

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR NANAIMO ATHLETIC COMMISSION MEETING
HELD IN THE ROOM 20, OF THE BEBAN PARK RECREATION CENTRE
ON WEDNESDAY, 2009-JUN-03, COMMENCING AT 12:00 NOON**

PRESENT: Commissioner M. Unger, Chair

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

Absent: Commissioner L. McNabb
Commissioner B. Bestwick

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 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-APR-15, at 12:00 noon, in Room 20 of the Beban Park Recreation Centre.

Paragraph 6(b) should be amended to read "Joel Scobie", instead of "Kevin Scobie".

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

4. STAFF REPORTS:

- (a) King of the Cage, 2009-MAY-08.

Approximately 1800 patrons attended the King of the Cage event, which was relatively quiet. Fighters' gloves need to be tagged to identify if they are in the blue or the red corner, to correspond with the red or blue corners of the cage.

- (b) Canadian Boxing Federation AGM – NAC has a \$3,000 budget. The CBF AGM will be held in Winnipeg from 2009-JUL-09 to 11. Commissioners Garner, Meunier and Advisory Member Taylor, will attend the conference, each having no more than a \$1,000 budget. Staff will register the delegates, and delegates will make their own arrangements for travel and accommodation and present receipts to staff for compensation upon their return.

Provincial Bodies and Criminal Code pertaining to amateur events need to be forwarded to the CBF for inclusion on the agenda for the AGM.

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

5. CONSIDERATION OF OTHER BUSINESS:

- (a) City of Vancouver – MMA Requirement Request – The NAC is receiving a considerable amount of requests for information regarding MMA events. A standard package will be prepared by staff containing all MMA rules, forms, and information regarding events. This package will be accessible to anyone requesting information.
- (b) City of Calgary – Amateur MMA Request – An e-mail was received from the City of Calgary regarding sanctioning of amateur MMA events. Events that are half amateur and half professional are difficult to regulate. Rules are in place to make events safer for the fighters. Some Commission members felt that NAC has no business being involved with amateur fights. There are liability issues to the City when running amateur events. If events are half and half, the amateur card should be fought first, and then the professional card. Medical requirements need to be consistent whether for amateur or professional fighters.

It was moved and seconded that all fighters involved in Mixed Martial Arts events under the jurisdiction of the Nanaimo Athletic Commission, whether amateur or professional, follow the same medical requirements. The motion carried unanimously.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- (a) Liquor Sales at Events. The discussion regarding liquor sales at events has been ongoing. Generally, commission members are not in favour of having liquor at events. Commissioner Garner is in favour of selling liquor and noted that NAC is one of the only commissions that does not allow selling alcohol.

It was moved and seconded that alcohol not be sold at combative fighting events sanctioned by the Nanaimo Athletic Commission. The motion carried. *Opposed: Commissioner Garner.*

- (b) Head Official Discussion – Joel Scobie is not interested in the position of Head Official for combative sports events. Commissioner Garner will compile

a list of other officials and their qualifications for the next meeting for consideration.

- (c) Duncan Athletic Commission Formed – A Commission has been formed in Duncan. A WBC Women's International Title bout was held on Saturday, 2009-JUN-06 at the Cowichan Community Centre.

There are now three Athletic Commissions on Vancouver Island, with Saanich in the process of forming a Commission.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 1:03 p.m. that the meeting adjourn, with the next Meeting of the Nanaimo Athletic Commission to be held 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
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