



**EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION
FINAL
MEETING MINUTES**

**May 13, 2019
7:00 PM**

Room 6, Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre

The meeting was called to order by Chair S. Phipps at 7:02 PM.

1. Roll Call, Recording of Attendance

Present: Chair Steven Phipps, Vice Chair Sandy Bugeja
Commission Members:, Andrew LeMoine,
Daniela O'Callaghan, Tye Babb, Trevor Kelly, Daniel Spanu
Executive Director Troy Courtoreille
Recorder Tracey Poberznick

Absent with Regrets: None

2. Call for Requests to Speak from the Public

There were no requests to speak from the public.

3. Adopt Agenda

MOVED: That the agenda be adopted as presented. CARRIED

4. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

MOVED: That the April 8, 2019 minutes be adopted as presented. CARRIED

5. New Member Introduction and Orientation

New members Daniel Spanu, Trevor Kelly and Tye Babb were welcomed by the Commission. T. Courtoreille provided an overview of the Commission, including its history and responsibilities. He then opened the floor for discussion and questions.

S. Phipps recapped the division of responsibilities between the Commission, City Council and the Executive Director. He clarified that the Commission's primary role is to supplement City bylaws with policies that are used to govern events.

6. Items Arising from Previous Meeting

Policy Review Briefing (Part II)

D. O'Callaghan is the Chair of the Sub-committee which is coordinating the comprehensive review of all the Commission's policies. For the benefit of the new members, T. Courtoreille provided a summary of Part I of the Policy Review Briefing which was previously discussed at the April meeting.

The two policies that are high priority for the Sub-committee are Policy 1, Licensing - Contestants and Seconds, and Policy 8, Medical. The Sub-committee is laying groundwork for updating these policies by setting out eight main steps for each one and identifying issues that need to be researched. All policies, bylaws, and meeting information can be found on Edmonton.ca.

T. Courtoreille reviewed the general questions in Part II of the Policy Review Briefing. It was recommended that Commission members read the full MNP report posted on the ECSC web page, focusing on the recommendations.

There was discussion about seeing the fight card 14 days ahead of an event to give time to do a comparison and allow for a comprehensive assessment ahead of time. Research will be done to track past fights and background information. By Commission policy, minimum requirement is only 5 days. However, given current operational processes, additional time is needed.

Fighters require an annual licence and an event licence in order to fight. The Commission is able to suspend a licence if a competitor is scheduled to fight two fights within a seven day period - this is a rest suspension. Suspension information needs to be posted within 48 hours and shared with other commissions. Breach of suspension will jeopardize a contestant's ability to fight in Edmonton.

T. Courtoreille will look further into the question about Commissions using the same doctor before and after an event for consistency and comparison purposes. Recommendations that the Sub-committee come back to the Commission as a whole.

7. Annual Work Plan

S. Bugeja is responsible for the Annual Work Plan. An overview was provided to the new members.

The ABC conference takes place in Phoenix the last week of July, 2019 and members are encouraged to consider attending. In-house training is occasionally offered to Commission members who are welcome to take advantage of as it comes up.

8. Policy Review Project Update

Policies were weighted before deciding which ones to focus on. The priorities for this year are to review Policies 1 and 8, and create an appeals policy.

There is a Policy Review Work Plan and approved framework. Questions were formulated for the ECSC physicians. D. O'Callaghan is in the process of setting up a meeting with the Chief Medical Advisor and other physicians for the Sub-committee to ask questions of particularly around the Medical Policy. Another meeting will be set up with the Technical Director to discuss what Policy 1 and Policy 8 look like from their perspective. Then the Commission can go over the policies and identify what the Commission needs to move forward. New members are encouraged to join the Sub-committee. This is a working committee and there are no minutes or public attendance. The next Sub-committee meeting will be scheduled when medical staff are able to attend.

The Commission would like to create an offshoot from the Sub-committee to deal with appeals.

9. Executive Director Report

The Executive Director reviewed the written report.

- \$95 discrepancy from the last event, might require follow up with Finance
- Translation services are being looked at in other Canadian Commissions
- T. Courtoreille received an inquiry on bare knuckle boxing and is researching it
- The Commission might want to take a look at weigh-in rules because of an inquiry from a promoter to move away from a one-shot weigh-in. There may be some benefit to creating rules or guidelines around this.

MOVED: That the report from the Executive Director be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

10. Financial Statements – March 31, 2019

The Executive Director reviewed the financial statements for March 2019.

There is over \$16,000 carryover from the Executive Director position on the March statement that should be corrected by the next meeting. The Commission's goal has been to reflect no tax levy contribution, and be funded entirely by industry. The Commission will determine the best way to spend the budget over time to improve the health and safety of the industry.

MOVED: To accept the March 31, 2019, Financial Statements as presented.

CARRIED

11. Chair Report

On May 9, S. Bugeja, S. Phipps, and T. Courtoreille attended City Council for the ECSC Annual Report and received good feedback.

MOVED: To accept the Chair report as presented.

CARRIED

12. New Business

The Chair and Executive Director will meet to discuss a formal transition of signing authority for the ECSC bank accounts. They will report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

13. Date of Next Meeting - June 10, 2019

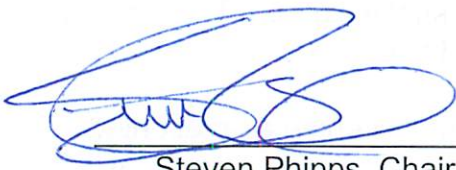
The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM, in Room 6, Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre on June 10, 2019. Commission members are asked to let the Chair know if there are any meetings they are not able to attend.

14. Adjournment

MOVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

I certify that the preceding minutes represent an accurate account of the proceedings at the Commission meeting on May 13, 2019.



Steven Phipps, Chair

July 8/19

Date



Tracey Poberznick, Recorder