



**EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION
FINAL
MEETING MINUTES**

**June 14, 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

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 May 17, 2021, minutes be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

5. Policy Review Project Update

The last Sub-committee meeting was held on June 10, 2021. It was decided that the Policy Review Sub-committee would be divided into two separate working

groups. The Appeal Policy Review consists of T. Kelly, S. Bugeja and M. Deol and the Stakeholder Engagement group is made up of K. Malahy, G. Smith and T. Babb. The plan is to keep the two groups separate with no decision making authority and have them both report back to the commission with regular updates.

6. Executive Director Report

There are currently no licenced promoters, no events scheduled and no appeals.

There is a tentative offer for an officials refresher course as well as a joint training session with other provincial commissions. This would be run by Mike Patenaude the last week of August. Depending on funding, the Commission may host a refresher locally and then look at a joint training session with other commissions in a central location. Currently, there are not enough local officials to host an event, so the ECSC could reach out to other jurisdictions to draw from their pool.

There is a request to Command Training for a joint province-wide initiative in September. Licenced officials can make a request to the Commission to subsidize the training. The training guide is posted on the ECSC website.

T. Courtoreille is waiting for a response back from the ABC to see if they will be doing any online training this year. An inquiry was received from an official about attending the conference.

Amendments for both bylaws are still under review and are contingent on support from the City's Law Branch. This is a tentative project which should conclude at the end of summer.

There have been requests in the province for bare-knuckle fighting and medieval combat sports. Under the current legislation, Edmonton is not approved for these types of events. T. Courtoreille will review bare-knuckle fighting and bring a report back to the Commission in the next 60 days.

The Commission requested that T. Courtoreille schedule a tutorial on BoxRec.

Recommendations on how the Commission can support officials that are not licenced will be circulated prior to the July meeting and will be included in the Executive Director's report.

COVID-19 Update

There was a meeting with the province and John Barber, coordinator for all provincial commissions and a representative of the Government of Alberta. Sport and recreation activities including combative sports are now allowed as the province moves into Stage 2 of the COVID-19 relaunch. T. Courtoreille is reaching out to other commissions to discuss key issues around vaccinations and mandatory

testing. A recommendation was made to reach out to Alberta Health and Safety for guidelines around best practices with respect to activity sports. An update will be provided at the July meeting.

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

7. Financial Statements – May 31, 2021

The May financial statements will be available at the July meeting.

8. Chair Report

The Association of Ringside Physicians conference is taking place from September 17 to 20. Canvassing of members and ringside physician interest in attending the conference will occur prior to the next Commission meeting.

The Executive Director provided feedback on the appeals process. The Chair passed the information along to T. Kelly for the Appeals Working Group to review and provide recommendations back to the Commission.

D. O’Callaghan made a request to the Foundation of Administrative Justice about training in August and is waiting for confirmation of dates. One of the options is a one day training session with a cost of about \$15,000. More details and budget approval will be discussed at the next meeting.

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

9. Next Meeting - July 12, 2021

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


10. Adjournment

MOVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

I certify that the preceding minutes represent an accurate account of the proceedings at the Commission meeting on June 14, 2021.

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Date: 2021.08.17
Daniela O’Callaghan, Chair


Tracey Poberznick, Recorder