

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR NANAIMO ATHLETIC COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD IN THE BOWEN CONFERENCE ROOM  
ON WEDNESDAY, 2010-MAR-03, COMMENCING AT 12:00 NOON**

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PRESENT: Commissioner M. Unger, Chair

Members: Commissioner E. Garner  
Commissioner B. Meunier  
Commissioner B. Avis  
Commissioner L. McNabb  
Mr. W. Taylor (Advisory Member)

Staff D. Osborne H. Richardson, Recording

ABSENT: Members: Commissioner B. Bestwick

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 be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

- (a) Approval of Minutes of the Regular Nanaimo Athletic Commission (NAC) Meeting held Wednesday, 2010-FEB-24, at 12:00 noon, in Room 8 of the Beban Park Recreation Centre, were deferred to the next meeting.

4. DELEGATIONS:

- (a) Mr. John Cooper, 601 Milton Street, Nanaimo, BC, V9R 2L4, South Western BC Affiliate, King of the Cage Canada, reviewing the Mixed Martial (MMA) King of the Cage event being held 2010-MAR-12, at the Frank Crane Arena.

There are 12 to 13 bouts planned for the card, which will include a few amateur fights. Dr. Ericsson will be the ring physician, with paramedics volunteering for the evening. Mr. Cooper is encouraging athletes to have their medicals done ahead of time. The Commission can assist in finding fight officials if necessary.

Weigh-in will be at 6:00 at the Bowen Park Clubhouse. Bruce Avis will supervise the weigh-in. Mr. Cooper will provide a digital scale. As fighters are required to keep undergarments on for weigh-in, there is a one pound margin for error for all fighters.

A suspension check is not run on fighters, as a condition of their contract is that they cannot fight within 30 days of another event. A MMA event will be held at Bear Mountain on 2010-MAR-06.

Mr. Cooper will draft a seating plan for approval by NAC prior to the event. Six ringside seats will be provided for the Commission. Two tickets will be provided to each Commission member. Brent Meunier and Ed Garner will be Event Supervisors. Cheques will be given to officials at the weigh-in, and they will be required to sign a checklist acknowledging the amount they are being paid.

Security is being done by VI Raiders football team. The minimum number of security persons required is 30.

Ticket sales are slow. Mr. Cooper feels attendance would pick up if alcohol were permitted at events.

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

5. STAFF REPORTS:

Suzanne Samborski, Senior Manager Recreation and Culture Services, has written a letter to Don and Louise Arnott regarding payment of security deposits and the procedures for paying officials at combative sports events. In future, a security deposit will be collected from all promoters prior to events and any outstanding fees or payments to officials/fighters will be taken from the security deposit if not paid at the event.

A letter has also been written to Mr. and Mrs. Arnott from the NAC stating that any questions or communication with regard to Athletic Commission business be directed through the Chair, and be of a courteous and professional nature.

6. CONSIDERATION OF OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Alcohol Sales at Combative Sports Events.

Ticket sales at combative sports events has been declining. Nanaimo is one of the only communities to not allow alcohol sales at these events. Wally Taylor will arrange a meeting with Jeff Lott of the R.C.M.P., staff and himself to explore the ramifications of allowing alcohol. Perhaps alcohol could be permitted on a one-time trial basis. If agreed to, allowing alcohol in specific facilities would be at the discretion of the management of that facility.

7. ADJOURNMENT.

It was moved and seconded at 1:13 p.m. that the meeting adjourn, with the next Meeting of the Nanaimo Athletic Commission to be at the discretion of the chair.

The motion carried unanimously.

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M. Unger, Chair  
Athletic Commission

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R. Harding, Director