

AMENDED
AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
NANAIMO ATHLETIC COMMISSION
TO BE HELD IN THE BOWEN PARK CONFERENCE ROOM
ON WEDNESDAY, 2012-MAY-16, COMMENCING AT 11:30 A.M.

1. **CALL THE REGULAR NANAIMO ATHLETIC COMMISSION MEETING TO ORDER:**

2. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW NAC MEMBERS:**

3. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:**

- Add Item 10.(c) – Protocol
- Add Item 12.(h) - NAC Event Weigh In
- Add Item 12.(i) - NAC Event Contract
- Add Item 12.(j) - Paramedics Attending NAC Sanctioned Events
- Add Item 12.(k) - Combatant's Gloves for Events
- Add to Item 13.(a) – Supervisor's Report provided by Ed Garner

4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

- (a) Minutes of the Nanaimo Athletic Commission ("NAC") Meeting held Monday, 2012-APR-11, at 12:00 noon, in the Bowen Park Conference Room.

6. **PRESENTATIONS:** (None.)

7. **DELEGATIONS:**

8. **REPORTS OF ADVISORY BODIES:** (None.)

9. **CHAIR'S REPORT:** (None.)

10. **STAFF REPORTS:**

- (a) NAC Bylaw Revisions – S. Raddysh.

- (b) NAC Policy Revisions – S. Raddysh.

- (c) Protocol

11. **CORRESPONDENCE:** (Action) (None.)

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12. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- (a) Provincial Commission
- (b) Appointment of Doctor for Combative Sports Events
- (c) Meeting Dates
- (d) NAC Event Weigh In
- (e) NAC Event Contract
- (f) Paramedics Attending NAC Sanctioned Events
- (g) Combatant's Gloves for Events

13. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- (a) Review of Battlefield Fight League MMA Event, at the Port Theatre, 2012-APR-27, including, Supervisor's Report provided by Ed Garner.

14. **QUESTION PERIOD:**

15. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Robin Tweed

From: cavaliers@shaw.ca
Sent: Monday, 2012-May-14 6:13 PM
To: Sandy Raddysh
Cc: Robin Tweed; Bill McKay; bruceavis@shaw.ca; Ed Garner; Jim Kipp; Sandy Raddysh; Suzanne Samborski; Ted Greves; Wally Taylor
Subject: notes for upcoming Nanaimo Athletic Commission meeting
Attachments: NAC -items for review.docx

Importance: High

Commissioners, I am forwarding this information in advance of the upcoming meeting to give you a chance to review it prior to our meeting. Although there will be additional items related to the April 27th event review this information may expedite that review process.

Sandy, would you please amend the 2012 May 16th Nanaimo Athletic Commission agenda to include the items below under the event review heading and include the attachment as part of that agenda. Just in case anyone has difficulty opening the attachment the information below is identical to the attachment. Would you also email each of the Commission members a copy of the NAC event contract for Jay Golshani's event and also provide hard copies at the meeting for each Commission member. That will give all commissioners an understanding of what Jay received regarding the April 27th event.

Thanks
Brent

Agenda additions:

- NAC Event Weigh in
- NAC Event Contract
- Paramedics attending NAC sanctioned events
- Combatant's Gloves for events

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After the 2012-April 27 MMA event at the Port Theatre Commissioners were unanimous at identifying that changes were needed related to the preparation and staging of future events sanctioned by the Nanaimo Athletic Commission. To expedite this process Bruce Avis, Wally Taylor and I discussed our concerns and identified the following areas that the Commission should consider as part of the changes needed.

Event Weigh In:

Several issues arose regarding the weigh in for this event including a change of location, the appropriateness of the facility, having an accurate scale, guaranteed access to a photocopier, adequate space to process forms and fighter details, a private area to carry out medicals along with other possible concerns. The last time the weigh in was held in a satisfactory location was when it was last held in a city facility at NAC or Beban Social Centre or Bowen Clubhouse. The weigh in is a function that is essential to carry out Athletic Commission business in preparation for the fight on the following day. If the promoter wishes a publicity event the Commission could work with that promoter to participate in post weigh in publicity at a location of the promoter's choice.

The weigh in is a Commission function and the process would be much more effectively carried out if the Commission accepted responsibility for this function and advised the promoter that it would be held at a city facility where there was access to an accurate scale, photocopier, adequate space to carry out appropriate tasks, and relatively close proximity to sauna facilities if they were needed by the fighters. Meeting rooms at the NAC or Beban Park would accommodate all of these requirements. The promoter would be responsible for payment of a set rental fee for the use of this location and equipment.

The Event Contract

(Sandy, to aid Commissioners in reviewing this contract would you please email each of us a copy of Jay's Event Contract for the April 27 show at the Port Theatre ASAP and also bring hard copies of the event contract to each of us .)

To assist the promoter with a better understanding of the Commission's expectations more specific detail should be included in that contract

- Greater detail identifying line items for each and every fee that the promoter is required to pay including the total costs along with how and when those fees are to be paid needs to be included in his event contract. The current contract gives the promoter a "menu" of our various fees and leaves it to the promoter to determine what needs to be paid.
- Identification within the event contract of which forms are required to be completed and returned to the Nanaimo Athletic Commission and the required date that those forms need to be deposited back with the Commission.
- Elimination of the part of the contract clause that states "promoters must not use fighters who have participated in any no sanctioned event..." "The winner of the main event, Nick Hinchliffe at this last event has participated in numerous non sanctioned events at Bear Mountain. No doubt there were several other fighters at this event who also have non sanctioned fights as part of their official record. Our Commission voted to eliminate this requirement over a year ago.

Paramedics in Attendance

The Athletic Commission is legally responsible for insuring that appropriate medical staff – a doctor and paramedics are available to assist with the event. The promoter has historically confirmed the paramedics for the event. The Commission needs be determining the number of paramedics needed to be on site, confirming their availability, contracting their services, arranging for payment, billing the promoter for this cost, identifying and including that fee in the event contract. We discovered at this last event that we cannot leave this essential function to the judgment of the promoter.

Fighter's Gloves

At the April 27 event Marcus Aurelio, a professional combatant, may have fought using amateur gloves while his opponent was using professional gloves. Properly fitting gloves was an issue with other fighters also. To eliminate this problem from reoccurring glove fitting, supervision, and control needs to receive higher priority. Gloves could be assigned as part of the weigh in process, labeled for that fighter, controlled by commission officials, and allocated to the individual fighters by the dressing room supervisors just prior to their fight

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

BATTLEFIELD 15, APRIL 27, 2012

PORT THEATER

REFEREES

Both referees, Kevin Dornan and John Cooper performed very well, were both very professional and were right on top of the action. No fighters sustained unnecessary damage, and there were no complaints from the fighters about early stoppage.

JUDGES

Overall the judging was good, there were a few discrepancies, but overall there appeared to be no fights that resulted in a wrong decision, although there was an unusual amount of disagreement between the three judges. One judge, twice came to the scoring table to correct his score, and another error in reporting the wrong score occurred but it was corrected.

DOCTORS AND PARAMEDICS

Dr. Rondeau arrived late, but was able to perform all of the pre fight medicals, there were a number of suspensions which were recorded and registered. There were some extensive injuries and I believe the suspensions were accurate. The paramedics did an excellent job, both in cage and post fight. They were professional, informed and involved. We are very fortunate to have such a well trained local troupe of paramedics. There was a concern about payment of the paramedics, our rules require that at least one doctor and one paramedic be in attendance, this is the responsibility of the promoter and it is non negotiable. The chairman, Jim Kipp made a call on the night of the event to have the paramedics in attendance, after the promoter had dismissed them, this was the right call at the time, without them we were in violation of our own rules. Although Dr. Rondeau had an assistant with him, Steven Reid, who was previously a paramedic, and I believe the president of the BC Paramedics Association, he is not currently licensed and therefore does not meet our requirement. Clearly this expense should fall on the promoter.

DRESSING ROOM SUPERVISORS

We had 5 dressing room supervisors, with the exception of Ken Welte, were all new in this position. The four we had been previously using were all not available Mickey Griffin and Ian Thomson came in from Victoria, Ian had extensive experience and Mickey has a long background in fighting and Martial arts. They were all earnest and diligent in what I witnessed at the fight, but at the post fight meeting they brought up a number of concerns. Lack of proper gloves being the biggest issue, as well because of the dressing room allocation and the lack of tapers they had

to adjust on the fly to accommodate the event. This is the nature of their position, It is essential that all wraps and gloves are checked and the fighters are observed both pre and post fight.

SCOREKEEPERS AND TIMEKEEPER

Wally Taylor from the commission did a great job, despite being under the weather a bit, Ray Londeau carried out his duties very well.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Doctors and paramedics were a huge issue, late arriving, last minute negotiating and the paramedics being dismissed by the promoter are all inexcusable.

The promoter supplied gloves were completely inadequate.

There was an overall confusion on the night of the fight card that shouldn't have gone on. The commission chairman, or member of the commission should be the only ones talking to the promoter to resolve issues. And it should be done in an authoritative and no nonsense manner. If there are fees unpaid or regulations not met, or a lack of gloves a person in authority has to address the issue firmly and directly. All officials, if they have a problem should contact the chairman or supervisor and have the issue dealt with. A dressing room supervisor asking for more gloves or correct gloves will fall on deaf ears with the promoter, the chairman on the other hand can suspend the entire event, if necessary until the issue is resolved.

The payment of officials, although better than usual was still not without issues. The judges and referees still should have paid for their licenses, been deducted off their pay. We waived license fees for the minor officials, as their pay barely covers their license, but we did not waive for the other officials. Travel expenses were covered and the payment was done in an orderly fashion.

The real problem here was the promoter, it is unheard of a promoter dismissing the paramedics minutes before the fight, his glove supply was totally inadequate. He had all the time in the world to get the doctors and paramedics under contract, he twice called me to get the phone numbers, and did nothing until two weeks before the fight. He was not very helpful the night of the fight, and made no effort to correct problems as they occurred. Understandably he was inundated with requests from commission members, staff, dressing room supervisors, the doctor and his assistant and the paramedics, but it still does not excuse his poor performance.

Options run from charging him back for the paramedics, fining him, suspending him or revoking his license. I am not recommending these courses of action, but they are available.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Garner, Fight Supervisor