

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ATHLETIC COMMISSION MEETING
HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX
ON WEDNESDAY, 2009-JAN-28 COMMENCING AT 10:30 A.M.

PRESENT: Commissioner M. Unger, Chair

Members:

Commissioner L. McNabb
Commissioner B. Bestwick

Staff: D. Osborne H. Richardson (recording)

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m.

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 Athletic Commission Meeting held Wednesday, 2008-OCT-01 at 12:00 p.m. 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.

4. DELEGATIONS:

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

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

Mr. Arnott is holding the So You Wanna Fight event in the Auditorium rather than Frank Crane Arena to create a more intimate atmosphere. The event will be run the same as in the arena. Dressing rooms and smaller meeting rooms in the Social Centre will be used for dressing, post-fight medicals etc. A concession will be open with no alcohol served. Mr. Arnott is expecting 30 to 40 fights on the card.

The pre-fight weigh-in and medicals will be held Friday, 2009-APR-03, in the Social Centre. City of Nanaimo Staff will streamline forms and

make them more comprehensive. Mr. Arnott has a checklist that he goes through to ensure all tasks are complete prior to the event.

- (b) Mr. John Cooper, 601 Milton Street, Nanaimo BC, V9R 2L4, South Western BC Affiliate. King of the Cage Canada, requested sanctioning of the mixed martial arts event on 2009-MAY-08, at Frank Crane Arena.

The pre-fight weigh-in and medicals will be held Friday, 2009-MAY-07, at 7:00 p.m. at the Beban Park Social Centre. Event staff will have access to the weigh-in room early for set-up, which will streamline the weigh-in process. Media and interested public are invited to attend. A barrier for privacy for the fighters will be used when they are being weighed.

The RCMP expressed concerns at the amount of cash on-site and about distribution of funds during the event. All fees payable to the Athletic Commission need to be expressed in writing to promoters in advance of the event.

Mr. Cooper is proposing 13 fights on the card.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- (a) Nanaimo Athletic Commission member's positions have been advertised, with the deadline for applications being 2009-JAN-30.

6. STAFF REPORTS:

- (a) Reporting of Event Information and Revamping of Forms – Darcie Osborne. Forms for fight events are being modified by staff so that they are more streamlined and comprehensive.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- (a) The Commission is not responsible for the training of officials. Liability was in question if the Athletic Commission pays for their training. All officials are required to show certification to prove they are qualified as fight referees. Commissioner Unger will look into the certification process for referees for discussion at the next meeting.
- (b) Mr. Don Arnott, So You Wanna Fight Event – 2009-APR-04 – Beban Park Social Centre Auditorium. Mary Smith is the staff person responsible for the Beban Park Social Centre. Regular users of the Social Centre will not have access to the building the evening of 2009-APR-04.

Staff's Recommendation: That the Athletic Commission approve the So You Wanna Fight event scheduled for 2009-APR-04 at Beban Park Social Centre Auditorium.

- (c) John Cooper – King of the Cage Event – 2009-MAY-08 – Frank Crane Arena. Four dressing room officials, paid for by Mr. Cooper, were provided at the previous King of the Cage event at a cost of \$50 each. It was very worthwhile having these officials on hand, and they will be listed on the Commission's list of fees.

Staff's Recommendation: That the Athletic Commission approve the King of the Cage Mixed Martial Arts event scheduled for 2009-MAY-08 at Frank Crane Arena.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendations be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 11:30 a.m. that the meeting adjourn, with the next Meeting of Athletic Commission to be determined at a later date.

The motion carried unanimously.



M. Unger, Chair
Athletic Commission

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



R. Harding, Director
Parks, Recreation and Culture