

**AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
NANAIMO ATHLETIC COMMISSION  
TO BE HELD IN THE BOWEN PARK CONFERENCE ROOM  
ON WEDNESDAY, 2012-APR-11, COMMENCING AT 12:00 NOON**

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

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

3. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:**

4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

- (a) Minutes of the Nanaimo Athletic Commission ("NAC") Meeting held Monday, 2012-FEB-15, at 12:00 noon, in the Bowen Park Conference Room.

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

7. **DELEGATIONS:**

- (a) Jay Golshani, Promoter of Battlefield Fight League, reviewing the Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) event at the Port Theatre, 2012-APR-27.

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

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

10. **STAFF REPORTS:**

- (a) NAC Bylaw Revisions – D. Osborne.
- (b) NAC Policy Revisions – D. Osborne.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** (Information)

- (a) E-mail Letter from Tim Lueckenhoff, President of the Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC), 3605 Missouri Blvd, Jefferson City, MO, 65109, expressing concerns regarding sanctioning of events in New York and New Jersey.

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12. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- (a) Process for Notifying Approval of Event to Promoter, Event Venue and/or Council – J. Kipp.

**13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- (a) Battlefield Fight League MMA Event, at the Port Theatre, 2012-APR-27.

**14. QUESTION PERIOD:**

**15. ADJOURNMENT:**

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Dear Membership:

Recently, the New Jersey State Athletic Control Board has made me aware of some matters that I wish to share with the membership. In New Jersey's neighboring State of New York, amateur and professional kick boxing and muay Thai is overseen by sanctioning bodies, not the state athletic commission. Reportedly, as of May 2012, New York has seen fit to also now allow amateur MMA under the direct control and supervision of sanctioning bodies.

While the below examples just involve New Jersey and New York, it is an important issue for the entire membership because contestants frequently travel to various jurisdictions. In addition, it is important because many sanctioning bodies are regional or national in nature, so that their actions/inactions are likely standard policy regardless of contest location.

In the past few months, combat sports competitors have been allowed to compete in the State of New York while underage, well past age 40, and under drug, medical or disciplinary suspension in New Jersey. All of the New Jersey suspensions in place were listed and denoted on the ABC's official MMA record keeper database, mixedmartialarts.com, and also sent to FightFax, the ABC's official boxing record keeper database.

In short, it is concerning that combat sports contestants have very recently been granted eligibility to compete in New York while under suspension in New Jersey for reasons such as positive Hepatitis C results, the need for retinal surgery, failed stress echocardiograms, and MRI scans. A contestant on permanent suspension for a history of subdural hematoma was also granted clearance and fought in New York without any testing.

Furthermore, the sanctioning bodies have not reported the results of any of these competitions in New York. Thus, absent voluntary and complete disclosure from the contestant, or attendance at each event, there is no way of knowing whether a contestant has competed in New York and the results of such competition. The sanctioning body, as it fails to report results, also fails to list any medical suspensions. Thus, it is difficult to determine whether a contestant was KO'd last week, and it is also difficult to determine whether a contestant has the experience of 5 or 15 combat sports competitions.

As Commissioners, we need to suggest that sanctioning bodies register their events and check for yellow labeled suspended fighters, and follow up with the suspending commission regarding the suspension. Sanctioning bodies should also report results to the proper registries. In the absence of that, Commissioners need to be aware of the need to directly inquire as to the contestants last competition, as such may not show on the database if regulated by a sanctioning organization.

It is strongly suggested that Commissions who allow and utilize sanctioning bodies consider requiring minimum medical testing, medical insurance, on site safety precautions, drug testing and weigh in controls. Currently, in New York, such are, at times, not even required or can simply be waived on fight night. Despite detailed operating procedures denoted in some sanctioning body manuals, these procedures are frequently waived. It may be prudent to have the sanctioning body advise the appropriate athletic commission of proposed event dates in advance, so that the state, province or tribal agency can send a representative to the event or follow up on the receipt of bout results and suspensions.

All combat sports have inherent medical risks and safety concerns, and proper regulatory oversight is needed at all levels. We should always remember that the health and safety of the contestant, and the fairness and integrity of the contest are our primary goals.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns.

Very truly yours,

  
Tim Lueckenhoff  
President