



**EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION**  
**Board Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m., July 10, 2017**  
**Room 4, Commonwealth Rec. Centre**

**FINAL MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Steven Phipps at 7:00 p.m.

The Chair called for a moment of silence to remember and honour Tim Hague who passed away a couple of days after the boxing event held in Edmonton, on June 16, 2017.

**1. Roll Call, Recording of Attendance**

**Present:** Chair Steven Phipps, Vice Chair Levi Bjork  
Commission Members: Sandy Bugeja, Scott Wallace,  
Trudy Iwanyshyn, Andrew LeMoine  
Executive Director Pat Reid  
Recorder Tracey Poberznick

**Absent with Regrets:** None

**2. Call for Requests to Speak from the Public**

There were no requests to speak.

**3. Adopt Agenda**

MOVED/SECOND: That the agenda be adopted as presented. CARRIED

**4. Approve Minutes from the Previous Meeting**

MOVED/SECOND: That the June 12, 2017 minutes be adopted as presented.  
CARRIED

**5 Items Arising from Previous Meeting**

**a. Regulation of Amateur Events**

The Chair discussed the issue of amateur events and the Commission's jurisdiction. Regulation of amateur events is not within of the Commission's

current jurisdiction as determined by City Council. A Commission is required by the Criminal Code for professional combative sports events to take place in Edmonton. A Commission is not required by the Criminal Code for amateur events. Any expansion of the Commission's jurisdiction to incorporate regulation of amateur events is a decision City Council would have to make.

**b. Vacant Commission Position**

MOVED/SECOND: That the Chair request the City Clerk to request the appointment of former Commission member Daniel Spanu to fill the current vacancy on the Commission and to have this appointment made before year end by City Council.

CARRIED

**6 Financial Statement**

MOVED/SECOND: To accept the May 31, 2017 Financial Statements as presented.

CARRIED

**7 Policy Review**

This item was tabled to the September meeting.

TABLED

**8 Barney O'Connor Fund Transfer**

MOVED/SECOND: That the April motion to transfer funds for the Barney O'Connor Fund be amended, removing the words "from the Edmonton area" and replacing them with "in the Province".

CARRIED

**9 Code of Conduct Form Signature**

P. Reid will forward the Code of Conduct forms to the Commission members who have not yet signed. Once signed, members are asked to return them to P. Reid.

**10 Events Report**

Reports for the June 9 and June 16 events were provided.

The UFC event is scheduled for Rogers Place on September 9.

KO Boxing intends to move the September 8 event to September 22. They are waiting for confirmation from the venue.

**11 Chair Report**

Nothing to report.

**12 UFC Event Update**

D. Aitken and P. Reid recently met with the Nevada Commission Executive Director, Nevada Commission staff, security staff and a UFC governance official. Representatives from the Oilers Entertainment Group also met with UFC representatives.

Administration discussed potential drug testing options and approaches, and indicated that options will be brought back to the Commission. The Commission will need to approve an approach that will support drug testing and all relevant

aspects. P. Reid will canvas other Canadian commissions to see how they deal with this at their events and provide the findings to the Commission by July 24.

### **13 June 16, 2017 Event Review Update**

MOVED/SECOND:

#### **A MOTION REGARDING AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF A COMBATIVE SPORTS EVENT HELD ON JUNE 16, 2017**

**WHEREAS** the Edmonton Combative Sports Commission has been given the mandate by Edmonton City Council to control and regulate all aspects of Combative Sports and Events in the City of Edmonton;

**AND WHEREAS** Mr. Tim Hague, a Contestant in a Combative Sports Event held on June 16, 2017, lost consciousness after the Event and tragically passed away two days later;

**AND WHEREAS** the Edmonton Combative Sports Commission feels it is in the public interest to have an independent third party conduct a speedy, transparent and comprehensive review of all the facts pertaining to Mr. Hague's participation in the Event, including licensing and other operational considerations;

**AND WHEREAS** it is within the mandate given to the Edmonton Combative Sports Commission by Edmonton City Council to arrange for the conduct of such a review;

**AND WHEREAS** City of Edmonton administration is responsible for carrying out the operational aspects of all Combative Sports Events;

#### **IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Edmonton Combative Sports Commission (the Commission) will work jointly with City of Edmonton administration to arrange for a comprehensive independent review of all facts pertaining to Mr. Hague's participation in the Event held on June 16, 2017.
2. A steering committee will be established to arrange for the review and will be comprised of two individuals appointed by City administration and two members of the Commission.
3. The steering committee will:
  - i) establish the scope of the review;
  - ii) establish the process for retaining a third party to conduct the review;
  - iii) select the third party to conduct the review; and
  - iv) determine the date by which the review will be completed and a report provided back to both City administration and the Commission.
4. The Commission members of the steering committee will be Steven Phipps and Scott Wallace with Sandy Bugeja serving as an alternate member.

5. The Commission members on the steering committee will be guided by the fundamental principles of thoroughness and transparency in establishing the scope of the review and are directed to have the review completed and report provided as expeditiously as possible.
6. The Commission requests the report of the third party be completed in advance of the Commission meeting scheduled for September.

CARRIED

**14 Date of Next Meeting (August 14, 2017)**

The next meeting will be tentatively scheduled for August 14, 2017, at 7:00 PM with the location to be determined.

**15 New Business**

None.

**16 Motion to Adjourn**

MOVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

I certify that the preceding minutes represent an accurate account of the proceeding of the Commissioners' Meeting on July 10, 2017.

  
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Steven Phipps, Chair

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Tracey Poberznick, Recorder