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October 4, 2013

# Tim,

The following is a recap of the September 14<sup>th</sup> MMA event at Sky Dancer Casino near Belcourt, North Dakota. The event was promoted by Turtle Mountain Throw Down, Inc., and regulated by the Chippewa Tribal Athletic Commission.

## Pre-Bout:

The Chippewa Tribal Athletic Commission members divided up licensing and weigh-in duties. The promoter was tardy with some of the bout agreements, but the commission got all contracted weights prior to the weigh-ins.

During the licensing process fighters were positively identified. A discussion was held regarding National MMA Identification Cards.

Gloves were inspected at weigh-ins and all contestants tried on gloves and the appropriate size was noted to ensure the fighter got gloves of the same size gloves the next night at the event.

Two local physicians conducted pre-bout physicals in conjunction with the weigh-in, and also worked the event the next night.

The cage was inspected and was found to be sound.

### **Bout Time:**

As bout time approached, the locker rooms were labeled for the contestants, and water, ice, and towels were available in the locker room area.

Score cards and tally sheets were printed and ready prior to fight time.

The ambulance, ambulance personnel and cage-side physicians were all in their assigned areas prior to the start of the event.

The event moved along smoothly, with the commissioners/inspectors working the dressing room area made sure the next bout on the program was staged and ready to enter the cage after the completion of the current bout. The inspectors were reminded to keep an eye on the gloving table to avoid any problems with the gloves. The inspectors were also urged to keep the fighters in the dressing room area once they had wrapped their hands and put on their gloves.

### Post Bout:

The attending physicians were released after all follow-up checks were made with the contestants. A very thorough pay process was followed to ensure proper payout of the contestants.

# Summary:

The Chippewa Tribal Athletic Commission is moving forward toward becoming an efficient and effective commission. Training and training updates are ongoing, and they have the support of the property and Tribe. Rule and regulation changes are being discussed, and the commissioners are working on updating their processes.

The commission had some learning opportunities in dealing with the promoter/matchmaker as far as getting needed information prior to the event.

The commission worked well with the properties staff, especially security, which provided, among other things, clear passage to and egress from the ring for the fighters, commission, and medical staff. This was no easy task with the large crowd in attendance.

It was a great pleasure for me to work with the Chippewa Tribal Athletic Commission, and I look forward to their continued development. It would be my honor to help in the future.

Respectfully,

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Tim,

The following is a recap of the September 21<sup>st</sup> boxing event at Sky Dancer Casino near Belcourt, North Dakota. The event was promoted by Brothers Promotions, and regulated by the Chippewa Tribal Athletic Commission.

# Pre-Bout:

The Chippewa Tribal Athletic Commission members divided up licensing and weigh-in duties. Bout contracts were secured and examined prior to the weigh-in.

During the licensing process fighters were positively identified. A discussion was held regarding Federal Identification Cards.

The licensing and weigh-in process went smoothly.

Gloves were inspected at weigh-ins and secured by the commission until event time the next night.

Dr. Richard Larson conducted pre-bout physicals in conjunction with the weigh-in, and also worked the event the next night.

The ring was inspected, and the bottom rope tension was adjusted, as it was too tight.

There was some confusion regarding officials. The promoter was aware that he was responsible for the payment of officials, but had at least one official cancel out, which caused some scrambling to secure replacement officials.

# **Bout Time:**

As bout time approached, the locker rooms were labeled for the contestants, and water, ice, and towels were available in the locker room area.

Score cards and tally sheets were printed and ready prior to fight time.

The ambulance, ambulance personnel and ring-side physician were all in their assigned areas prior to the start of the event.

The commission improved their process and worked with security to make sure that no unauthorized people were in the dressing room area.

As the event progressed, the commission was surprised by some unexpected entertainment between bouts. When the entertainers left the ring, the canvas was checked for any debris that may have been left in the ring.

# Post Bout:

The attending physicians were released after all follow-up checks were made with the contestants. The commission supervised the payout process to ensure proper payout of the contestants.

# Summary:

The Chippewa Tribal Athletic Commission continues to gain experience in its role as a regulator. Training and training updates are ongoing, and they have the support of the property and Tribe. The commission is eager to gain more knowledge and continue to improve.

During this event, 3 boxers were on the national suspension list. This has been reviewed with the commission.

The commission is getting more comfortable with the pre-bout requirements necessary of the promoters, and has a good understanding that they, not the promoter, call the shots when questions arise about the event.

It was a great pleasure for me to work with the Chippewa Tribal Athletic Commission, and I look forward to their continued development. It would be my honor to help in the future.

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September 22, 2014

# Tim,

The following is a recap of the September 6<sup>th</sup> boxing event at Sky Dancer Casino near Belcourt, North Dakota. The event was promoted by Quicksilver Hill Promotions, and regulated by the Chippewa Tribal Athletic Commission.

### Pre-Bout:

The Chippewa Tribal Athletic Commission members divided up licensing and weigh-in duties. Bout contracts were secured and examined prior to the weigh-in.

During the licensing process fighters were positively identified.

The licensing and weigh-in process went smoothly.

Gloves were inspected at weigh-ins and secured by the commission until event time the next night. The promoter provided 4 sets of gloves for 7 bouts, so the commission had to schedule a swap-out of gloves for the evening of the fights.

Dr. Casmiar Nwaigwe conducted pre-bout physicals, and also worked the event as the ringside physician.

The ring was inspected, and a different ring floor covering was brought in per request of the promoter. The original floor covering was not made of canvas, and the promoter was concerned that secure footing for the fighters would be a concern when the ring floor became wet from water and perspiration. A floor covering made of canvas was secured the day of the fight.

There was some confusion regarding officials. They wanted to know if they had to be licensed, if they needed passes, etc. I would recommend that an envelope with appropriated information, such as credentials, bout assignments, license applications, and reporting to ringside time, should be available for the officials at the box office prior the event.

# **Bout Time:**

As bout time approached, the locker rooms were labeled for the contestants, and water, ice, and towels were available in the locker room area.

Score cards and tally sheets were printed and ready prior to fight time.

The ambulance, ambulance personnel and ring-side physician were all in their assigned areas prior to the start of the event.

The commission improved their process and worked with security to make sure that no unauthorized people were in the dressing room area.

### Post Bout:

The attending physicians were released after all follow-up checks were made with the contestants. The commission supervised the payout process to ensure proper payout of the contestants. Results were submitted to Fight Fax after the bout.

# Summary:

The Chippewa Tribal Athletic Commission continues to gain experience in its role as a regulator. Training and training updates are ongoing, and they have the support of the property and Tribe. The commission is eager to gain more knowledge and continue to improve. The commission is getting more comfortable with the pre-bout requirements necessary of the promoters, and has a good understanding that they, not the promoter, call the shots when questions arise about the event.

This event was the third time I have visited the Chippewa Tribal Commission to observe their regulation of a combative sporting event.

It was a great pleasure for me to work with the Chippewa Tribal Athletic Commission, and I look forward to their continued development. It would be my honor to help in the future.

Respectfully,

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