



EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION
Board Meeting
7:00 p.m., September 18, 2017
Room 4, Commonwealth Rec Centre

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chair Steven Phipps at 7:02 p.m.

1. Roll Call, Recording of Attendance

Present: Chair Steven Phipps, Vice Chair Levi Bjork
Commission Members: Sandy Bugeja,
Trudy Iwanyshyn, Andrew LeMoine
Executive Director David Aitken
Recorder Tracey Poberznick

Absent with Regrets: Scott Wallace

Levi Bjork arrived at 7:22 p.m.

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 August 14, 2017 minutes be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

5 Items Arising from Previous Meeting

• **Agenda Posting**

It was determined that it is a statutory requirement to post the agenda no later than the Thursday prior to the meeting date. Once approved, the agenda will be posted on the website for the public.

6 Financial Statement

Simplified versions of the financial statements were provided to the Commission for information and review. Commission members will review and provide comments at the next meeting.

MOVED/SECOND: To accept the July 31, 2017 Financial Statement as presented.
CARRIED

7 Policy Review

S. Phipps provided an update and recap of the policy review which was identified earlier in the year. It was suggested that the Commission wait until the independent review of the June 16 event has been completed before pursuing the policy review. Commission members will use this time to review the policies and prepare questions for Administration for the November meeting.

8 Barney O'Connor Fund Transfer

An explanatory letter and a letter of undertaking have been sent to Boxing Alberta. Once the Commission is satisfied that they have the materials set out in the motion the funds transfer can be completed.

9 Events Report

D. Aitken provided an update of the UFC event. There was good coordination and organization leading up to the event. The UFC went smoothly and was well supported from a policy perspective. Training of staff was well executed and several medical issues were well taken care of by the doctors in attendance.

There was one indefinite suspension and no other notable suspensions were issued. Doctors followed the policy that was in place. A standard 360 review piece was done at the end of each fight.

An administrative review is being done regarding alleged concerns with the decision making process of one of the officials. Tapes will be forwarded by the UFC for review and follow up with the referee. The Commission will be notified of the results of the review to ensure that an adequate process for these issues are in place from a governance perspective.

10 Chair Report

Nothing to report.

11 Independent Review Report Update

A project plan has been submitted for the independent review. S. Phipps recognized T. Iwanyshyn for sitting in on the evaluation of submissions and the kick off meeting as the Commission representative on the working group. The RFP process requested by City Administration added to the length of time the review process will take.

The objective is still to have a full and transparent review of the facts leading up to and including the event, and to indicate any recommendations that could improve fighter safety.

MNP LLP was selected to conduct the review and has commenced work. They are also working on a final project plan. The current target date for completion of the review is October 31. S. Wallace and S. Phipps continue to sit on the steering committee. There is a meeting scheduled for the week of September 25th. If anything arises, S. Phipps will notify the Commission.

12 Date of Next Meeting (October 16, 2017)

The next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2017, at 7:00 at the Commonwealth Rec Centre, Multi-purpose Room 4.

13 New Business


- The December Commission meeting will be moved to December 18.
- The ECSC website needs to be updated on a regular basis. Commission members are asked to have a look at the site and let Administration know what needs to be updated at the October meeting.
- Chair, S. Phipps extended his gratitude to all those involved in making the UFC a huge success. D. Aitken will pass this along to staff who helped make it happen.

14 Motion to Adjourn

MOVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

I certify that the preceding minutes represent an accurate account of the proceeding of the Commissioners' Meeting on September 18, 2017.



Levi Bjork, Vice Chair

10/23/17

Date



Tracey Poberznick, Recorder