

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ATHLETIC COMMISSION MEETING
HELD IN ROOM 21, OF THE BEBAN PARK RECREATION CENTRE
ON TUESDAY, 2008-FEB-26 COMMENCING AT 12:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioner M. Unger, Chair

Members:

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

Absent:

Commissioner B. Bestwick

Staff:

S. Samborski

D. Osborne

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 Thursday, 2007-NOV-08 at 3:00 p.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. REPORTS OF ADVISORY BODIES:

(a) King of the Cage Event, 2008-FEB-26 – Commissioner Garner.
Commissioner Garner distributed a written report. In general, the event went well, but had a bit lower attendance than the Promoter would have liked. Dr. Erickson, the fight physician from Victoria, did an excellent job.

Commissioner Garner suggested that in the future, the Athletic Commission be responsible for hiring and paying officials. Commissioner Garner also suggested that whenever possible, we send officials for extra training.

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

5. STAFF REPORTS:

Brent Meunier was welcomed as a new Athletic Commission Member.

6. CORRESPONDENCE: (Action)

- (a) E-Mail from John Cooper, Promoter, King of the Cage, requesting possible dates for a King of the Cage event during either July or August at Frank Crane Arena. Darcie Osborne, Arenas Manager, will contact Mr. Cooper with available dates for the proposed King Of The Cage Event, as soon as available times are given to her by the Arena Allocations Clerk.

It was moved and seconded that the proposed King of the Cage Event be given conditional approval for the summer of 2008, subject to availability of the Frank Crane Arena. The motion carried unanimously.

- (b) E-Mail from Mayor Gary Korpan requesting the Athletic Commission's assistance for Mr. Barry Creswell who trains young boxers. His rent has increased dramatically. This is a private organization.

It was moved and seconded that the request from Mayor Korpan to assist Mr. Barry Creswell in having his rent lowered or assisting him in finding new training space be referred to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission.

Commission members felt that the Athletic Commission has no jurisdiction over this matter.

The motion was defeated.

Opposed: Commissioners Unger, Garner, Meunier, Martin

It was moved and seconded that staff send a letter to Mr. Barry Creswell informing him that the Nanaimo Athletic Commission has no jurisdiction over this matter. The motion carried unanimously.

- (c) E-Mail from Dave Republic, President, ECCW Entertainment, requesting sanctioning of pro-wrestling event at the Centennial Building on Saturday, 2008-APR-05. This event has had good success in the past.

It was moved and seconded that the request by Mr. Dave Republic, President, ECCW Entertainment, for sanctioning of the pro-wrestling event at the Centennial Building on Saturday, 2008-APR-05, be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

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

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

- (a) Suspension of Mr. Shawn Lafleur, Promoter, ECCW Wrestling. Mr. Lafleur has fulfilled all of the obligations under his suspension.

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

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- (a) So You Wanna Fight Event, 2008-MAR-29, Frank Crane Arena. Mr. Don Arnott, Promoter, will be invited to the next Athletic Commission meeting to discuss details of the event. Mr. Arnott, has historically had trouble getting local doctors to act as fight physicians for the So You Wanna Fight events. Staff will pass on Dr. Erickson's name to Mr. Arnott for the next event.

It was suggested that a Nanaimo Athletic Commission member be appointed for these events as a "go to person". An Athletic Commission member will be appointed as Fight Supervisor at the pre-fight meeting.

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

9. QUESTION PERIOD:

- (a) Canadian Boxing Federation (CBF) / Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) meeting will be held in July, 2008 in Montreal. Up to \$750 per person is available from the CBF for those attending. This will be discussed at a Director's Meeting in Vancouver in May, 2008.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 1:00 p.m. that the meeting terminate, with the next Meeting of Athletic Commission to be determined at a later date. The motion carried unanimously.

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M. Unger, Chair
Nanaimo Athletic Commission

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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R. Harding, Director
Parks, Recreation and Culture