

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR NANAIMO ATHLETIC COMMISSION MEETING
HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, OF THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX
ON WEDNESDAY, 2011-SEP-21, COMMENCING AT 12:00 NOON

PRESENT: Commissioner M. Unger, Chair

Members: Commissioner E. Garner
Commissioner L. Sherry
Commissioner B. Avis
Commissioner B. Bestwick
Commissioner W. Taylor

ABSENT: Commissioner B. Meunier

Staff: D. Osborne
H. Richardson, recording

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER.

The Regular Meeting of the Nanaimo Athletic Commission was called to order at 12:10 PM.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA.

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda, as amended, be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES.

(a) Minutes of the Regular Nanaimo Athletic Commission ("NAC") Meeting held Wednesday, 2011-JUL-18 at 12:00 p.m. in the Bowen Park Conference Room.

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

4. DELEGATIONS.

(a) John Nguyen (in person) and Jay Golshani (by conference call), Promoters of Battlefield Fight League, presenting plans for the Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) event at Port Theatre, 2012-JAN-21.

This event will have 12 bouts, 5 amateur and 7 professional. The ring will be set up on the stage and will showcase local fighters and Vancouver fighters. Undercard will be from 5:00 to 6:30, followed by the main events and should end

at approximately 9:30. The main event will be for the Battlefield Fight League 125 pound Professional Featherweight title. The Port Theatre has a strict security policy in place and Mr. Golshani will have to discuss any security issues with them. Mr. Golshani is required to have a full application submitted to the Nanaimo Athletic Commission (NAC) by 2011-OCT-15, including contracts between fighters and Battlefield Fight League. When the full application is received and the event is sanctioned, a letter will be sent from NAC to the Port Theatre informing them of same. It was suggested that the Battlefield Fight League do more local advertising than at previous events to encourage a larger audience.

It was moved and seconded that the Delegation be received. The motion carried unanimously.

5. REPORTS OF ADVISORY BODIES.

- (a) ABC Convention in Washington – E. Garner. Every Canadian Athletic Commission, with the exception of Quebec, was represented at the ABC Convention in Washington. Canadian Commissions only have associate memberships in the ABC, but California proposed that they be allowed full memberships.

A process is being set up for all fights (sanctioned and non-sanctioned) to allow the sharing of non-personal information between Commissions. This will assist event organizers with investigating participating fighters to ensure they are not under suspension from a previous fight.

Discussions around fight cages brought light to the fact that Battlefield Fight League cages use a minimum locking system and need to be upgraded.

Medical reports must include a Surface Antigen test for hepatitis. Reportedly, this is the more thorough test for the disease. Commissioner Garner will investigate. If this proves to be the case, the NAC regulations for combative sports events will have to be revised.

Professional and amateur fighters in California wear two different colours at events to make a distinction between the two.

It was moved and seconded that the Reports of Advisory Bodies be received. The motion carried unanimously.

6. STAFF REPORTS.

- (a) NAC Bylaw Revisions – D. Osborne

The terminology in the NAC Bylaw is being revised so that the NAC Bylaw and Policy are synchronized.

It was moved and seconded that the Staff Report be received. The motion carried unanimously.

7. OTHER BUSINESS.

(a) Freedom of Information – Sharing Medical Information – D. Osborne.

Personal information that NAC has received for the purposes of mixed martial arts events is not to be shared with anyone, including medical information. Fighters can take copies of their personal information and submit those copies to NAC, keeping the originals for their personal use and distribution. As a third party, NAC must not share this information with anyone. If someone calls to request information regarding the reason a fighter was suspended, the event doctor's contact number can be given out for their use.

(b) Doctor for MMA Events – E. Garner.

A doctor has moved to Comox who is a combat doctor with the military. He has worked with the Edmonton Athletic Commission and comes highly recommended by them. Commissioner Garner will look into this further and check references and to determine if this doctor would be a good choice for a fight doctor at NAC sanctioned events.

It was moved and seconded that the Other Business be received. The motion carried unanimously.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

- (a) Proposed Battlefield Fight League MMA Event, at the Port Theatre, 2012-JAN-21. Some information from the 2011-MAY-28 Battlefield Event is still outstanding, including a financial report. This information must be received with the application package from Mr. Golshani before sanctioning of this event.

ACTION: Staff will prepare a letter to Mr. Golshani stating that "NAC is considering the Battlefield Fight League application pending receipt of all outstanding information from their previous event".

9. ADJOURNMENT.

It was moved and seconded at 1:30 p.m., that the meeting adjourn, with the next

meeting of the Nanaimo Athletic Commission to be determined at a later date. The motion carried unanimously.

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M. Unger, Chair
Nanaimo Athletic Commission

R. Harding, Director
Parks, Recreation and Culture

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