

AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR NANAIMO ATHLETIC COMMISSION MEETING  
TO BE HELD IN THE BOWEN PARK CONFERENCE ROOM  
ON WEDNESDAY, 2011-APR-04 COMMENCING AT 11:30 A.M.

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1. **CALL THE REGULAR NANAIMO ATHLETIC COMMISSION MEETING TO ORDER:**
2. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:**
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**
4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**
  - (a) Minutes of the Regular Nanaimo Athletic Commission Meeting held Wednesday, 2011-MAR-16 at 12:00 p.m. in the Bowen Park Conference Room.
5. **PRESENTATIONS:**
6. **DELEGATIONS: (10 MINUTES)**
  - (a) Jay Golshani, Promoter of Battlefield Fight League, reviewing the Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) event at Frank Crane Arena 2011-MAR-26..
7. **REPORTS OF ADVISORY BODIES:**
8. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**
9. **STAFF REPORTS:**
10. **CORRESPONDENCE: (Action)**
  - (a) Notes from Commissioner E. Garner dated 2011-MAR-26 regarding Battlefield 7 MMA event. **38 – 39**
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| (e) | E-mail correspondence between Commissioner Garner and Eric Hunter regarding the Canadian Boxing Federation (CBF), and payment of fighters whose opponents are a no-show. | <b>45 – 47</b> |
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**CORRESPONDENCE:** (Information)

11. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

12. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

13. **QUESTION PERIOD:**

14. **ADJOURNMENT:**

NOTES ON BATTLEFIELD 7, MARCH 26, 2011

ED GARNER, SUPERVISOR

JUDGES SCORECARDS NEED TO BE UPDATED, SHOULD BE IN RINGSIDE KIT

TOWEL SHORTAGE, NONE ON SITE

FOOD FOR COMMISSION AND OFFICIALS

TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR OUT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

DOCTOR TO KEEP TRACK OF SUSPENSIONS DURING THE FIGHT CARD

CHANGE RESULT/ SCORE SHEET, RE SCRIPT FOR MC NEEDS TO BE SIMPLIFIED

FIGHT CARD TOO LONG TOO MANY FIGHTS OFFICIALS AND COMMISSION BURN OUT

COMMISSION MEMBERS WERE ALL VERY HELPFUL AND NECESSARY FOR THE FIGHT CARD, SECURITY SEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVE

WOULD RECOMMEND CHANGING THE PAY STRUCTURE FOR REFS AND JUDGES, TO PER FIGHT, THEN WE CAN BRING IN EXTRA JUDGES AND REFS AND IT WON'T COST US MORE, AND WE BUILD UP OUR STABLE OF OFFICIALS

ALL THE OFFICIALS PERFORMED VERY WELL AND AT A HIGH LEVEL, JUDGING AND REFFING WAS ALL GOOD

THE ISSUE OF PAYMENT FOR THE FIGHTER THAT MADE WEIGHT CAME UP AT THE END OF THE NIGHT, AND THE QUESTION OF SHOW MONEY CAME UP. ACROSS THE INDUSTRY THERE SEEMS TO BE NO STANDARD, SOME PROMOTERS WILL PAY OR NEGOTIATE, OTHERS WILL PAY NOTHING. I KNOW THE PROMOTER ATTEMPTED TO KEEP THE FIGHT TOGETHER, EVEN OFFERED MORE MONEY BUT HUVENEREES REFUSED TO FIGHT AND JAY CHOSE NOT TO PAY HIM. I THINK THIS ISSUE IS BETWEEN THE PROMOTER AND THE FIGHTER AND THE COMMISSION NEED NOT GET INVOLVED, OTHER TO ENCOURAGE NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE PRINCIPALS.

CAGE DOOR COMING OPEN NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED AND EXAMINED, MY TAKE WAS THAT THEY HAD CAGE ATTENDANTS THAT LOCKED THE DOORS ALL NIGHT, BUT THE LOCKING DEVICE WAS MARGINAL AND COULD COME OPEN IF THERE WAS UPWARD PRESSURE ON THE GATE, THE LOCKING DEVICE THEY WERE USING IS ONE THAT SHOULD GO THROUGH THE LOCKING PIN, SO A LARGER LOCKING PIN SHOULD BE USED OR A CARIBINER STYLE CLIP

THIS BRINGS UP ANOTHER QUESTION, WHEN THE CAGE DOOR BROKE AND THE FIGHT WAS STOPPED,  
WERE THOSE FIGHTERS PAID, OR IF NOT ,SHOULD THEY HAVE BEEN PAID, I THINK THE COMMISSION  
SHOULD TAKE A POSITION ON THAT EQUIPMENT FAILURE IN A LETTER TO THE PROMOTER

Weigh In Procedures

1. The Committee member responsible for the WEIGH IN should meet with the promoter at the site prior to the WEIGH IN.
2. Location of the scales should be agreed upon mutually.
3. Location of the tables for registration should be agreed upon.
4. Fighters should be told to all arrive at a specified time e.g. 5:00pm
5. After fighters have been weighed in they should be escorted to the registration tables by a Committee member.
6. Fighters should know clearly what they have to produce at registration. Drivers license etc.
7. Fighters once registered should immediately report to the Doctor.

The above procedures would provide a n efficient Weigh In and would mean Committee members would not be waiting around for long periods of time.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce

**Heather Richardson**

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**Subject:** FW: BFL outrage

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**From:** Mary Rose [<mailto:yabuchinto@yahoo.ca>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 07:36 PM  
**To:** Richard Harding; [marilynsmith@nanaimo.ca](mailto:marilynsmith@nanaimo.ca) <[marilynsmith@nanaimo.ca](mailto:marilynsmith@nanaimo.ca)>; [edgraner@shaw.ca](mailto:edgraner@shaw.ca) <[edgraner@shaw.ca](mailto:edgraner@shaw.ca)>; [darcy.osborne@nanaimo.ca](mailto:darcy.osborne@nanaimo.ca) <[darcy.osborne@nanaimo.ca](mailto:darcy.osborne@nanaimo.ca)>  
**Cc:** [athletic.commission@vancouver.ca](mailto:athletic.commission@vancouver.ca) <[athletic.commission@vancouver.ca](mailto:athletic.commission@vancouver.ca)>  
**Subject:** BFL outrage

Hello Richard, Marilyn, Ed and Darcy:

My name is Mary Rose. I am writing in regards to the recent Battlefield Fight League Mixed Martial Arts event which took place this past weekend in Nanaimo.

I am a huge fan of MMA and have been to MFC, UFC and AFC events. I've always enjoyed myself at these shows as they represent the sport of MMA in an exciting but professional, safe and well-organized manner. I was therefore appalled to see the things I did at BFL last weekend. The commissioners - whose job it is to oversee events - seemed to be on a permanent coffee break. I was outraged by the myriad safety issues and lack of professionalism demonstrated by the regulating body at this event.

Not once, but twice, the cage flew open in the middle of a bout. One fighter hit his head so hard on the ground after falling out of the cage that he was knocked out, which is ridiculous and unacceptable. In any fight involving a cage, there should be a competent gatekeeper present. On top of that, to maintain the safety of the fighters, the cage should open inwardly.

In addition to the technical safety issues, there was gross mismatching, marked by huge weight discrepancies in the fighters, as well as in opponent fight records. Some of the fights went on way too long, and in one case, a fighter was allowed to pummel his opponent long after the latter had tapped out.

Professionalism and integrity were also lacking. One fighter, who fulfilled every part of his contract but who was unable to fight as his opponent was a no show, was not paid. In fact, I'm not any of the fighters have been paid.

If the commissioners in the municipality of Nanaimo do not do a better job in the future, people are going to get seriously hurt or worse. Not to mention the fact that the MMA organizations who are playing by the rules, and doing an excellent job not only caring for their fighters but regulating their events during all phases of it, will potentially suffer by association.

Please address this situation immediately. This event was a disgrace to the Mixed Martial Arts community and to the fighters who train and fight diligently in the hopes of demonstrating their athletic ability. The commissioners proved themselves incompetent and I, for one, expect more from those who are paid to oversee the safety of others.

Sincerely,

Mary Rose 

**Heather Richardson**

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**Subject:** FW: Dangerous MMA event

**Importance:** High

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**From:** [liz@dynamotraining.com](mailto:liz@dynamotraining.com) [<mailto:liz@dynamotraining.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 06:38 PM

**Subject:** Dangerous MMA event

Attn:

Darcie Osborne : Head of Parks and Recreation for Frank Crane Arena

Ed Garner : Head Commissioner

Richard Harding : Director of Parks and Recreation

Marilyn Smith : Secretary to the Mayor

Hello and thank you in advance for you time.

I attended the Battlefield Fight League 7 MMA event which was held on March 26th, 2011 at Frank Crane Arena. I am writing to you today to express my extreme distress as to how this event was put together and the final outcome. I am an MMA enthusiast and have attended many MMA events, amateur, pro, locally, nationally and internationally and I feel that I must communicate how shocked I was at how poorly and dangerously this event turned out.

The main point that I would like to address is the safety of the fighters. Now these are high calibre athletes and they know the risks that are involved with this sport and they take an amazing chance each and every time they step into that cage. I have the utmost respect for these men and women. This being said, there are a number of steps that should be taken to further ensure the safety of these athletes while they are performing. Not once, but TWICE the cage door was not pinned and as a result, the fighters went through and out the door of the cage and landed on a concrete floor. They are lucky that they neither broke their necks or were rendered unconscious. Shouldn't someone have checked the cage door before commencing the fight? This just shows me that there is a general lack of respect for these fighters as well as a gross mismanagement issue on the part of the commission, promoter and host of the event.

The second point that I would like to make is in regards to the matchmaking, which addresses the point of safety as well. There was a 60 lb. difference in one match. **60 lbs. !!!!!!!** Have you ever picked up a 60 lb. weight? Can you even pick up a 60 lb. weight? There is no possible scenario that you could pose to me that would make this seem ok. In another bout one gentleman had 12 fights and his opponent had none. Yes... ZERO experience in the cage vs someone with 12 matches in which he was beat to unconsciousness. Another example of this is 6 matches vs 1. These matches were so completely 1 sided I couldn't believe it. Are you trying to get people killed? I would like to know how these match-ups were approved and why.

My last point is the officiating. It was horrible and dangerous for the fighters. Fights went on far too long and the officiating was slow and put the fighters at more risk than needed. If you are going to be in that cage with the fighters, you are there first and foremost for the safety and protection of them. You should be on your toes and aware at all times.

As I mentioned, I have been to many MMA events and this was, by far, the worst run event I have ever seen. This is the fastest growing sport in North America, if not the world and there is a great deal of people that love to watch and train MMA. If something is not done about how you run and oversee your events you will ruin this for everyone. Not only did you put the athletes at risk this weekend, but the



whole sport. I am in no way saying that MMA events should not take place, what I am saying is that they should take place with high regard for the safety of the athletes.

There are many promoters and commissions that truly care about the safety of the athletes and it is very obvious to me that this is not one of them. I will never attend another event in your city.

**Liz Lampard**

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**Heather Richardson**

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**Subject:** FW: FOR THE MONDAY MEETING

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Hunter, Eric  
**To:** 'edgarner@shaw.ca'  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 11:04 AM  
**Subject:** Re: CBF Website

Sorry I missed that. We have asked the promoter to pay show & travel money if the fighter fulfills his part of the contract. It is to the promoters advantage to look after the talent.  
Eric

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**From:** edgarner@shaw.ca [mailto:edgarner@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 10:48 AM  
**To:** Hunter, Eric  
**Subject:** Re: CBF Website

I guess my main question was does the fighter who made weight get paid?  
Sent on the TELUS Mobility network with BlackBerry

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**From:** "Hunter, Eric" <EHunter@city.pg.bc.ca>  
**Date:** Mon, 28 Mar 2011 20:29:31 -0700  
**To:** 'edgarner@shaw.ca' <edgarner@shaw.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: CBF Website

Ed,  
We have used a city issued cheque system but we have also allowed promoters, that we have worked with in the past, to pay in cash, which we oversee. We only allow cash to be used if we have confidence in the promoter to pay the participants. The cash is sometimes easier but there is a danger of over stepping security limitations. Each of these systems have worked for us without incident. We prefer cheques but have found problems with the short notice changes in the line up of fighters and the trouble keeping up with that.

If a fighter shows up extremely over weight we have disqualified them. If they are within 3% of the contract weight. We will allow 2 hrs to reduce weight.

Cheers

Eric

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**From:** ed garner [mailto:edgarner@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 05:27 PM  
**To:** Hunter, Eric  
**Subject:** Re: CBF Website

WHILE I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION, HOW DOES YOUR COMMISSION HANDLE PAYMENT OF THE FIGHTERS?

IF A FIGHTER SHOWS UP OVER WEIGHT, AND THE OTHER FIGHTER WON'T FIGHT HIM, DOES ANYONE GET PAID? SHOW MONEY?

| ----- Original Message -----

**From:** Hunter, Eric  
**To:** 'edgarner@shaw.ca'  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 5:23 PM  
**Subject:** Re: CBF Website

Thanks for your comments & ideas Ed. We will continue to work toward solutions to the road blocks in front of us.

Cheers

Eric

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**From:** ed garner [mailto:edgarner@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 05:11 PM  
**To:** Hunter, Eric  
**Subject:** Re: CBF Website

HI ERIC, I APPRECIATE THE WORK YOU ARE DOING

IF THERE IS ANY WAY YOU COULD INCREASE THE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ALL THE CANADIAN COMMISSIONS, EITHER A BLOG OR A FORUM WHERE WE COULD POSE QUESTIONS AND GET ANSWERS FROM THE OTHER COMMISSIONS LIKE THE ABC DOES. ACTUALLY ALL THE ABC DOES, IS YOU POSE A QUESTION TO TIM LUEKENHOFF AND THEN HE SENDS A MASS EMAIL TO ALL THE MEMBERS

GOOD LUCK, KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Hunter, Eric  
**To:** GWinter@telus.net ; 'MICHEL HAMELIN' ; 'Francis Yakimchuk' ; 'Gerry Thomas' ; douvillej@hotmail.com ; Grant White  
**Cc:** 'ed garner' ; 'Pat Reid' ; 'Audrey Cerny' ; Amanda Noonan - NS ; Amber Miller ; 'Vancouver Athletic Commission' ; Carmen Didier (cdidier@terrace.ca) ; 'Denis Leger' ; (gpaynton@williamslake.ca) ; Greg Dobrowolski ; Hubert Earle ; Jerome Yang ; Fingard, Joel (CHTS) ; 'John Judd' ; 'Ken (MGCS)' 'Hayashi' ; ken.hayashi@mgs.gov.on.ca ; Kyle Watts (KyleW@davidsonlaw.com) ; 'Mickey MacDonald' ; Mike Pattenaude ; rickinterrace@yahoo.ca ; Ricky Anderson (go-ricky@hotmail.com) ; Rodney ; rsakai@richmond.ca ; saleem@vernonathleticcommission.com ; sastunzi@shaw.ca ; Stan Martens ; Hammel, Tom ; 'boxing1' ; Tim Dunlap (champlaw@hotmail.com)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 3:54 PM  
**Subject:** CBF Website

Greetings all,

First some sad news concerning George Winter CBF President. George suffered a mild stroke late last year & as of April 1st. 2011 has decided to step down as President. George is continuing to improve with rehabilitation classes but is still having some trouble with cognitive thought and vocabulary recall. We all wish George a full recovery.

The acting President is Vice President Michel Hamelin of Montreal. (Congratulations Michel) Nominations and elections will take place later this year at the AGM to be held in Montreal, Quebec, on a date in September to be determined.

CBF membership dues are now coming in and your support is greatly appreciated. If you are renewing memberships or are becoming new members please forward your dues ASAP. The CBF website being down since April 2010 we have not been able to change or update any of the information. We have corrected the problem & updates are now being installed. The site may not show the corrections right away so I ask for your patience. I would like to invite members & non members of the CBF to send me ideas & input as to what each commission would like to see on our reopened website. I would like to have all commission to list their medical requirements, what they are currently

regulating, ie; Boxing, MMA, Wrestling, Kickboxing, whether or not your commission regulate amateur combative sports. We plan on listing unified rules so if you could include rules that your commission is currently using if they are different. Please feel free to share any other items you feel are important. We will has an option for selective contributors, so if anyone has time and inclination to post a column or contribute in any way, we would be interested in hearing your ideas. I have included our mailing list please check to ensure that the information is current & correct.

There has been some suggestion that the CBF is on its last legs, this is not true. The CBF is a well established national regulatory body that has gone through a gauntlet of changes during the last few years. There are new commissions continuing to join, & the core is still strong. If everyone did their best to join & work together, we would all benefit from a stronger Canadian regulatory body.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Eric Hunter*  
*Canadian Boxing Federation*  
*Treasurer, British Columbia Director*  
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**Heather Richardson**

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**Subject:** FW: Need Your Help

**From:** Pat Reid <Pat.Reid@edmonton.ca>  
**Date:** Tue, 29 Mar 2011 08:42:13 -0600  
**To:** 'ed garner' <edgarner@shaw.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Need Your Help

Hi Ed:  
Yes I can help you -

Both fighters have signed contracts for "show" money and possibly for "bonus" (to win) money. At the weigh in if one fighter is overweight the other fighter has two choices: (1) accept the fight and he automatically gets 20% of the other fighters purse - which includes 20% of the other fighters bonus if the overweight fighter should win (2) refuse the fight and he gets his "show" money but no bonus money and no 20% of the opponents money. The overweight fighter gets only expenses - no "show" money.

The promoter pays us a certified cheque of the maximum payout possible and pays it the day before the weigh in. (We don't want to get stuck with any money issues as a commission.) So we have the maximum payout - money for appearance and all bonuses as if the highest paid fighter in each bout ended up winning (doesn't happen of course), but we are covered in case it ever did happen. Then we write commission cheques after each fight, for each fighter - and payment is only given after their post fight medical and sign off agreeing to the medical suspension our ringside physicians have given the fighter. There are payments by cheque in Canadian funds and we also have cheques in American funds if an American fighter's contract says he is to be paid in US money.

Hope this helps.  
Cheers, Pat

-----Original Message-----

**From:** ed garner [mailto:edgarner@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 5:35 PM  
**To:** Pat Reid  
**Subject:** Re: Need Your Help

HEY PAT, NEED YOUR HELP

DO YOU HAVE A POLICY WHEN TWO FIGHTERS SHOW UP, AND ONE IS OVERWEIGHT, ENOUGH THAT THE FIGHTER THAT MADE WEIGHT DOESN'T WANT TO FIGHT

DOES EITHER FIGHTER GET PAID, SHOW MONEY? EXPENSES?

DOES YOUR COMMISSION PAY THE FIGHTERS?

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From: cavaliers@shaw.ca [cavaliers@shaw.ca]  
Sent: March 31, 2011 11:33 PM  
To: Darcie Osborne; Merv Unger  
Cc: 'ed garner'; Loyd Sherry; Bill Bestwick (remote); 'WALLY TAYLOR'; 'Bruce Avis'  
Subject: Re: NOTES ON BATTLEFIELD 7

Darcie

Thanks for forwarding Ed's notes regarding the event on Saturday at Frank Crane. In addition to Ed's comments I have a few additional comments/recommendations for the event night and also have several recommendations related to the weigh in on the preceding night leading up to the event.

#### NIGHT OF EVENT (Saturday)

\* Length of event- the televising or videoing of the event completely dictates the pace of the activity throughout the evening. On March 26th the staging and coordinating activity for television slowed the event tremendously. As a result the event went well beyond a reasonable finishing time. In future if the event is being filmed for television the total number of matches need to significantly reduced. The Battlefield event had 19 matches scheduled. 17 matches actually took place and the evening finished after midnight. In future the number of matches for televised events should be restricted to 10-12 at the very most. Events lasting longer than 3 hours create a negative impact for the marketing of the next event. Less than one third of the approximately 1400 in attendance were still in the arena for the final event of the evening.

\* Opening of Doors - Doors need to open at least an hour in advance of the event start. Doors were supposed to open at 6 PM but still were not open until close 6:30 PM. The backlog of a lineup outside was still there when the event started at 7 PM.

\* Security- the monitoring, screening, and processing patrons at the entrance has improved tremendously in comparison with events from a few years ago. Wally's involvement on the Commission, the cooperative involvement of the police at events, and the latest addition of the paid security staff doing the scanning and searching at the door worked extremely well. Wally's ongoing monitoring of this area help to ensure this process was functioning effectively.

\* Electrical Power Source - The promoter, Jay, expressed concerns with the issues regarding inadequate power for the lighting and electrical demands on the arena during the fight. the lighting did blink on several occasions but did not go out. You should speak with Jay regarding this concern for specific detail. Several years ago we did have an incidence of the power blowing during a Tough Man event in Frank Crane. Needless to say it is not a pretty situation to handle when it occurs. Preventative steps is a much preferable way to eliminate this scenario from occurring

#### Weigh-IN

- \* In future the promoter should be advised that all weigh ins sessions need to be held in city facilities where there is adequate space to properly accommodate the event. Any other facility needs to have a staff visit to confirm adequacy and be approved in advance by staff before the site is to be considered. The Station Pub facility was completely inadequate which resulted in a chaotic process for both the contestants as well as the commission and promoter's staff.

- \* Staff should prepare a physical layout on paper identifying the stations required in the process including a space for fighter's to complete forms as well as a seating area for wives and friends accompanying the fighters.

- \* A copy of the layout showing the stations and what to do should be provided to the fighters upon entry. A larger display at the entry would also prove beneficial.

- \* Tabulation of forms- The promoter should be provided with a sample package showing how each fighter's forms should be assembled and stapled together. Alternately, the promoter should provide all forms by noon on the day of the weigh-in. This would provide staff with time to assemble the packages and identify any forms in complete or missing information.

Darcie, as I mentioned to you on Tuesday, Gary Paterson did an excellent job on the evening of the weigh-in as well as the night of the fight. He worked well with the Commission, with the arena staff, and was always ready to assist with every issue as they arose. The city is fortunate to have an employee with the dedication that Gary shows.

Brent