

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR NANAIMO ATHLETIC COMMISSION MEETING
HELD IN THE ROOM 8, OF THE BEBAN PARK RECREATION CENTRE
ON WEDNESDAY, 2010-JAN-27, COMMENCING AT 12:00 NOON**

PRESENT: Commissioner M. Unger, Chair

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

Staff: D. Osborne H. Richardson, Recording

ABSENT: Members: Commissioner L. McNabb

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) Minutes of the Regular Nanaimo Athletic Commission Meeting held Wednesday, 2009-NOV-18, at 12:00 noon, in Room 7 of the Beban Park Recreation Centre.

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

4. STAFF REPORTS:

(a) Year End Financials – D. Osborne

The NAC budget is \$4,000 for 2010, with \$2,000 allocated to conferences. A line item for hospitality has been added. Frank Crane Arena will be closed from 2010-APR-01 to SEP-01.

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

5. DELEGATIONS:

- (a) Mr. Don Arnott, 5304 Sherbourne Drive, Nanaimo BC V9T 2J8, Promoter, Amateur Combat Sports Commission, Western Canadian Championships, reviewing 2010-FEB-05 amateur mixed martial arts event at the Port Theatre.

Mr. Arnott reported that the kick-boxing event previously scheduled would not be held, so the event will strictly be amateur Mixed Martial Arts. All fight divisions are almost full. No fighters will be permitted who have fought within the 30 days prior to the event. There are a total of 32 fights. There will be six weight classes with a maximum of eight fighters in each, with each bout being one-three minute round. Winners move on. There is no prize money involved as this is an amateur event. NAC requirements for the event will be forwarded to Mr. Arnott. Tickets for Commission members will be provided by Mr. Arnott.

Mr. Arnott presented a list of proposed fight officials.

- (b) Mr. John Cooper, 601 Milton Street, Nanaimo, BC, V9R 2L4, South Western BC Affiliate, King of the Cage Canada, requesting that amateur Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) fights be allowed at the King of the Cage event, being held 2010-MAR-12, at the Frank Crane Arena.

Mr. Cooper would like to include two or three amateur MMA fights on his card. He presented rules that would pertain to the amateur fighters on his card. These rules differ somewhat from other rules presented to the NAC in the past. A clear definition of amateur needs to be written by the Commission. Mr. Cooper will define the difference between professional and amateur fighters and will forward his rules to NAC within one week for review. Fighters that have turned professional cannot fight amateur again unless they apply to have their status changed back to amateur. Mr. Cooper will submit an official application pending the approval of the amateur rules by the NAC, as well as a list of proposed amateur combatants for the event. Mr. Cooper also asked for leniency for fighters who were involved in the unsanctioned event at Bear Mountain in the summer of 2009 as they were not aware that the event was not sanctioned.

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

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) E-mail from Mr. Jason Blood of Coquitlam dates 2010-JAN-06 requesting Mixed Martial Arts event information. Mr. Blood also noted that Mr. Arnott had requested a MMA event at the Red Robinson Theatre in Coquitlam in April.
- (b) E-mail from Marc Fennell dated 2009-DEC-17, enquiring as to whether NAC would be interested in hosting a MMA Referee or Judge Seminar was

received. NAC suggested that Mr. Fennell run a seminar of his own in Nanaimo if he is interested. NAC is not interested in hosting.

- (c) An e-mail was received from the Edmonton Athletic Commission 2010-JAN-21 stating that Orest Zmyndak is no longer working with them.

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

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- (a) Bylaw Approval – Fee Structure for Nanaimo Athletic Commission.

At the 2010-JAN-11 meeting of Nanaimo City Council, a motion was passed to adopt changes to the Nanaimo Athletic Commission Fees, as Nanaimo Athletic Commission Amendment Bylaw 2009 No. 7019.01” (to replace Schedule A – Nanaimo Athletic Commission Fees).

- (b) Tool Kit.

A ‘tool kit’ will be put together for major events that will contain forms pertaining to the event: tape, stationery items, etc. Commissioners Garner and Meunier will put together a list of what should be included. This kit will be portable and will assist NAC members in carrying out their duties at these events.

- (c) Letter to Attorney General from Nanaimo Athletic Commission re: Illegal Fights.

A draft letter has been prepared that will be presented to council outlining NAC’s stand on unsanctioned Mixed Martial Arts events.

- (d) Nanaimo Athletic Commission Bylaw Amendment.

The NAC Bylaw has not been updated since 2003. A small change is required regarding make-up of Commission members. Chair Unger will speak with City Staff regarding this change.

- (e) Amateur Combat Sports Commission, Western Canadian Championships, 2010-FEB-05.

Questions arose as to the credibility and experience of fight officials. All fight officials (medical, judges, referees) should be prepared to provide documentation as to their experience and credentials if required. Two dressing room supervisors are recommended to oversee glove taping at the 2010-FEB-05 event at the Port Theatre.

It was moved and seconded that two glove supervisors be appointed by the Promoter at his cost at the 2010-FEB-05 Amateur Combat Sports Commission

Western Canadian Championships at the Port Theatre. The motion carried unanimously.

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Cauliflower Alley Meeting in Las Vegas.

A reunion of the Cauliflower Alley Club will be held in Las Vegas from 2010-APR-19 to 21. If there is a significant amount of MMA on the agenda, Commissioner Unger is interested in attending.

(b) Meeting of Commissions.

Commissioner Meunier will arrange a meeting between interested athletic commissions to discuss consistency between them. Staff will provide a contact list.

(c) Fee Schedule for Events Sanctioned Prior to 2010-JAN-11.

Major events that were sanctioned by the NAC prior to Council approval of new fee schedule should be exempt from the fee increases approved 2010-JAN-11 as these events were planned prior to the increase.

It was moved and seconded that the Nanaimo Athletic Commission waive the 3% fee for major events sanctioned prior to 2010-JAN-11. The motion carried unanimously.

9. ADJOURNMENT.

It was moved and seconded at 1:30 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.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



M. Unger, Chair
Athletic Commission

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



R. Harding, Director

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