



**EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION
FINAL
MEETING MINUTES**

**August 10, 2020
7:00 PM
On-line via Google Meet**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sandy Bugeja at 7:05 pm.

1. Roll Call, Recording of Attendance

Present: Chair Sandy Bugeja, Vice Chair Daniela O’Callaghan
Commission Members: Steven Phipps, Manav Deol,
Trevor Kelly, Tye Babb
Executive Director, Troy Courtoreille
Recorder Tracey Poberznick

Absent with Regrets: Andrew LeMoine

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 July 13, 2020 minutes be adopted as presented. CARRIED

5. Policy Review Project

Policy 1 revisions are almost done. The Appeals Policy has been distributed for review and comments can be directed to D. O’Callaghan prior to the policy

meeting on September 3, 2020. Comments will be consolidated and shared with the Commission. The committee should be ready to discuss Policy 1: Licensing - Contestants and Seconds, and Policy 3: Licensing - Event Officials.

The consultation meeting for event officials will go ahead. T. Courtoreille will provide information to those who have confirmed their attendance.

6. Executive Director Report

The event application for August has been refused and justification has been provided to the promoter. An appeal can be made within 14 days of the notification date. Event applications need to be vetted through the Relaunch Committee.

S. Bugeja and T. Courtoreille, along with other commissions, met with the Government of Alberta to discuss the ongoing combative sports hiatus. It was recommended that a provincial working committee be created to provide a consistent approach to relaunch across the province.

An Edmonton promoter was advised that they are welcome to make an application for a September event date. The professional sports guideline from the province provides clarity on the approach and how the promoter and Executive Director can prepare their operational plans if they are going to request approval from the relaunch committee.

Insurance could be an issue when staging events, because insurance companies are adding provisions to contracts stating if there are COVID-19 related claims or liabilities, the insurance company would not be liable. Officials would be asked to sign a waiver of liability preventing them from making a claim if they caught COVID-19. T. Courtoreille has reached out to the City's Law branch and Risk Management to confirm that this is the approach the industry is taking.

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

CARRIED

7. Financial Statements – May 31 and June 30, 2020

T. Courtoreille will look at squaring up the balance on the amount owed to the City by the Commission that has been accruing over the past several months.

MOVED: To receive the May 31, and June 30, 2020, Financial Statements as presented.

CARRIED

8. Chair Report

An invite from the Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women was sent to the Mayor's office and filtered down to the Executive Director. The meeting

took place on July 31, 2020, with the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association, Rural Municipalities of Alberta, and most of the Alberta Commissions in attendance. There was consensus that there should be a provincial approach to holding COVID safe events. Alberta Health Services would need to provide the guidelines. It was suggested that a working group be established; however, Commission members would not be the right people to consult on this, because it would be more operational than governance.

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

CARRIED

9. Annual Work Plan

Thank you to T. Courtoreille for setting up and facilitating the orientation session for M. Deol!

One section of the Annual Work Plan will be removed because it has been absorbed into the policy review work.

The Commission discussed holding a retreat in 2021 and is looking at scheduling a time for it in early January.

D. O'Callaghan will resend a copy of the discussion questions to the Commission for Thursday's stakeholder meeting.

10. Next Meeting - September 14, 2020

The next Commission meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on September 14, 2020. S. Bugeja suggested the Commission use Zoom for the next meeting instead of Google Meet due to continuing technical difficulties.

11. Adjournment

MOVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

I certify that the preceding minutes represent an accurate account of the proceedings at the Commission meeting on August 10, 2020.

Sandy Bugeja

Sandy Bugeja, Chair

Sept 17/20

Date

Tracey Poberznick

Tracey Poberznick, Recorder