

# EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION FINAL MEETING MINUTES

# March 8, 2021 7:00 PM Online via Google Meet

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chair, Daniela O'Callaghan, at 7:04 pm.

#### 1. Roll Call, Recording of Attendance

Present: Vice-Chair Daniela O'Callaghan

Commission Members: Tye Babb,

Trevor Kelly, Manav Deol

Executive Director, Troy Courtoreille

Recorder, Tracey Poberznick

**Absent with Regrets**: Chair Sandy Bugeja, Andrew LeMoine, Steven Phipps

#### 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 amended.

CARRIED

#### 4. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

MOVED: That the February 8, 2021, minutes be adopted as presented. CARRIED

### 5. Policy Review Project Update

#### a. Policy review update

At the Sub-committee meeting, the Commission decided that they will only put forward draft regulations 1, 3 and 8 for consultation. The Commission will take a

two-phased approach; phase one will be to work with one of the City's qualified service providers to develop a stakeholder engagement plan; phase two will be to work with the consultant to execute the plan. The City would be responsible from a liability perspective if the Commission is using a City vendor.

D. O'Callaghan will send the updated Statement of Work to T. Courtoreille.

## 6. Executive Director Report

The province will continue to review the Return to Sport guidelines with AHS to see if the information is still relevant. At this time, these guidelines will not be posted on the website and if promoters have any questions, they will be advised that the guidelines are subject to change. T. Courtoreille will attend regular meetings with the province which will include the guidelines as a standing item. He will represent and report back to the Commission.

#### **COVID-19 Update**

T. Courtoreille will provide a proposal to the Commission for consideration at the next ECSC meeting for providing PPE subsidies to promoters requesting event licences. He will set out and highlight categories of costs for the Commission to consider, providing a recommendation on a maximum dollar amount. The initial cost estimate for PPE is over \$60,000 per event. Promoters would approach the Commission who would establish guidelines to review requests for the subsidy. It would need to be determined if there are any liability issues and if enhanced waivers would be required to avoid any legal action against the Commission. The Executive Director will follow up with the Law branch and provide an update at the next meeting. Any subsidization program would have to be clear that the promoter takes on the liability.

An overdue annual licence payment from 2020 will be carried over to the April meeting.

There is talk about standardizing training programs across the province for officials during the pandemic. They will look at doing joint training symposiums with a cost-sharing model, but right now it is just an entry-level discussion.

Policy #4 - Event Permits, is out of date on the ECSC webpage, but the most up to date version should be posted by March 12, 2021.

The Association of Boxing Commissions and Mixed Martial Arts has reached out to the Canadian Combative Sports Working Committee to see if there is interest in attending the annual conference in Niagra Falls, on the US side, at the end of July. There is a lot of uncertainty and many variables to consider before committing to in-person attendance. T. Courtoreille will see if there is an online component because there is ECSC support to attend virtually.

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

CARRIED

#### 7. Financial Statements – December 31, 2020, and January 31, 2021

Financial statements for December 31, 2020, and January 31, 2021, were provided. A detailed breakdown was requested for December because of a bad debt expense of around \$3,000. Finance has not been able to articulate what it is for, but T. Courtoreille hopes to have it resolved for the April meeting. Money going to the City is reflected in the January financial report which includes a break down of expenses.

MOVED: To receive December 31, 2020, and January 31, 2021, Financial Statements as presented.

**CARRIED** 

## 8. Chair Report

#### **Annual Work Plan for 2021**

The election of the Chair and Vice-chair will take place on April 12, 2021. S. Bugeja will reach out to City Administration to confirm the process and ask the Commission members if they are interested in putting their names forward.

## **Update on ECSC Recruitment**

The City of Edmonton has accepted the recruitment of the top candidates chosen by the Commission to fill the two vacant positions.

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

CARRIED

## 9. Next Meeting - April 12, 2021

The next Commission meeting will be held virtually at 7:00 pm on April 12, 2021.

#### 10. Adjournment

MOVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

I certify that the preceding minutes represent an accurate account of the proceedings at the Commission meeting on March 8, 2021.

D. O'Callaghan Date: 2021.04.19 18:23:05 -06'00'

Daniela O'Callaghan, Vice-Chair

Date

Tracey Poberznick, Recorder