

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR NANAIMO ATHLETIC COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD IN THE ROOM 19, OF THE BEBAN PARK RECREATION CENTRE  
ON WEDNESDAY, 2009-MAR-25, COMMENCING AT 12:00 NOON

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PRESENT: Commissioner M. Unger, Chair

Members: Commissioner E. Garner  
Commissioner L. McNabb

Absent: Commissioner B. Bestwick  
Commissioner B. Meunier  
Commissioner B. Avis

Staff: M. Smith 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-JAN-28, at 10:30 a.m., in Room 21 of the Beban Park Recreation Centre.

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

4. DELEGATIONS:

It was moved and seconded that the Delegations be permitted to address the Nanaimo Athletic Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

- (a) Mr. Don Arnott, 5304 Sherbourne Drive, Nanaimo, BC V9T 2J8, Promoter, So You Wanna Fight, reviewed the So You Wanna Fight event, being held 2009-APR-04, at the Beban Park Social Centre Auditorium.

Mr. Arnott advised that his event would be 50% boxing events and 50% mixed martial arts, comprised of one – three-minute round per fight. This is an amateur event and any professional fighters will need special permission to participate. Mr. Arnott was advised that the RCMP would require a list of the participants. The weigh-in will take place Friday, 2009-APR-03, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Security will be provided by Nanaimo Firefighters. Dressing Room Supervisors will not be required.

- (b) Mr. John Cooper, 601 Milton Street, Nanaimo, BC, V9R 2L4, South Western BC Affiliate, King of the Cage Canada, reviewing changes to medical forms.

Changes have been made to the Initial and Annual Examination form.. Mr. Cooper suggested additional changes that included the deletion of chest x-rays, changing the "Blood" portion of the form to question the history of haemophilia, and changing the "Urine" portion to show that a diabetes test was done. Mr. Cooper questioned when these forms would be revised as he needs to distribute them to the fighters involved in the 2009-MAY-08 King of the Cage event. Staff will contact Dr. Ericson, a ringside physician from Victoria, for confirmation that the forms are correct.

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

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- (a) Extreme Wrestling Event. Dave Republic requested approval for his Extreme Wrestling Event to be held 2009-APR-25 at the Centennial Building. Staff approval has been granted.

6. STAFF REPORTS:

- (a) Revamping of Event Information and Forms – Darcie Osborne.

It was moved and seconded that Commissioner Garner contact Edmonton Combative Sports Commission for information regarding events, fees and the forms used by their Commission for events. The motion carried unanimously.

7. CONSIDERATION OF OTHER BUSINESS:

- (a) Appointment of Additional At-Large Nanaimo Athletic Commission Members.

Although applications were not received in time for Joe Martin and Wally Taylor to be considered for the Nanaimo Athletic Commission, Chair Unger will speak with staff regarding the possibility of having them appointed.

(b) Fee Structure for Nanaimo Athletic Commission Members.

Mr. Garner will look into the fee structures used by other Commissions. Fees should be charged for TV rights. More fees need to be available for the Nanaimo Athletic Commission's use.

It was questioned whether the City should be in control of all ticket sales for fight events. Mixed martial arts promoters need the ability to sell their own tickets.

(c) Hiring of Officials for Fight Events.

The possibility of the City hiring officials for fight events is being investigated. If this does occur, a level of certification will need to be established so that the City is not liable. Mr. Garner will check into the certification process of other Commissions with regard to payment and hiring of officials, and liability issues with the communities or commissions hiring them. Staff will contact the City's Risk Manager to understand all ramifications of the City hiring and paying the Fight Officials.

Mr. Garner advised that background checks on mixed martial arts fighters should be carried out, and a suspension list should be created.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 1:00 p.m. that the meeting adjourn, with the next Meeting of the Nanaimo Athletic Commission to be Wednesday, 2009-APR-29, at Beban Park at 12:00 noon.

The motion carried unanimously.



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M. Unger, Chair  
Athletic Commission

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R. Harding, Director

Parks, Recreation and Culture