



**EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION
FINAL
MEETING MINUTES**

**May 17, 2021
7:00 PM
Online via Google Meet**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Daniela O'Callaghan, at 7:02 pm.

1. Roll Call, Recording of Attendance

Present: Chair Daniela O'Callaghan, Vice-Chair Trevor Kelly
Commission Members: Tye Babb, Sandy Bugeja
Manav Deol, Graham Smith, Kevin Malahy
Executive Director, Troy Courtoreille
Recorder, Tracey Poberznick
Alumni, Steven Phipps

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 12 and April 19, 2021, minutes be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

5. Welcome and Introduction of New Commission Members

K. Malahy and G. Smith were introduced to the Commission. They provided some background information about themselves as well as their experience and interest in combat sports. Their combined knowledge and talent will be huge assets to the Commission. Welcome, Kevin and Graham!

6. Commission Orientation

S. Phipps and T. Courtoreille provided a brief introduction and historical overview of the Commission. S. Phipps also provided an overview of the Commission's budgeting process.

7. Policy Review Project Update

A Sub-committee meeting will be scheduled prior to the June Commission meeting.

8. Executive Director Report

The Commission is waiting to hear who is taking over Felicia Michie's portfolio, as the consultant from the Office of Public Involvement.

A decision is pending with regards to the appeal of promoter licence 388738876-001.

The BC Athletic Commission is one of the first commissions to put COVID protocols in place. On behalf of the provincial working group, T. Courtoreille was tasked with finding out what their working policies are around COVID. An initial inquiry has been submitted but there has been no response.

The Executive Director received a licence application from Ontario. They are looking to co-promote with Unified MMA at the River Cree which is outside of Edmonton's jurisdiction.

A draft for the redevelopment of the Combative Sports Bylaw 15594 has been started due to the current licence review. T. Courtoreille will bring forward proposed changes to the bylaw at the June meeting. If a proposed bylaw amendment is going forward, the Commission will be consulted on the changes to see if it impacts the Commission's regulatory powers. The focus will be Bylaw 15594 regulatory provisions as they relate to permitting and licensing. The Commission will discuss what to do with Combative Sports Commission Bylaw 15638.

COVID-19 Update

Alberta is looking at a province-wide refresh on combative sports. There is a request to have a coordinated approach to officials training and recertifications, and

it was proposed that there be a province-wide training session funded by the commissions. By the end of May, the province will make a decision with respect to having a moratorium on all event applications across the province until the fall of 2021. The Executive Director will then have a discussion or seek approval from the ECSC to see if they are in agreement.

The Executive Director received an inquiry to make sure AHS regulations are being followed.

Provincial standards may be developed around safety protocols, mandatory requirements, and potential ECSC policy decisions. T. Courtoreille will bring back more information to the June meeting.

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

9. Financial Statements – March 31 and April 30, 2021

There are no accruals for March or April. There is \$1,500 under Liability for the KO Boxing event in 2020 that was not staged. The money has been refunded to the promoter and will be zeroed out on the financial statement.

MOVED: To receive the March 31 and April 30, 2021, Financial Statements as presented.

CARRIED

10. Chair Report

The Commission heard the Santoro appeal and will issue a decision by Saturday, May 22, 2021. Media or any other party seeking an opinion can be deferred to the written decision or directed to the Chair or City Administration. The decision is final and there is no option for further appeal.

The Policy Review Sub-committee will review the appeal process to see if there are any improvements that would make it better for all parties involved.

S. Bugeja did an excellent job presenting the Chair Report to City Council. Councillor McKeen asked how the Commission straddles the line between stakeholder engagement, building relationships and maintaining the role of regulator. The response was that Commission members have a desire to build relationships with the combative sports community while remaining professional. They are very aware of their role as regulators and try to maintain balance.

The Chair proposed three things to consider regarding what the Commission wants to accomplish for the remainder of the year:

1. Stakeholder consultation on proposed policy amendments
2. Training for commission members

3. Holding an outreach event with Alberta commissions for idea sharing

The Commission has been invited to Civic Agency training for board members.

Record-keeping for the Commission will be set up through Google, with a brief orientation on how to use it if necessary.

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

CARRIED

11. Team Building Activity

The Commission had some good competitive fun with a team-building activity. Congratulations to T. Kelly for knowing his combative sports trivia!!!

12. Next Meeting - June 14, 2021

The next Commission meeting will be held virtually at 7:00 pm on June 14, 2021.

13. Adjournment

MOVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

I certify that the preceding minutes represent an accurate account of the proceedings at the Commission meeting on May 17, 2021.

D. O'Callaghan Date: 2021.06.17
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Daniela O'Callaghan, Chair

Date

Tracey Poberznick, Recorder