

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR NANAIMO ATHLETIC COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, OF THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX  
ON WEDNESDAY, 2011-APR-04, COMMENCING AT 12:00 P.M.

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PRESENT: Commissioner M. Unger, Chair

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA.

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda 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 Conference Room of Bowen Park.

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

5. PRESENTATIONS.

- (a) Jay Golshani, Promoter of Battlefield Fight League, reviewing the Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) event at Frank Crane Arena 2011-MAR-26.

The biggest problem of the evening was the cage door coming open during a bout. The company in Texas that constructed the cage is making a custom hook for the door so that this does not occur again. The length of the show was too long. If sanctioned, the 2011-MAY-28 event will start at 5:00 and end at 10:00. Too many people were milling around on the floor. 45 seats will be reserved at the next event for extra team members to use when their fighters

are in the cage. The doors need to open sooner for the event as patrons were not in on time as they were held up going through security. Ticket prices will be reduced at the next event by about 25%. There were some technical issues with t.v. filming, but they will be corrected for the next fight. One fighter was overweight so did not fight, however, his opponent was paid. There were approximately 1,900 tickets sold and \$88,595 in receipts.

Commissioner Meunier said that all fighters who went through the door were paid. There needs to be more promotion locally for the next fight. Rules meeting can be held the day of the fight in Dressing Room B starting at 3:30, to allow time for doors opening at 5:30.

Chair Unger reiterated that sanctioning fees and officials' fees need to be paid to Commission the night of the event. A spreadsheet would be helpful to keep track of what document/requirements are outstanding from fighters. There was a 60 pound discrepancy between two fighters in one bout, but was acceptable because of the weight class they were in.

Commissioner Garner stated that the time between matches was too long. The venue for the weigh-in was not acceptable. A tentative booking has been made at the Social Centre for the 2011-MAY-28 event. Fighters were missing some identification and information. If fighters do not have all required information, they should not be able to fight. Three fighters had no E.K.G. done. There was positive feedback on having the large screens in the arena.

A list of concerns will be sent to Jay Golshani.

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

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS.

- (a) Note of Thanks. Commission members were very impressed with the job that Gary Paterson, Recreation Co-ordinator, City of Nanaimo, did in supervising the Battlefield Fight League event on 2011-MAR-26. A thank you note will be forwarded to Mr. Paterson.

It was moved and seconded that a note be sent to Gary Paterson thanking him for the excellent job he did in supervising the Battlefield Fight League event on 2011-MAR-26. The motion carried unanimously.

- (b) Payment of Fight Officials. Not many fight officials are usually from out of town, however, when they are travelling to officiate at a fight, rates should be paid to them on a per fight basis, and include payment by the promoter for travel expenses. Commissioner Garner will look into how officials are paid in other areas and if promoters pay their travel expenses.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

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

It was moved and seconded that Mr. Golshani's 2011-MAY-28 Mixed Martial Arts event at Frank Crane Arena be sanctioned. The motion carried unanimously.

9. QUESTION PERIOD.

- (a) Sale of Alcohol on Trial Basis at Combative Sports Event – The suggestion of serving alcohol on a one-time trial basis was discussed. Staff Liaison Darcie Osborne reminded Commission members that NAC would have to recommend it, and Council would have to approve. It would be the promoter's responsibility to pay for additional security costs..

Recommendation: That the Nanaimo Athletic Commission recommends that Nanaimo City Council repeal Council Policy regarding "Serving Alcohol at Nanaimo Athletic Commission Events" as adopted on 2005-SEP-12.

Recommendation: That Nanaimo City Council approves alcohol being served on a trial basis at a combative sporting event.

RCMP would be involved in the discussions surrounding the event. Staff would work through the logistics of where liquor free zones were located in the arena.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

It was moved and seconded at 1:52 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  
Athletic Commission

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R. Harding, Director