

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR NANAIMO ATHLETIC COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, OF THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX  
ON TUESDAY, 2011-MAY-10, COMMENCING AT 12:00 NOON

---

PRESENT: Commissioner M. Unger, Chair

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

ABSENT: Commissioner B. Avis

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. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS.

- Add Item 8.(a) - ABC Convention in Washington.
- Add Item 8.(b) - Vancouver Athletic Commission (VAC) – UFC Fight.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA.

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

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES.

- (a) Minutes of the Regular Nanaimo Athletic Commission ("NAC") Meeting held Wednesday, 2011-MAR-16 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.

- (b) Minutes of the Regular Nanaimo Athletic Commission Meeting held Wednesday, 2011-APR-04 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.

5. DELEGATIONS:

- (a) Jay Golshani, Promoter of Battlefield Fight League, presenting plans for the Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) event at Frank Crane Arena 2011-MAY-28.

Commission held a discussion prior to Mr. Golshani's presentation. \$50 per fight is standard for the payment of referees within most jurisdictions. Winnipeg pays \$100 per night for refs. Judges can be paid on a per event basis. A suggestion of \$50 for certified referees and \$30 for non-certified referees was suggested. Clarification of the meaning of a "certified" referee is needed. Jim Kipp is more than qualified as a referee, but is he certified?

**ACTION:** Chair Unger will contact Mr. Kipp for clarity as to his level of certification as a combative sports referee.

The NAC sanctions fight officials as well as fighters. For liability reasons, a minimum standard needs to be set.

It was moved and seconded that any referees sanctioned to work as fight officials under the Nanaimo Athletic Commission should be certified by the Association of Boxing Commissions ("ABC").

It was moved and seconded that consideration of the motion Lay on the Table. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Referees of Combative Sports events have their rate of pay increased to \$50 per fight, with the exception of title fights. The motion carried. *Opposed: Commissioner Bestwick*

It was moved and seconded that all Fight Officials travelling to Nanaimo from out of town to work at an event be compensated for their travel and accommodations. The motion carried unanimously.

If Battlefield Fight League wishes to serve alcohol at their event, the cost of security will be significantly higher than the 2011-MAR-26 event. The City will follow the security levels suggested by the RCMP.

It was moved and seconded that Battlefield Fight League be charged \$1,000 for security if there is no alcohol sold at their event. If alcohol is served, Battlefield Fight League will be charged \$2,000 for security costs. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Golshani entered the meeting.

Weight-In will be Friday, 2011-MAY-27, at 4:00 p.m., in Rooms 1, 2 and 3 of the Beban Social Centre. Rules meeting will be Saturday, 2011-MAY-28, at 3:00 p.m., in Dressing Room B. 36 seats are being reserved on the floor for coaches and trainers. The main event will be at 9:15 p.m. The cage door has a longer pin and will be more secure. Fighters' documents will be brought to staff on the morning of 2011-MAY-27. Mr. Golshani will make a decision as to whether there will be alcohol sales at the Battlefield event 10 days prior to the event. Commissioner Garner will act as Fight Supervisor and will ensure that Mr. Golshani has a doctor arranged for the event.

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

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

- (a) Wrestling Convention in Las Vegas – Chair Unger. This convention covered mainly pro wrestling. There were many seminars including how wrestlers should conduct themselves.

7. STAFF REPORTS:

- (a) NAC Bylaw Revisions – D. Osborne. The appointment of an RCMP liaison as a Commission Member has been added to the Bylaw. There were also format and language updates, and changes to the way Commission members are appointed. The revisions will come before Council for approval.

**ACTION:** D. Osborne will e-mail the proposed revisions of the Nanaimo Athletic Commission Bylaw to NAC members.

8. OTHER BUSINESS.

- (a) ABC Convention in Washington.

It was moved and seconded that two Commissionaires attend the ABC Convention in Washington, D.C., on 2011-JUL-30. The motion carried unanimously.

- (b) Vancouver Athletic Commission (VAC) – UFC Fight. The VAC has sanctioned a UFC MMA event on 2011-JUN-05. The NAC will send a letter to the VAC offering any resources we have to them that might assist in running their event. The NAC will also request three passes for Commission members for observance reasons. Commissioners Bestwick and Garner are interested in attending.

**ACTION:** Staff will prepare a letter to the VAC offering assistance to them in the preparation for their 2011-JUN-05 event, and requesting three passes to the event for NAC members.

9. ADJOURNMENT.

It was moved and seconded at 2:20 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:

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

---

M. Unger, Chair  
Nanaimo Athletic Commission

---

R. Harding, Director  
Parks, Recreation and Culture