

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR NANAIMO ATHLETIC COMMISSION MEETING
HELD IN THE BOWEN CONFERENCE ROOM
ON WEDNESDAY, 2010-FEB-24, COMMENCING AT 12:00 NOON**

PRESENT: Commissioner M. Unger, Chair

Members: Commissioner E. Garner
Commissioner B. Meunier
Commissioner B. Avis
Commissioner B. Bestwick
Commissioner L. McNabb

Staff : D. Osborne S. Samborski
H. Richardson, Recording

ABSENT: Members: Mr. W. Taylor (Advisory Member)

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:

- (a) Province Wide Meeting – B. Meunier.
- (b) Supervisors Report from Last Card – E. Garner.

3. 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, 2010-JAN-27, at 12:00 noon, in Room 8 of the Beban Park Recreation Centre.

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

5. PRESENTATIONS:

- (a) Brian Clemens, Director of Finance. As NAC is the sanctioning body for combative sports events in Nanaimo, it is inappropriate for them to be paying the participants and officials. The promoter should pay. If the City pays, there can be issues with Canada Pension, Unemployment Insurance, etc. Paying out cash in an uncontrolled area is not proper.

The Promoter should write cheques to the officials, which will be distributed by the Chair of the NAC at the weigh-in the night before the event.

Two officials from the previous fight at the Port Theatre have not yet been paid. A letter will be drafted to the promoter, Don Arnott, stating that these officials must be paid before any of his events will be sanctioned in the future.

Receipt of a security deposit from all promoters having events sanctioned by the NAC, should be enforced.

It was moved and seconded that Promoters present cheques, made out for each fight official, to the Chair of the Nanaimo Athletic Commission, at least 24 hours prior to the event, for distribution by a member of the Nanaimo Athletic Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that one member of the Nanaimo Athletic Commission be appointed for each event to distribute cheques to the fight officials. The motion carried unanimously.

Any outstanding payments to officials or participants will be taken from the promoter's security deposit.

6. STAFF REPORTS:

(a) Roles and Responsibilities – D. Osborne.

An excerpt from Nanaimo Athletic Commission Bylaw 7019, which outlines the roles and responsibilities of the Nanaimo Athletic Commission, was distributed and reviewed.

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

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

(a) Province Wide Meeting – B. Meunier.

Mr. Meunier will make preliminary arrangements for a meeting in Nanaimo encompassing provincial Athletic Commissions. The meeting will address MMA events and how commissions are sanctioning all levels of MMA including professional amateur.

It was moved and seconded that the Nanaimo Athletic Commission host a meeting of provincial Athletic Commissions, to be arranged by B. Meunier. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Supervisor's Report on Western Canadian MMA Championship at Port Theatre, 2010-FEB-10 – E. Garner.

Mr. Garner said overall the event was well done. However, there were a

few issues that need to be addressed, the most important being that two dressing room officials have yet to be paid. Officials were being paid cash at ringside, which is a concern. A form recording suspensions imposed by the event physician needs to be included in the event Tool Kit. Timelines for medical suspensions needs to be included on the results form that is circulated to other Commissions post-fight. There were ringside seating arrangement issues. There was no area designated as a "smoking" area outside the Port.

It was moved and seconded that the Nanaimo Athletic Commission send a letter to Don Arnott notifying him that cheques be made out to the two dressing room officials who have not been paid and delivered to Darcie Osborne for delivery. The motion carried unanimously.

In future, all fighters, whether amateur or professional, must have pre-fight medicals done. An official seating plan must be submitted to the NAC for approval prior to events.

Weigh-ins are not public events and spouses and friends should wait outside until after the weigh-in is over. It is not uncommon to have an official weigh-in and a press weigh-in. It was confirmed that the Commission's role is to set the venue for weigh-ins.

A Promoter's Contract will be created for signing after events have been sanctioned by the NAC, that will outline all rules and requirements to be fulfilled by the Promoter for their event.

It was moved and seconded that the Nanaimo Athletic Commission prepare a contract for Promoters that will outline all rules and requirements for their events. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Meunier will work with staff to draft a Promoters' Contract that will set out consistent guidelines for combative sports events in Nanaimo. Once drafted, the contract will be reviewed by the City solicitor.

- (c) King of the Cage Canada Event being held 2010-MAR-12, at the Frank Crane Arena.

Ed Garner and Brent Meunier have been appointed as Fight Supervisors for the event. John Cooper, Promoter, is required to submit a list of officials to NAC prior to the event. Cheques will be prepared by Mr. Cooper for officials and given to NAC for payment of officials.

9. 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 held Wednesday, 2010-MAR-03 at 12:00 noon in the Bowen Park Conference Room.

The motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



M. Unger, Chair
Athletic Commission

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



R. Harding, Director