Paul was helping Mr. Mafileo put on appeared to have been cut and "Lead Inspector" Jessica Done (related in an informal email regarding the incident) told Paul to hold off while we attempt to get other gloves or Get Director Bowler to approve these. Then Mr. Paul became irate and began to swear at the Inspectors and told them not to touch him. It is Inspector Done's position that she never touched him but still he continued his unprofessional tirade. At that point she went to get Director Bowler.

When Director Bowler arrived in the locker room area he attempted to defuse the situation by allowing the gloves to be taped for use in this bout. It was determined that cut itself was not on the "fighting surface" thus not a danger to the opponent. Much discussion regarding the use of the gloves and the assumption of risk by Mafileo. It was not until later that Director Bowler was told of the unprofessional actions by Mr. Paul. This was among several incidents with Mr. Paul and Director Bowler felt it necessary to take action and suspend him for unprofessional conduct. Inspector Ron Wilkey was also a witness and wrote an informal email outlining the incident, which corroborated statements given by Inspector Done.

Mr. Paul then stated that during the incident Inspector Jessica Done grabbed his arm (which was in a sling) and jerked it around and that caused him to yell at her and the staff. He related that the gloves were actually owned by Kent Mafileo (which is against the protocol) and the source of the conflict was irrelevant due to this fact. Mr. Paul also stated that he felt the PSUAC has single him out on several occasions for harassment.

Mr. Paul's reason for appeal was that he had several fighters competing on the SteelFist MMA on April 26th and he would like permission to corner them. Commissioner Bruce Baird had much discussion with Mr. Paul and felt that since he was not afforded the opportunity to read the emails from Inspectors Done and Wilkey that in the interest of due process he should be allowed to read the emails and respond to the board appropriately.

Commissioner Bruce Baird made a motion to allow Jake Paul to Corner his fighters on the night of April 26th 2019 and that Director Bowler was instructed to forward the Done and Wilkey emails to Mr. Paul so that he can have the opportunity to address the statements from the Inspectors involved in the incident at the next Commission meeting. Commission Chairman Taylor Leavitt seconded the motion, Commissioner Troy Walker voted to approve and Leslie Reberg voted against the motion. The Motion passed by majority vote of Board members in attendance.

Review of Upcoming Events:

April 2019

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

Saturday – May 10, 2019 @5:00 PM, **Legacy Fighting Alliance**, Maverik Center, 10 S. West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84101 – FITCon Utah – Muay Thai Event.

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

Saturday – June 15, 2019 @7:00 PM **FKF Productions**, Wendover Nugget Casino 101 W. Wendover Blvd West Wendover, NV 89883 – Boxing/MMA Event

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.

The Legacy Fighting Alliance event on May 10, 2019 at the Maverik Center was progressing nicely and asked for a roll call as to which Commission members would attend; Taylor Leavitt and Troy Walker would attend.

Public Comments:

none

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 May17, 2019 at 12noon at the PSUAC/GOED Office. Bryce Canyon Conference room

Adjourn:

Commissioner Leslie Reberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Troy Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without opposition at 12:42pm.