

PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC
COMMISSION (PSUAC)
Scheduled Commission Meeting Friday, April 15, 2022

Attending Commissioners: Commissioners Mike Deaver, Brian Miller, Tammy Leavitt, Bruce Baird, and Chair Troy Walker attended via ZOOM Meeting. Assistant Attorney General assigned to the PSUAC Todd Jenson and Paralegal Michelle Waite participated in the ZOOM Conference meeting. G.O. Utah Finance Director Kamron Dalton, Finance Analyst Crystal Garza, Judges Dan Furse, Steven Faragher, Promoters Lance Spaude, Kevin Patton, and Troy Speirs also attended.

Director Scott Bowler facilitated the meeting via ZOOM electronic meeting in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order to maintain "Social Distancing." The commission Chair acting on behalf of the PSUAC called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

Review of Per Diem email protocol:

Director Scott Bowler reviewed protocol with the Commission.

Approval of the meeting minutes from March 18, 2022

As written, Commissioner Bruce Baird motioned to approve the meeting minutes from March 18, 2022. Commissioner Tammy Leavitt seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously without opposition.

Public Comments:

Judge Dan Furse asked that the Board consider requiring that the promotions be responsible for hiring uniformed off-duty police officers at all events. He continued by asking that at a future Commission meeting, it would be discussed that a law enforcement presence is required at least at any events serving alcoholic beverages.

Discussion and review of the March 19, 2022, incident at SteelFist Fight Night with Promoter Kevin Patton and license renewal:

Director Scott Bowler began by explaining that an incident occurred at the event in which fans had to be restrained and removed from the venue by security personnel after an alleged altercation that involved SteelFist Fight Night Promoter, Kevin Patton. Commissioner (Vice Chair) Bruce Baird took control of the meeting as Commission Chair Troy Walker recused himself from the proceedings as he was a witness to the incident. Commissioner Bruce Baird then turned the meeting over to Promoter Kevin Patton to make a statement regarding his involvement and actions during the incident. Ample time was provided. At 12:37, Commissioner Bruce Baird made a motion to move to a "closed session" to discuss the "Character and Competency" of Promoter Kevin Patton. Commissioner Tammy Leavitt Seconded the motion, and the group went into a closed session to discuss.

At 1:26 pm, after much discussion amongst the Commissioners, Commissioner Bruce Baird motioned to reopen the meeting; Commission Chair Troy Walker seconded the motion and informed Director Bowler to invite the other participants back into the public ZOOM meeting.

(All parties mentioned above returned except Promoter Lance Spaude, Judge Steven Faragher, and Finance Analyst Crystal Garza)

Commissioner Bruce Baird proposed a resolution to Promoter Kevin Patton that would allow him to keep his license and move forward with this event coming in a few weeks. If Mr. Patton chose to reject this offer, he would still be entitled to the informal hearing process, which would proceed on April 29, 2022, as scheduled.

Commissioner Bruce Baird proposed that due to the nature of the incident and that Mr. Patton acknowledged that he had physical contact with a fan, the consensus of the Board members propose the following;

- A fine of \$2500 (Maximum)
- The Steelfist promoters license will be re-issued to Mr. Patton on a probationary basis for a term of (1) one year.
- Licensed Security personnel at all events as determined by Director Bowler.
- Only “essential” personnel will be allowed in the “Technical Zone” around the cage.

Promoter Kevin Patton was unhappy with the maximum fine but accepted the proposal to resolve this issue and waived the need for an informal hearing scheduled for April 29, 2022. Commissioner Baird then asked Assistant Attorney General Todd Jensen to generate a consent decree that outlines these stipulations and that all parties agree that this matter is resolved.

A formal motion to ratify the above listed stipulations by Commissioner Bruce Baird was made and seconded by Commissioner Mike Deaver. The motion passed unanimously without opposition.

Director Report – Financial Review

Director Bowler quickly stated that the financial situation remained unchanged throughout the month. The online license system has been launched without the full functionality, but enough to begin the testing phase, and the public can start to use the system.

Schedule next meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 20, 2022, at noon via ZOOM Meeting unless otherwise noted.

Adjourn:

*Commissioner Troy Walker motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Brian Miller seconded. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously without opposition. **Meeting Adjourned.***