

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR NANAIMO ATHLETIC COMMISSION MEETING
HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, OF THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX
ON MONDAY, 2011-JUL-18, COMMENCING AT 12:00 NOON

PRESENT: Commissioner M. Unger, Chair

Members: Commissioner B. Meunier
Commissioner E. Garner
Commissioner L. Sherry
Commissioner B. Avis

ABSENT: Commissioner B. Bestwick
Commissioner W. Taylor

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 12:00 noon.

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-MAY-10 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. STAFF REPORTS.

(a) NAC Budget Review – D. Osborne. The budget for NAC is \$3,000 per year. This includes hospitality, membership fees with other organizations, and conferences for Commission members. This budget should be recovered through revenue from combative sports events sanctioned by the NAC. Any revenue over and above the \$3,000 recovered is transferred to a Reserve Account during the year and managed by Finance. If the NAC wishes to access these reserved funds, it must be approved by City Council. This budget is based on revenue brought in the previous year. Commissioner

Sherry would like to see a review of this policy so that there are enough funds remaining in the budget to allow commission members to travel to seminars.

Chair Unger suggested a change to the policy so that excess funds be transferred to the Reserve Account at the end of the year rather than during the year, so that the NAC has access to the funds to allow members to travel to conferences/seminars.

ACTION: Chair Unger will meet with Mr. Brian Clemens, Director of Finance, to discuss changing the policy regarding excess funds of NAC.

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

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

- (a) Update on NAC Fees – D. Osborne. Ms. Osborne is working with the Legislative Services Department to amend several areas of the Nanaimo Athletic Commission Bylaw. It was suggested that a change be made to the Fee Schedule so that licence fees of minor fight officials (Timekeepers, Scorekeepers and Dressing Room Attendants) be covered by the NAC. These officials do not get paid a sufficient amount to cover the licence as well as being paid for the event.

It was moved and seconded that the Nanaimo Athletic Commission absorb the licence fees of the minor fight officials (Timekeepers, Scorekeepers and Dressing Room Supervisors), retroactive to the 2011-MAY-28 Battlefield Fight League Mixed Martial Arts Event. The motion carried unanimously.

- (b) Review of Battlefield Fight League Event 2011-MAY-28 – E. Garner. A copy of the Suspension Reports of doctors should be gathered during the event and a copy given to the fighters who are suspended at the end of their bout. A fighter who was suspended at the 2011-MAY-28 event fought in Colwood before his suspension was removed.

It was moved and seconded that a letter be prepared by Commissioner Meunier regarding the 30-day suspension, to Linda Barnes, Administrator, West Shore Parks and Recreation Society. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners requested a full financial report from the 2011-MAY-28 event, outlining all financial circumstances of the event, and amounts paid to fighters. Ms. Osborne will request a report from Jay Golshani, Promoter of Battlefield Fight League.

NAC is obligated to provide security for these events to protect the participants. The sale of alcohol should be up to the facility manager. The facility manager and RCMP should work together to decide how many officers are required to be in attendance.

It was moved and seconded that staff provide a revenue/expenditure report for the 2011-MAY-28 event, as well as the gross income of the Promoter. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that staff survey other athletic commissions throughout BC and Alberta to identify what their policing costs are for combative sports events. The motion carried unanimously.

- (c) Review of UFC in Vancouver – E. Garner. Commissioner Garner attended a meeting before this event with a number of Combative Sports Commissions being represented. All involved would like more communication between Commissions. Commissioner Garner will put an e-mail chain together of all Commissions. Mr. Garner then attended the UFC event, which was a very large show that employed many officials that are used in Nanaimo.
- (d) Association of Boxing Commissions (“ABC”) Convention in Washington – M. Unger. The ABC Conference is being held in Washington DC from 2011-JUL-30 to AUG-03. The approximate cost for one person to attend is approximately \$3,000, or for two people, \$4,600. Ms. Osborne informed the NAC that this would have to be approved through Council as there is not enough money left in the budget as the excess revenue has been transferred to the Reserve Account. Three Commission members would like to attend this conference. Commissioner Sherry suggested that the funds transferred to the Reserve could have sent two NAC members to the ABC Convention.

It was moved and seconded that the Nanaimo Athletic Commission send Ed Garner to the Association of Boxing Commissions Convention in Washington DC and cover all expenses. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION: At the next regular meeting of the NAC, equal opportunity for all members to attend seminars/conferences will be discussed.

- (e) ABC Information – E. Garner. Names and e-mail addresses should be sent to NAC members. ABC fighter cards need to be issued to each fighter when they are being licenced.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

It was moved and seconded at 1:25 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.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



M. Unger, Chair
Athletic Commission

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



R. Harding, Director