



**EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION
FINAL
MEETING MINUTES**

**February 10, 2020
7:00 PM**

Room 6, Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sandy Bugeja at 7:00 PM.

1. Roll Call, Recording of Attendance

Present: Chair Sandy Bugeja, Vice Chair Daniela O'Callaghan
Commission Members: Tye Babb, Trevor Kelly,
Steven Phipps
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 January 20, 2020 minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. Items Arising from Previous Meeting

None.

6. Annual Work Plan - Review Draft for 2020-2021

Minor updates have been highlighted on the Annual Work Plan for discussion at the upcoming retreat.

7. Policy Review Project

The posting for the policy writer will close on March 6, 2020. Commission members were asked to distribute it to anyone who might be interested in the position. Administration will add the posting to the ECSC webpage.

The sub-committee reviewed comments from the Executive Director on Policies 1 and 8. A policy writer would review the proposed policy recommendations and the final documents would go to stakeholders for consultation. The Commission would then look at what changes should be made to the policies.

MOVED: That the recommendations presented at the February 10, 2020 ECSC meeting on Policy 1: Licensing - Contestants and Seconds and Policy 8: Medical, be approved for consultation. CARRIED

The Commission will work on creating parameters for the Appeals Policy. T. Kelly and S. Bugeja have information that they will provide to D. O'Callaghan for distribution to the Commission prior to the retreat.

Licensing event officials will be discussed at the next sub-committee meeting. The next sub-committee date will be decided at the retreat.

8. Executive Director Report

The Executive Director provided a draft copy of the Combative Sports bylaw for context and historical background. T. Courtoreille will make sure the Commission is included in any bylaw amendment discussions that Administration may have. Bylaw revisions will need to be coordinated with the policy review. Administration, Law and the Executive Director should all attend a Commission meeting to come up with a process to collaborate as a team before any bylaw revisions are entertained.

An official was given a one year suspension in 2019. There was discussion around lifting the suspension early in order to bring this official back for training. Due to inspector turnover, T. Courtoreille plans to reach out to the BC Athletic Commission to schedule training for late May or early June. The Commission will be advised when a date is set.

T. Courtoreille received an Inquiry from the AUMA about a potential meeting with municipal commissions to discuss policies, procedures and regulations and how each area approaches them. The focus would be to look at standardizing the core safety issues and get some consistency across municipalities. T. Courtoreille will notify the Commission of any further discussions with the AUMA.

There was an inquiry from the US about officials betting on events. This stems from the ABC and certain commissions clearly stating in their Code of Ethics that officials are not allowed to bet on any event they are involved in. T. Courtoreille connected with the City of Edmonton Law Branch to discuss the ECSC Code of Ethics. The Commission was asked for input about adding this to the policy.

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

9. Financial Statements – October 31 and November 30, 2019

The Executive Director is double checking the figures from the September event. The Commission adopted an expense policy in 2019, which has been followed to the letter. Expenses for the policy review need to be separated out for tracking purposes.

MOVED: To receive the October 31, and November 30, 2019, Financial Statements with one revision as discussed. CARRIED

10. Chair Report

Recruitment for a new Commission member closed February 2, 2020. The Chair and Vice Chair will be able to review and comment on the applicants prior to the March 13, 2020, selection date.

The Chair and Vice Chair positions end in April. S. Bugeja will send an email to see if anyone is interested in putting their name forward for these positions.

KO Boxing provided a written request to waive Section 7 of Policy 4: Event Permits. Due to the short turnaround time, an email was circulated to the Commission for approval. The Commission will revisit the approval process this year for consideration and see how it aligns with the policy review. Look at stop gap solutions if this cannot be done in a timely manner.

MOVED: That Section 7 of Policy 4 - Event Permits be waived for the April 3, 2020, KO Boxing event and the Commission provide written approval to KO Boxing. CARRIED

The ECSC retreat is scheduled for February 29, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. T. Babb and S. Phipps will set the agenda and circulate it. A. LeMoine will facilitate. S. Phipps sends his regrets for the retreat.

MOVED: To accept the Chair report as presented. CARRIED

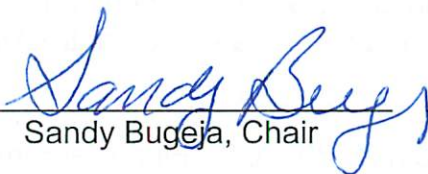
11. Next Meeting - March 9, 2020

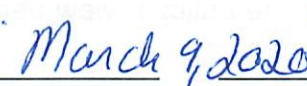
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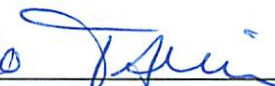
12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:55PM.

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


Sandy Bugeja, Chair


Date


Tracey Poberznick, Recorder