



**EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION
FINAL
MEETING MINUTES**

**March 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 7:02 pm., Monday, March 11, 2024.

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 Andrew Soto
Commission Members: Kevin Malahy, Nateram Seecharan
Brandy Badry, Tye Babb, Rashi Khullar
Executive Director, Forrest Gavins
Recorder, Tracey Poberznick

Absent with Regrets: None

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 February 12, 2023, minutes be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

6. Policy Review Project Working Group Updates

A. Soto and N. Seecharan obtained a copy of a similar regulation from another Canadian commission for comparison to Policy 9 - Suspensions and Rest Periods for Combative Sports.

R. Khullar and K. Malahy have yet to be able to meet to discuss Policy 13 - Drug Testing. They will try coordinating offline to start working on the regulation.

T. Babb and B. Badry have met twice on Policy 7 - Figher Pro Debut Criteria and are working on creating a gap analysis. They discussed whether or not the policy should be amalgamated into Regulation 1 under its own subheading. T. Babb and B. Badry will bring back recommendations to the next Commission meeting for approval.

7. 2024 ABC Conference

The ABC Conference is being held in Louisville, Kentucky from July 19 to 24, 2024. May 1 is the early bird deadline.

The Executive Director will request approval from the City of Edmonton to attend the conference. Based on the City's current travel restrictions, the Commission will consider subsidizing F. Gavin's attendance if the City denies the request or restricts costs. The Executive Director will make a request to Administration to attend the conference and then come back to the Commission with a proposal to split the costs if needed.

8. Association of Ringside Physicians Conference

The ARP Conference is scheduled for early August in Washington, DC. F. Gavins will connect with Dr. Defreitas to see if she is currently a member of the ARP and if she sees any benefit in attending the conference.

9. 5,000 Person Capacity Policy - Stakeholder Engagement

It was approved that adding a capacity requirement for events will be included in a policy rather than a bylaw amendment. The Executive Director suggested that the minimum venue capacity be 4,000 rather than the 5,000 originally suggested. A proposal will be prepared by the Executive Director and submitted to City Administration for review.

10. Chair's Report

The Chair presented the 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Work Plan to City Council on March 5, 2024, and answered council's questions.

On March 6, the Reappointment Recommendations report was presented to the Community and Public Services Committee. T. Kelly recommended that the one member up for renewal be extended for another two-year term.

The Chair, Vice-Chair and Executive Director held their monthly meeting on March 6.

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

CARRIED

11. Executive Director Report

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

The Executive Director will reach out to M. Pattenaude about putting on a training course for combative sports inspectors. There is an event proposed for July 13, 2024, so training would need to be scheduled prior to that date. F. Gavins will let the Commission know when a date is set.

The Executive Director is working on updating the ECSC web page including application forms.

On March 14, 2024, at 11:00, CSU52 will be on strike so support to the Commission will not be available until the work stoppage is over. F. Gavins will notify stakeholders.

A briefing note is being drafted which will include the requirement for the Executive Director to report unlawful activities or unsanctioned events as well as the Commission's mandate regarding meeting the application of its policies. F. Gavins should have the first draft ready in a couple of weeks for T. Kelly's review.

The next Alberta Commission's meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2024.

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

CARRIED

12. Financial Statements – January 31, 2024

The January statement included \$65 in interest revenue.

There are amounts of \$229 and \$12 that F. Gavins will look into further.

MOVED: That the January 31, 2024, Financial statements be approved as presented.

CARRIED

13. Next Meeting - April 8, 2023

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

14. Adjournment

MOVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

I certify that the preceding minutes represent an accurate account of the proceedings at the Commission meeting on March 11, 2024.



Trevor Kelly, Chair

April 9, 2024
Date



Tracey Poberznick, Recorder