



**EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION
FINAL
MEETING MINUTES**

**December 11, 2023
7:00 PM
Online via Google Meet**

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Trevor Kelly, at 7:04 pm., Monday, December 11, 2023.

It was acknowledged that the Edmonton Combative Sports Commission meets on the traditional territories of the indigenous peoples of the Treaty 6 region and the Métis settlement in the Métis Nation of Alberta in regions 2, 3 and 4. The Chair acknowledged that we respect the histories, language and cultures of First Nations, Métis and Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada whose presence continues to enrich our community.

2. Roll Call, Recording of Attendance

Present: Chair Trevor Kelly, Vice-Chair Tye Babb
Commission Members: Nateram Seecharan, Andrew Soto,
Rashi Khullar
Executive Director, Forrest Gavins
Recorder, Tracey Poberznick

Absent with Regrets: Brandy Badry, Kevin Malahy

3. Call for Requests to Speak from the Public

There were no requests to speak from the public.

4. Adopt Agenda

MOVED: That the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

5. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

MOVED: That the November 20, 2023, minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Review ECSC Roles and Responsibilities

Roles and responsibilities were discussed at the retreat and are posted on the ECSC website. T. Babb reviewed the document and opened the floor to comments regarding the information presented. There were no concerns.

7. 2024 Annual Work Plan

One of the goals of the retreat was to update the Work Plan and determine what the Commission would like to accomplish in 2024. The policy review project will be the top priority and the Commission will discuss the composition of working groups.

The ABC conference will be discussed in the new year once the date has been set.

MOVED: To approve the 2024 Annual Work Plan as presented.

CARRIED

8. 2024 Budget

T. Kelly presented the budget drafted at the Retreat. Revenue is estimated based on the number of events expected per year. The ECSC will compare the draft budget to the financial statements.

MOVED: To approve the 2024 budget as presented.

CARRIED

9. Policy Review Project Process

A policy review process was created for standardization and consistency. The final draft was shared with the Commission. A. Soto reviewed the highlights of the document. The Commission will consider engaging external consultants to help draft the policies if the subject matter warrants it. F. Gavins will help do a comparison to other jurisdiction's policies.

MOVED: To approve the Policy Review Project Process as presented.

CARRIED

10. Policy Review Project Working Group Assignments

Working groups were created as follows:

Policy 7, Fighter Pro Debut Criteria - T. Babb and B. Badry

Policy 9, Suspensions and Rest Periods for Combative Sports Contestants - A. Soto and N. Seecharan

Policy 13, Drug testing - R. Khullar and K. Malahy

The Chair offered to attend any working group meeting if requested.

It is expected to take three to four months to complete each policy. Groups will schedule their own meetings and notify the Chair. By February, the working groups should have met at least once. F. Gavins was asked to provide comparisons to other commission's policies.

11. Holiday Dinner

December 18, 2023, is the tentative date for the ECSC holiday dinner. T. Babb and T. Kelly will look at getting a reservation for twelve people. T. Babb will confirm the details.

12. Chair's Report

The policy review process is being finalized.

The Chair, Vice-Chair and Executive Director did not meet this month. They will try to meet in January if anything warrants discussion.

MOVED: To receive the Chair's verbal report as presented. CARRIED

13. Executive Director's Report

F. Gavins reviewed the written Executive Director's report.

Bylaws 15594 and 15638 are being amended.

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

14. Financial Statements – September 30, 2023

F. Gavins reviewed the September financial reports. He will talk to Finance about the difference between the actuals and the ECSC budget predictions to see if everything fits. The Executive Director will create a presentation for clarity if needed.

MOVED: That the September 30, 2023, Financial statements be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Next Meeting - January 8, 2024

The next Commission meeting will be held virtually on January 8, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

15. Adjournment

MOVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

I certify that the preceding minutes represent an accurate account of the proceedings at the Commission meeting on December 11, 2023.



Trevor Kelly, Chair

March 6, 2024
Date



Tracey Poberznick, Recorder