

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ATHLETIC COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD IN ROOM 8, OF THE BEBAN PARK RECREATION CENTRE  
ON THURSDAY, 2008-JUL-30 COMMENCING AT 12:00 P.M.

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PRESENT: Commissioner M. Unger, Chair

Members:

Commissioner E. Garner  
Commissioner L. McNabb  
Commissioner J. Martin  
Commissioner B. Meunier  
Commissioner B. Bestwick

Staff:

D. Osborne

H. Richardson (recording)

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.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-JUL-23 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. OTHER BUSINESS:

- (a) Staff Liaison to Athletic Commission – Darcie Osborne has been appointed as the staff liaison to the Athletic Commission.
- (b) Athletic Commission Meeting Dates – meetings will be held on Wednesdays at noon, with dates to be determined as required.
- (c) Budget – Lunch Meetings – deferred to next meeting.

(d) Executive Summary Report –

- i) A fighter at the November 2007 So You Think You're Tough event appeared to have fighting experience. Commissioner Martin feels Don Arnott is very careful at matchmaking. The guidelines stipulate that fighters have no more than five fights on their record. It was suggested that a letter be sent to Mr. Arnott reminding him of these guidelines.
- ii) Promoters hiring their own fight officials is a conflict of interest. Commissioner Garner will look into having the event promoters pay for event officials.

It was moved and seconded that Commissioner Garner investigate implications of officials for events being hired by the Nanaimo Athletic Commission. The motion carried.

*Opposed: Commissioner Meunier*

- iii) How much money is in the Commission account? Any money left over at the end of each year is put into a reserve account. This money helps out sending Commissioners to seminars, meetings etc. If the Commission wants to increase their budget, it was suggested that sanctioning fees be increased. There was some concern that this would make it difficult for promoters to hold events. The idea of a percentage rather than a flat fee for events was suggested.
- iv) Dressing room supervisors need to be provided for fighters from glove-up to ringside and back to the dressing room.

It was moved and seconded that four dressing room supervisors be hired by, and paid for, by the Promoter of events to escort fighters from glove-up, to the ring for their fight, and back to the dressing room. The motion carried.

Windbreakers will be provided for the dressing room supervisors for identification purposes.

It was moved and seconded that Other Business be received. The motion carried unanimously.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- (a) Training for Officials – Ed Garner. Certification of fight officials is not required at this time. Officials for events should be made aware of training that is relevant to their position and encouraged to be trained properly in officiating events. If the City pays for officials to be trained, the City assumes responsibility for them. The City should practice due diligence in encouraging fight officials to be better trained.

It was moved and seconded that the Nanaimo Athletic Commission and fight promoters strongly encourage fight officials to take any training relevant to their position for events. The motion carried.

The Commission will look into hosting a seminar for fight officials in Nanaimo in the next 12 months.

- (b) John Cooper – King of the Cage Event – 2008-OCT-18 – Frank Crane Arena.  
Concern was expressed by Commission members that the weigh-in at the previous King of the Cage event was not well-organized and fighters were not well-enough informed about guidelines for the weigh-in. Ed Garner will act as the fight supervisor for the 2008-OCT-18 event and will ensure that the weigh-in operates more smoothly. Mr. Cooper needs to fully inform his fighters of the requirements of the weigh-in before the event.

Staff's Recommendation: That the Athletic Commission approve the King of the Cage Mixed Martial Arts Event scheduled for 2008-OCT-18 at Frank Crane Arena.

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

- (c) Don Arnott – So You Wanna Fight Event – 2008-NOV-22 – Vancouver Island Conference Centre.

***This venue was deemed to not be appropriate for this event, and has subsequently been cancelled.***

It was moved and seconded that Unfinished Business be received. The motion carried unanimously.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 1:30 p.m. that the meeting terminate, with the next Meeting of Athletic Commission to be held Wednesday, 2008-OCT-01 in Bowen Park Conference Room. The motion carried unanimously.

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M. Unger, Chair  
Nanaimo Athletic Commission

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R. Harding, Director  
Parks, Recreation and Culture