

Wednesday, January 25, 2022
5:30 PM

In Attendance:

- Travis Grindle
- Jennie Sudo
- Bryan Jeannotte
- Paul Davis
- Geoff Rhodenizer
- John James – Early Departure
- David McFalls
- Kenten Grunau
- Lee Mein – Special Guest

1. Welcome - Acknowledgement

- Call to order - 5:35

2. Presentation – Rumble in the Cage (L. Mein)

- In accordance with bylaw #6250, reading of designation of the commission as directed by council
- Special guest presented information and discussion without final decision on the following topics:
 - 3 Cornermen Recommendation
 - Weight Divisions Recommendations
 - Allowance vs Tolerance for Catchweight & Title Fights
 - Penalty for Amateurs Missing Weight Recommendation
 - Fit to Fight & Participant Forms Recommendations
 - Under-Age Permission Form Recommendation
 - First Aid Services Recommendations
 - Event Insurance Inquiries
 - Brain Repair Protocol Document for Distribution

3. Official Business – Bylaw #6250

a. Election of Chairman

NOMINATION – P Davis

THAT Bryan Jeannotte serve as Chairman until December 31, 2023.

No other nominations.

----- by ACCLAMATION

b. Election of Vice Chairman

NOMINATION – D McFalls

THAT Paul Davis serve as Vice Chairman until December 31, 2023.

No other nominations.

----- by ACCLAMATION

c. Appointment of Recording Secretary

Postponed until T Grindle able to acquire information regarding appointing secondary City of Lethbridge representative

4. Approval of Agenda

MOTION – K Grunau/ D McFalls

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

----- CARRIED

5. Approval of Minutes: Nov 16/22, Dec 22/22

MOTION – D McFalls/ G Rhodenizer

THAT the minutes be approved as presented.

----- CARRIED

6. Fight Night Event Postponement

- Discussion regarding client advised of newly submitted fees and applications required for newly proposed event, April 8, 2023, ENMAX Centre Lethbridge.
 - a. **Rescheduled to Apr 8/23**
 - No new application received at this time
 - b. **Medical Staff Notified of rescheduling**
 - Confirmed J James
 - c. **Officials Notified of rescheduling**
 - Confirmed P Davis
 - d. **Volunteers Notified of rescheduling**
 - Confirmed G Rhodenizer
 - Discussion to require volunteers to be at event minimum 1 hour early, agreed by all members.
 - Discussion to remove requirement located on volunteer application to enquire if applicant has had any license suspended for any reason within the Province of Alberta. Travis to follow up after inquiring with City Solicitor's Office.

7. Provincial Group Meeting Report (Jan 25/23)

- Postponed item for later date

8. Commission Financial Statement

MOTION – P Davis/ K Grunau

THAT the 2022 Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission Financial Statement be approved with amendments.

----- **CARRIED**

9. Meeting with City Clerk

- \$42,000 approved budget for all City of Lethbridge commissions and committees. Possible allocation of honorarium or opportunity to add budget for volunteer appreciation event. Disbursement amounts are not guaranteed.

10. Commission Orientation Report (Jan 12-13/23)

- B Jeannotte to forward to J Sudo for distribution with meeting minutes

11. City Volunteer Appreciation Event: Feb 4/23

- D McFalls and B Jeannotte RSVP and plan to attend

12. Edmonton Commission Stakeholder Survey

- Planned survey on hold as representative, Forest Gavins, is asked to report to council before May 2023. No further inquiries regarding accidental death of Tim Haig. Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission will not be participating as commission does not consider themselves stakeholders.

13. Member Recruitment – Future Commission Requirements

- Postponed item for later date

14. Commission Annual Report

- B Jeannotte to prepare report for final submission March 31, 2023

15. Pure Power Wrestling Report (Jan 7/23)

- As received and filed

16. Upcoming Events

- a. Pure Power Wrestling – Fritz Sick Centre (Feb 4/23)
- b. Rumble in the Cage – Lethbridge & District Exhibition (Feb 18/23)

17. Other Business

a. Brad Wall Inquiry

- Questions forwarded to P Davis, P Davis to respond
- b. **ABC Invoice**
- *Invoice currently due. P Davis to forward copy to T Grindle.*

18. Date of Next Meeting

a. Monthly Meeting

- *Wednesday, Feb 22/23, 5:30pm, Mitch Ball Meeting Room, City Hall*
- **b. Meeting to Approve Fight Card for RITC Event**
- *Wednesday, Feb 15/23, Time & Location TBD*

19. Adjournment

MOTION – D McFalls/ K Grunau

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:40pm.

----- **CARRIED**

Wednesday, February 22, 2023
5:36 PM

In Attendance:

- Travis Grindle
- Jennie Sudo
- Bryan Jeannotte
- Paul Davis -Vice Chair
- Kenten Grunau
- Geoff Rhodenizer
- John James

Regrets:

- David McFalls

1. Welcome - Acknowledgement

- Call to order - 5:36

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION – P Davis/J James

THAT the agenda be approved.

----- **CARRIED**

3. Approval of the Minutes: Jan 25/23

MOTION – K Gruau/G Rhodenizer

THAT meeting minutes for January 25, 2023 be accepted with amendments as discussed.

----- **CARRIED**

4. Rumble in the Cage 64 Event Report

As received by the Chair

- General discussion: Review of the event highlighting successes and lessons learned, with the following recommendations:
 - Book Officials earlier to alleviate pressure
 - Ensure we have the up-to-date forms (waivers) in use
 - Add a new judge and timekeeper to the roster of officials
 - Request background information on the skill level and training of independent fighters
- General discussion: Concern raised with the cage setup due to matts being used in the cage, rather than canvas covered sport flooring. A minor injury occurred during the event (twisted knee due to matt slipping) that may have been avoided.
 - *DIRECTION-Geoff to investigate/ research purchase or rental options and inquire with other commissions to find standard flooring owned and provided by commissions as well as rules/regulations, requirements and maintenance surrounding flooring.*
Recommended commissions to research; Penhold, Calgary, BC Commissions, Ontario, Nevada, California, New York

5. MMA Judges Future Roster

- General discussion: Review of select roster of officials
 - Add R Heavyhead as Judge – In Agreement
 - Add R De Galang as Timekeeper – In Agreement

6. Independent MMA Fighters Skills & Training Information

- General discussion: When a participant registers as an independent fighter, the event promoter will be contacted to ensure the level of participant skills, knowledge and training is to satisfaction. Referees can also assess fight abilities during weigh-in. Bulk of responsibility falls on Participant, Promoter and Referee.

Commission will add extra contact to the promoter to confirm independent participant's ability, when an independent participant is flagged in submitted forms.

7. Rumble in the Cage Inquiries Response Re: Jan. 25/23 Mtg Presentation

- 3 Cornermen Recommendation
 - Rejected – Rules & Regulations will remain as is, but the Promotor has the ability to limit the number of combatant support staff in the locker room. Commission will continue to limit the number of cornermen to three at ringside.
- Weight Divisions Recommendations
 - Rejected – Changes to weight divisions had already been submitted in previous commission meeting. Current divisions reflect best industry practice. Will continue to monitor going forward.
- Allowance vs Tolerance for Catchweight & Title Fights
 - Rejected – Currently following standard industry practice.
- Penalty for Amateurs Missing Weight Recommendation
 - Rejected
- Fit to Fight & Participant Forms Recommendations
 - Rejected - but Commission will continue to monitor compliance and ease of completing the forms.
- Under-Age Permission Form Recommendation
 - Adopted - Paul has made example form - will now be attached to the combatant package
- First Aid Services Recommendations
 - Received – In the most recent event, 1st aid staff were found to be very active
 - General Discussion: proposal to adjust the post-fight form, to have approval signature wording non-specific, in order to allow EMT professionals to be able to sign. Form Currently says 'Physician Name', however, EMT professionals are not technically physicians. Suspension forms still require physician signature (ie: medical personnel, medical staff, etc.).
- Event Insurance Inquiries
 - In Progress
- Brain Repair Protocol Document for Distribution
 - In Progress
 - *DIRECTION-Paul to send email for circulation to commission members in response to presenter*

8. Volunteer Registration Forms

- General discussion: Proposal to change wording in volunteer registration form from the word 'Official' to 'Volunteer'. Are we required to perform record checks for our volunteers?
 - *DIRECTION-T Grindle/ J Sudo to forward 'Registration of Officials' form to City Solicitor's Office for review, with confirmation that a record check is not required for volunteers.*

9. Training & Recruiting Timekeepers & Scorekeepers

- General discussion: In need of all event staff for roster
 - *DIRECTION-All members to make best efforts to find timekeepers, scorekeepers, and other event volunteers.*

10. Booking Volunteers for Branded Fighting Event (Mar. 18/23)

- *DIRECTION-All members to make best efforts to find timekeepers, scorekeepers, and other event volunteers*

11. Provincial Group Meeting Report (Feb. 21/23)

- As received from Chair

12. City Clerk Meeting Report (Feb. 21/23)

- As received from Chair

13. Membership Application(s), Appointments & Recruitment

- General discussion: Application has been received; B Jeanotte recommendation to interview prospect
 - *DIRECTION-B Jeanotte to reply to email from S Parsonage as follow-up*

14. Tsuu T'ina Nation Commission Request

- General discussion: Request to attend event in a mentorship role, has been received and is forwarded to interested members
 - *DIRECTION-P Davis & K Grunau have agreed to attend (if available) after confirmation this is a mentorship only, not in attendance to work as event staff. P Davis to follow up. Attendance will be dependent upon clarification of role at the event, availability and reimbursement of costs.*

15. Amateur Wrestling Inquiry

- T Grindle has addressed

16. New Commission I-D Tags

- General discussion: T Grindle has already begun work on updating commission member IDs for 2023
 - *DIRECTION-T Grindle to follow up and bring updated IDs to next meeting if available.*

17. Commission Equipment Storage & Bag

- General discussion: New storage bag is required for equipment management

MOTION – P Davis/G Rhodenizer

THAT the Commission purchase a new equipment storage bag and office supplies to a maximum amount of \$400.

----- **CARRIED**

18. Upcoming Events

- PPW – April 22, ENMAX Centre Lethbridge
- Branded Fighting Event - General discussion: Fight line-up presented, though additional participants may be confirmed before finalization date. Line-up information does not include time/ round/ title bout/ skill level information.

19. Other Business

- General discussion: In order to recruit volunteers, G Rhodenizer proposed a poster be made. A poster has already been developed by J Sudo and posted in the February 2023 Recreation & Culture Guide.
 - *DIRECTION-J Sudo to print approx. 12 posters for pick up by G Rhodenizer for local distribution. Circulate copy attached with February 2023 meeting minutes email.*

20. Referee Insurance Coverage

- T Grindle to follow up

21. Next Meetings

- Next Commission Meeting
 - March 27, 2023 | 5:30pm | City Hall, Rm 333 Mitch Ball Room
 - Invite forwarded through Outlook so is able to be added to calendar
- Fight Card Approval Meeting
 - March 15, 2023 | 4:00pm | P Davis Residence

22. Adjournment

MOTION – K Grunau /J James

THAT the Commission adjourn the February 2023 meeting at 7:51pm.

----- **CARRIED**

Monday, March 27, 2023

5:42 PM

In Attendance:

- Travis Grindle
- Jennie Sudo
- Bryan Jeannotte
- Paul Davis
- Geoff Rhodenizer
- John James

Regrets:

- David McFalls
- Kenten Grunau

1. Welcome - Acknowledgement

- Call to order - 5:42

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION – G Rhodenizer/J James

THAT the agenda be approved.

----- **CARRIED**

3. Approval of the Minutes: Feb 22/23

MOTION – J James /G Rhodenizer

THAT meeting minutes for February 22, 2023 be accepted with amendments as discussed.

----- **CARRIED**

4. Branded Fighting Championship Event Report (Mar 18/23)

- General discussion:
 - Relatively successful event overall
 - Weigh-ins at the LC Cave location was ideal
 - Medical personnel were found to be very thorough and well prepared to offer event services
 - Instance with event staff in conflict of the Code of Conduct
 - DIRECTION-B Jeannotte to follow up with event organizers/ promoter in regards to staff/ volunteer Code of Conduct
- Recommendations:
 - More volunteers and monitors may be required in locker room locations due to large open spaces creating risk for uncontrolled environment specific to this venue
 - Volunteers may require more training, including training with regards to medical form completion
 - DIRECTION-P Davis and J James to review form completion, in order to forward instruction to volunteers

5. Rumble in the Cage Inquiries Response

- General discussion:
 - Weight Divisions Recommendations
 - Rejected – After discussion, decision stands. Current divisions reflect best industry practice. Will continue to monitor going forward.
 - Penalty for Amateurs Missing Weight Recommendation
 - Rejected – After discussion, decision stands. Any changes to Rules & Regulations must be properly reviewed, voted upon and approved aligning with motion and carry processes currently in place.
 - Physician Forms

- Accepted – Suggestion to include statement on Physician Form. Statement 'PRINT OUT COPY OF LAB RESULTS AND ATTACH TO FORM'. Added suggestion from member J James to outline Yes/No options with frame.
DIRECTION-P Davis to update forms and prepare for review by committee in April/23 meeting

6. Rumble in the Cage Future Event Permits (June-Oct /23)

- General discussion:
 - Permit approved for June 17, 2023 event
 - Permit in review for October 2023 event application

7. Event Roles and Responsibilities Guide

- General discussion:
 - P Davis has created governing document to outline the roles and responsibilities of each member of the Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission
 - Request for copies of finalized version from Medicine Hat Combative Sports Commission and the Grande Prairie Combative Sports Commission
DIRECTION-P Davis to circulate document amongst Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission members for review and feedback
- Recommendations:
 - Possibility of a similar document created outlining the roles and responsibilities of volunteers for the Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission

8. Provincial Group Meeting Report (Mar 21/23)

- General discussion:
 - As presented by Chair
DIRECTION-B Jeannotte to circulate finalized version of Member Roles and Responsibilities Guide to Medicine Hat Combative Sports Commission and the Grande Prairie Combative Sports Commission when complete

9. Tsuut'ina Commission Event Supervision (Mar 25/23)

- General discussion:
 - Weigh-ins were informal and relatively uncontrolled
 - Staff and volunteers operated well with limited resources
 - Feedback and suggestions were forwarded informally during event by attending Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission members including; suspension protocols, dressing room supervision, etc.
DIRECTION-P Davis to respond to commission with overall report including recommendations for improvement

10. City Clerk's Report – City Council Governance Committee (Mar 23/23)

- General discussion:
 - As presented by Chair
 - DIRECTION-T Grindle to clarify approved honorarium rates to commission members

11. Z Promotions – Fight Night Event Postponement

- General discussion:
 - Plans for an April event postponed for second time, with a third attempt proposed for May 2023
 - Deadline for May event quickly approaching, as applications are required 45 days in advance to event date
DIRECTION-T Grindle to check on receipt of deposit for proposed May event
 - DIRECTION-B Jeannotte to respond to promoter regarding deadlines and deposit regulations

12. Commission Annual Report

- General discussion:
 - As presented by Chair

- DIRECTION-B Jeannette to forward draft to T Grindle

13. Rules & Regulations – MMA Rule 13.6 (c)

- General discussion:
 - Rule 13.6 refers to intentional fouls. It was brought to the attention of the commission that the wording of this rule may cause confusion by volunteer. After review, the wording is properly structured, as it is directly pulled from international standardization of MMA rules.
 - DIRECTION-P Davis to reply to volunteer to explain and address confusion
 - Licensing fighters is trending amongst national commissions, including Quebec and Ontario who will no longer allow unlicensed fighters to participate in events located in their jurisdictions. Is this a trend Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission will take part in in the future?
 - DIRECTION-P Davis to research and prepare for discussion during April /23 meeting
 - DIRECTION-B Jeannette to add discussion item to April /23 meeting agenda

14. Commission I-D Tags

- General discussion:
 - Issued by T Grindle and distributed to all members present

15. Commission Posters

- General discussion:
 - Posters distributed to local gyms and recreation centres by G Rhodenizer
 - Recruitment efforts continue, with one successful applicant approved by council. Commission is awaiting follow up from City Clerk's Office for new member details and communications.
 - Current member uncertain of ability to continue participation on the committee
 - DIRECTION-B Jeannette to follow up with current member to offer perquisites and compensation in efforts to retain all current members

16. Pure Power Wrestling Report (Mar 4/23)

- General discussion:
 - As presented by Chair

17. Upcoming Events

- General discussion:
 - Pure Power Wrestling – ENMAX Centre (Apr 22/23)
 - Fight Night – ENMAX Centre (May 19/23)
 - Two proposed bare knuckle fights, which require officials specializing in bare knuckle rules and regulations
 - DIRECTION-P Davis to actively seek official with required knowledge and skill set for bare knuckle fights

18. Other Business

- General discussion:
 - Equipment & supplies required for Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission business
 - P Davis – Computer bag, large size, multiple large pockets
 - Blood pressure arm band, extra large size

MOTION – G Rhodenizer/J James

THAT office supplies and medical equipment purchased up to the amount of \$200.00.

----- **CARRIED**

- DIRECTION-J Sudo to source and order computer bag
- DIRECTION-P Davis to source and order blood pressure arm band
- Proposal to host training session for volunteers and officials. Quotes from 3rd party training professionals to be gathered and prepared for April /23 meeting

DIRECTION- P Davis to gather quotes and prepare for review by committee in April/23 meeting
DIRECTION- B Jeannotte to add discussion item to April /23 meeting agenda

- Amateur Wrestling
 - Event was held without submitting proper paperwork to Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission, sparking discussion of next steps.
- Proposal for available members to attend Combative Sports Commission Convention in Las Vegas
DIRECTION-J James to compile approximate pricing and prepare for review by committee in April/23 meeting

19. Date of Next Meeting

- Next Commission Meeting
 - April 19, 2023 | 5:30pm | City Hall, Rm 333 Mitch Ball Room
 - Invite forwarded through Outlook so is able to be added to calendar

22. Adjournment

- Adjournment 8:00pm

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

5:35 PM

In Attendance:

- Travis Grindle
- Jennie Sudo
- Bryan Jeannotte
- Paul Davis
- Geoff Rhodenizer
- John James
- David McFalls
- Jorgen Thompson
- Brad Stephenson

1. Welcome - Acknowledgement

- Call to order - 5:35

2. Introduction of New Members

- Welcoming new members
 - Jorgen Thompson
 - Brad Stephenson

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION – G Rhodenizer/D McFalls

THAT the agenda be approved.

----- **CARRIED**

4. Approval of the Minutes: Mar 27/23

MOTION – J James /G Rhodenizer

THAT meeting minutes for March 27, 2023 be accepted

----- **CARRIED**

5. New Commission Members' ID & Clothing

- General discussion:
 - T-Shirt and vest sizes required, medium for both new members in T-shirt and vest
 - Photos will be taken after the meeting of new members so that ID cards can be issued

DIRECTION-T Grindle to facilitate the issuing of ID cards for new members

MOTION – G Rhodenizer/J James

TO purchase Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission T-shirts and vests for new members up to \$250.00

----- **CARRIED**

6. Commission Resignation – Return of Equipment Bag

- General discussion:
 - Equipment Manager has resigned and returned equipment bag to T Grindle
 - New Equipment Manager role assigned to J Thompson

DIRECTION-B Jeannotte to forward 'Event Night Equipment Checklist' to J Thompson for reference of equipment bag contents

DIRECTION-J Thompson to complete inventory of equipment bag in preparation for event night, May 19, 2023

7. Provincial Group Meeting Report: Apr 18/23

- General discussion:
 - Meeting cancelled, rescheduled to May 03, 2023, no report at this time

8. Edmonton Commission Inquiry & Response

- General discussion:
 - B Jeannette completed report at the request of the Edmonton Combative Sports Commission
 - Document attached and circulated herein
 - Edmonton Combative Sports Commission continues to 'pause' through to summer of 2023
 - DIRECTION-B Jeannette to request any additional data gathered during Edmonton Combative Sports Commission's endeavor, be forwarded to Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission for future reference if needed

9. Fighter's Medical Suspension Rumble In The Cage 64 (RITC64) – Central Commission

- General discussion:
 - Fighter who competed in RITC64 had 60-day suspension issued by supervising physician due to medical reasons
 - Email response forwarded to Central Combative Sports Commission with regards to this fighter due to attempts to participate in events within their boundaries before expiration of issued suspension

10. 'Fight Night' Event Planning

- A) General discussion:
 - Event organized by Z Promotions
 - Previously, Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission has required 3 conditions to be met in order to approve Bare Knuckle Boxing bouts requested
 - Fighters must be experienced fighters, bouts will not contain any first time fighters
 - An accredited boxing or bare knuckle boxing official/ referee/ cut-men is required
 - Bare Knuckle Boxing bouts are not approved to be advertised by the promotor as the main event

MOTION – D McFalls/B Stephenson

TO approve up to two (2) bare knuckle matches with rule set, as presented by P Davis (attached and circulated herein), conditional upon appointment of experienced boxing official/ referee/ cut-men onsite at event

----- CARRIED

DIRECTION-J Sudo to circulate Bare Knuckle Fighting Rule Set

- B) General discussion:
 - Begin attempts to find suitable official/ referee
 - Promotor to be responsible for any and all travel expense agreements made with official/ referee
- C) General discussion:
 - Proposal to invite the Medicine Hat Combative Sports Commission to shadow Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission roles, tasks and responsibilities during event, hope to provide additional volunteers during event
 - Including currently confirmed volunteers for event, brings the total volunteers on event day to 8, with recruiting efforts still underway

11. Training Session – Officials & Volunteers

- General discussion:
 - Efforts to facilitate a training session in Lethbridge for officials and volunteers are underway
 - Recommended to schedule for summer/ early fall of 2023

Tabled

DIRECTION-P Davis to reach out to Medicine Hat Combative Sports Commission to invite to this training session to gain more expertise

12. Medicine Hat Commission Volunteer Assistance

- General discussion:

DIRECTION-B Jeannette to coordinate invitation to Medicine Hat Commission to volunteer during May 19, 2023 event as referenced in item 10 (c), including Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission rules & regulations for guidance/ reference

13. Tsuut'ina Commission Recommendations

- General discussion:
 - At this time, no further communications received with regards to the recommendations forwarded by Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission
 - Tsuut'ina will be looking for support from Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission in the way of a recommendation/ reference to the Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC)
 - Next scheduled event by Tsuut'ina Combative Sports Commission is approximately June 16, 2023

14. Licensing of Fighters

- General discussion:
 - RECEIVED AS INFORMATION-*My Life ID* forwarded an email to Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission members to propose the use of their software, which is a platform that tracks medical IDs. Creates efficiencies by allowing members to enter their own medical information which is then stored on a database, which is able to be accessed by medical/ admin staff.

15. Request for Fighter IDs

- General discussion:
 - Fighters are not currently required to show proof of ID when finalizing/ signing forms at an event
 - Fighters will be required to provide government issued picture ID (driver's license, provincial ID card, passport, etc.) when signing any forms required by Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission. In the case that fighter or participant is youth and does not have government issued picture ID, parent or guardian will provide government issued picture ID as agreement/ confirmation of identity.
 - Proof of ID changes to come into effect Fall 2023

DIRECTION-P Davis to email promoters of upcoming events to notify of these upcoming changes
DIRECTION-P Davis to revise 'Rules & Regulations' for circulation and discussion at May 2023 monthly meeting

16. Physicians Letter of Reference

- General discussion:
 - B Jeannette agreed to write letters of reference at the request of promoter, in order to participate in UFC event in Vancouver, BC
 - Document attached and circulated herein

17. Association of Boxing Commissions Convention Pricing

- General discussion:
 - After research, John is not able to attend due to scheduling conflicts
 - Possibility to attend 2024

18. Upcoming Events

- General discussion:
 - All volunteer name & license plate numbers to be provided to T Grindle and/or J Sudo, for forwarding to ENMAX Centre Lethbridge staff. This will allow for free volunteer parking in southeast parking lot.
 - Map attached and circulated herein
 - Pure Power Wrestling – ENMAX Centre (April 22/23)
 - Report to follow
 - Fight Night – ENMAX Centre (May 19/23)
 - Coordinating volunteers, officials, referees, scorekeepers, timekeepers & commission members

- Notice to all volunteers to be forwarded with event and meeting details, cc'ing all commission members

19. Other Business

- General discussion:
 - Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission SharePoint Site Update
 - J Sudo to deliver 10 minute training on new cloud-based SharePoint site functionality
 - Add to May 2023 agenda
 - P Davis to print and bring blank copies of 'Speaking Notes' documents for volunteers/ commission members

20. Date of Next Meeting

- Next Commission Meeting
 - May 10, 2023 | 5:30pm | City Hall, Rm 333 Mitch Ball Room

22. Adjournment

- Adjournment 7:30pm

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

5:37 PM

In Attendance:

- Travis Grindle
- Jennie Sudo
- Bryan Jeannotte
- Paul Davis
- Geoff Rhodenizer
- David McFalls
- Jorgen Thompson
- Brad Stephenson

Regrets:

- John James

1. Welcome - Acknowledgement

- Call to order - 5:37

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION – G Rhodenizer/D McFalls

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

----- **CARRIED**

3. Approval of the Minutes: Apr 19/23

MOTION – B Stephenson /J Thompson

THAT meeting minutes for April 19, 2023 be approved as amended.

----- **CARRIED**

4. New Commission Members ID & Clothing

- General discussion:
 - DIRECTION: IDs have been requested by Travis, potentially arriving in time for June's meeting
 - DIRECTION: T-Shirt and vest quotes have been requested in preparation for purchase

5. 'Fight Night' Event Update

- General discussion:
 - Event cancelled as per email received by Chair, no refund of permit application fee
 1. Line-Up Card Approval Meeting
 - Cancelled due to main event cancellation
 2. Medical Records
 - No longer required due to cancellation
 3. Weigh-In (ENMAX Centre, 5pm, May 18)
 - Cancelled due to main event cancellation
 4. Rules Meeting
 - Cancelled due to main event cancellation
 5. Officials
 - P Davis has contacted to cancel via email
 6. Medical Staff
 - P Davis has contacted to cancel via email
 7. Bare Knuckle Rules
 - No longer required due to cancellation
 8. Volunteers
 - G Rhodenizer has contacted to cancel via email
 9. ENMAX Parking Map

- Circulated with April 2023 minutes
- DIRECTION: T Grindle to confirm process for updating listing of member contact information and license plate numbers

10. Medicine Hat Commission Members

- DIRECTION: B Jeannotte to follow up with Medicine Hat Commission Members to notify of event cancellation

6. SharePoint Training

- As performed by J Sudo

7. Commission Skills Matrix

- General discussion:
 - DIRECTION: B Jeannotte to complete review and revision of skills matrix as requested by City Clerk's Office as needed
 - DIRECTION: B Jeannotte to bring reviewed document and any necessary amendments to June 2023 meeting
 - Complete document to be submitted by June 30, 2023

8. Request for Fighter IDs

- General discussion:
 - All promoters have been contacted by P Davis
 - Revised document reviewed and discussed with recommended amendments
 - DIRECTION: P Davis to bring amended document to June 2023 meeting for review and finalization

9. Provincial Group Meeting Report: Postponed

- General discussion:
 - Alberta Culture has put a temporary hold on all communications with stakeholders until post-election

10. Branded Fighting Permit – September Event

- General discussion:
 - Event Date: September 9, 2023
 - Event Location: Servus Soccer Centre
 - Event Details: Muay Thai and MMA
 - Approved and issued conditional permit

11. Pure Power Wrestling Report: Apr. 22/23

- As presented by Chair
- DIRECTION: T Grindle to confirm permit fee for 2023 has been received

12. Upcoming Events

- General discussion:
 - Pure Power Wrestling – ENMAX Centre (May 13/23)
 - Report to follow
 - Fight Night – ENMAX Centre (May 19/23)
 - Event Cancelled

13. Other Business

- General discussion:
 - Manual
 - Opportunity to purchase Ringside Physicians' Manual
 - After discussion and review Commission finds there may be value in the purchase to keep as onsite resource for volunteers, members, and medical staff
 - DIRECTION: B Jeannotte to follow-up with more details including price and purchase methods in preparation for June 2023 meeting
 - Equipment Bag Audit

- DIRECTION: Jorgen to forward update on garment bag and contents within the equipment bag
- Email from Lee Mein
 - B Jeannotte has followed up with Colorado Combative Sports Commission
 - No further response required

20. Date of Next Meeting

- Next Commission Meeting
 - June 7, 2023 | 5:30pm | City Hall, Rm 333 Mitch Ball Room

22. Adjournment

MOTION – D McFalls /J Thompson

THAT is adjourned at 7:17pm.

----- **CARRIED**

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

5:39 PM

In Attendance:

- Travis Grindle
- Jennie Sudo
- Bryan Jeannotte
- Paul Davis
- Geoff Rhodenizer

- David McFalls
- Jorgen Thompson
- Brad Stephenson
- John James

1. Welcome - Acknowledgement

- Call to order - 5:39

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION – G Rhodenizer/D McFalls

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

----- **CARRIED**

3. Approval of the Minutes: May 10/23

MOTION – B Stephenson /J Thompson

THAT meeting minutes for May 10, 2023 be approved as presented.

----- **CARRIED**

4. Rumble in the Cage Event Preparations

- General discussion:
 - DIRECTION: Equipment Manager to bring equipment bag to Friday weigh-in, as they will not be able to attend on event night
 - a) Line-Up/ Card Approval Meeting
 - a. Total of 15 fights for approval. Approval meeting scheduled for June 12, 2023, 7:00pm
 - b) Medical Records
 - a. No records have been received yet, though all files are expected to be forwarded by promoter on or before June 9, 2023
 - b. Promoter is currently using invalid waivers on RITC website. Out-of-date waivers will no longer be accepted
 - DIRECTION: P Davis and J James to notify promoter of up-to-date waiver requirements
 - c) Weigh-In
 - a. Weigh-in scheduled for June 16, 2023, 6:00pm, Canadian Martial Arts Centre
 - d) Rules Meeting at Weigh-In
 - a. Officials will present all event rules during weigh-in scheduled for June 16, 2023
 - e) Officials
 - a. Most officials have been booked with the exception of a scorekeeper. 3 local referees have been booked, all required judges have been booked
 - f) Medical Staff
 - a. Medical team has been booked for weigh-in and event night, with promoter confirming all payments and riders requested. Safety Net EMTs have been booked for event night
 - g) Volunteers
 - a. 3 event night volunteers confirmed
 - DIRECTION: All event volunteers to ensure volunteer waivers are completed and returned to Commission Representative

- h) Medicine Hat Commission Members
 - a. DIRECTION: B Jeannotte to follow up with Medicine Hat Combative Sports Commission Members with invitation to shadow during event, following previously arranged shadowing opportunity cancelled May 2023

5. Request for Fighter Proof of Identification

- General discussion:
 - Not yet complete - Follow up held over to next meeting

6. Commission Skills Matrix

- General discussion:
 - Completed and presented by B Jeannotte
 - Finalized document submitted to City Clerk's Office June 8, 2023

7. License Plate Numbers – City Hall Parking

- General discussion:
 - Response from City of Lethbridge Parking Enforcement has required updated information. Detailed contact sheet with license plate numbers passed round table
 - DIRECTION: T Grindle to forward updated sheet to City of Lethbridge Parking Enforcement

8. Association of Ringside Physicians Manual

- General discussion:
 - Purchase options and pricing presented by B Jeannotte

MOTION – G Rhodenizer / B Stephenson

THAT up to \$300.00 USD be approved to purchase 2 soft cover copies of 'Association of Ringside Physicians Manual' publication.

----- **CARRIED**

- DIRECTION: J Sudo to purchase 2 soft cover copies through online purchase option

9. Edmonton Commission Inquiry

- General discussion:
 - Request forwarded to Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission, requesting information on Lethbridge's rules and regulations surrounding sanctioned fighters. B Jeannotte responded to the request with reference to current fighter registration process information and discipline regulations. No further follow up required.
 - DIRECTION: B Jeannotte to forward original request to T Grindle for records and reference if needed

10. Equipment Bag Audit

- General discussion:
 - Confirmation from Equipment Manager; all required items are up to date and stocked in equipment bag, ready for upcoming event

11. Commission Financial Statement

- As presented by Chair and Executive Director
- General discussion:
 - Best efforts should be made to responsibly utilize current reserves
 - Possibility of hosting training event suggested and will require detail gathering in preparation for next meeting

12. Pure Power Wrestling Permit Fee

- General discussion:
 - Annual permit fee payment receipt confirmed
 - Submitted for deposit June 7, 2023

13. Pure Power Wrestling Report: May 13/23

- As presented by Chair

14. Upcoming Events

- General discussion:
 - Rumble in the Cage – Exhibition Pavilion (June 17/23)
 - Report to follow
 - Pure Power Wrestling – Fritz Sick Centre (June 17/23)
 - Report to follow
 - Branded Fighting Event (September 9/23)
 - Discussion to follow
 - Tsuut'ina Nation Event (June 17/23)
 - No requests for support
 - Event Permit Inquiry
 - Inquiry came in regarding potential November event held at ENMAX Centre Lethbridge. Preliminary information forwarded to requester. No additional follow up required.

15. Other Business

- General discussion:
 - Commission Member Resignation
 - Member D McFalls has tendered resignation as of December 31, 2023, but will continue to be available for possible event volunteer opportunities until Spring 2024
 - The Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission thanks this long-standing member for their years of dedicated service to their community
 - Clothing Purchase
 - Quote has been received from Logos Embroidery in Lethbridge, AB, and ordered
 - Clothing items expected before June 30, 2023
 - New Member IDs
 - New member ID tags issued by T Grindle
 - ABC Convention
 - Key subject of 'Bare Knuckle Bouts' to officially be discussed/ reviewed and regulations/ standards expected to be placed by Association of Boxing Commissions

16. Date of Next Meeting

- Next Commission Meeting
 - August 23, 2023 | 5:30pm | City Hall, Rm 333 Mitch Ball Room
 - No meeting scheduled for July 2023

17. Adjournment

MOTION – J Thompson /D McFalls

THAT is adjourned at 6:58pm.

----- **CARRIED**

Wednesday, August 23, 2023
5:39 PM

In Attendance:

- Travis Grindle
- Bryan Jeannotte
- Geoff Rhodenizer
- David McFalls
- Joey Sugai
- Chris Stodolka
- JC Penny
- Josh Koshman

Regrets:

- Jennie Sudo
- Paul Davis
- Jorgen Thompson
- Brad Stephenson
- John James

1. Welcome - Acknowledgement

- Call to order - 5:39

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION – G Rhodenizer/D McFalls

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

----- **CARRIED**

3. Approval of the Minutes: June 7/23

MOTION – G Rhodenizer/D McFalls

THAT meeting minutes for June 7, 2023 be approved with line item #5 to be discussed in September 2023 meeting.

----- **CARRIED**

4. Guest Presentation – Josh Koshman

- General discussion:
 - In July 2023, Josh Koshman was sponsored by the Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission to attend the Herb Dean Combative Sports Official Certification course. Josh attended this course and prepared a detailed report and presentation as follow-up of this course sponsorship. Josh was one of only a few to excel at this course and successfully receive certification.
 - a. DIRECTION: J Koshman to forward digital copy of report document to J Sudo.

5. Referee Training Course Follow-Up

- Registration Fee - \$1,500.00 USD – PAID
- Expenses Reimbursement - \$2,000.00 CND – Mailed August 9, 2023 – Confirm Receipt
 - DIRECTION: Payment has not yet been received. J Sudo to track payment and follow up.

6. Rumble in the Cage 65 Event Report – June 17/23

- Recommendations:
 - Commission to consider request for additional locker rooms to allow for locker room splits on a per-event basis.
 - DIRECTION: G Rhodenizer to arrange additional locker rooms in preparation for September 30, 2023 event.
 - Request for black Sharpie markers (6) to stock in equipment bag.
 - DIRECTION: J Sudo to order black Sharpie markers.
- Request to Lift Suspension:
 - Request made by participant to lift medical suspension early. Request denied due to required medical suspension time established in Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission rules and regulations.

7. Branded Fighting Series – Event Date Change

- General discussion:
 - Request to change event date to September 30, 2023 approved.
 - Officials and Ringside Physician are scheduled and confirmed.
 - DIRECTION: P Davis and B Jeannotte to meet in advance of event to review roles and responsibilities.

8. Commission Resignation Notice – Vice Chair – P Davis

- General discussion:
 - The Commission recognizes P Davis' commitment and efforts put into the administration of this commission over many years. We thank you for dedicating countless hours of your time to ensure the commission operates to the best of its ability.
 - Effective date: December 31, 2023

9. Judges Training Course

- General discussion:
 - Tabled until September 2023 monthly meeting.

10. Commission Recruitment & Application Process

- As received.

11. Honorariums for Boards, Commissions & Committees

- As received.

12. Exhibition Park – Agri Food Centre Opening

- For information as possible venue for future events.

13. Correspondence & Inquiries

- Edmonton Commission Inquiry – Fathers Promoting Sons
 - The Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission does not consider this as a conflict of interest.
- Pre-Fight KO/ Injury Checks – M Russell
 - Response provided by B Jeannotte.
- Provincial Group Meetings – Postponed until September 2023 when new chair is expected to be in place.
- MMA Amateur Rules – R Bonin
 - As received.

14. Pure Power Wrestling Report – July 14/23

- As presented by Chair.

15. Upcoming Events

- Pure Power Wrestling – Exhibition Agri Food Centre – UFA Hall – August 25/23
- Branded Fighting Series – Servus (Soccer) Centre – September 30/23

16. Other Business

- Receipt and distribution of previously ordered 'Association of Ringside Physician's Manual of Combat Sports Medicine'.

17. Date of Next Meeting

- Next Commission Meeting

- September 20, 2023 | 5:30pm | City Hall, Rm 333 Mitch Ball Room

18. Adjournment

MOTION – D McFalls/ G Rhodenizer

THAT is adjourned at 8:03pm.

----- **CARRIED**

Wednesday, September 20, 2023
5:42 PM

In Attendance:

- Travis Grindle
- Jennie Sudo
- Bryan Jeannotte
- Geoff Rhodenizer
- David McFalls
- John James
- Brad Stephenson
- Jorgen Thompson
- JC Penny (Guest)

Regrets:

- Paul Davis

1. Welcome - Acknowledgement

- Call to order - 5:42

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION – G Rhodenizer/J James

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

----- **CARRIED**

3. Approval of the Minutes: August 23/23

MOTION – G Rhodenizer/D McFalls

THAT meeting minutes for August 23, 2023 be approved with correction to name in item 13.

----- **CARRIED**

4. Branded Fighting Series Preparations (September 30/23)

- General discussion:
 - a) Line Up Card Approval Meeting
 - a. Current lineup shows 12 scheduled fights, however, final lineup has not been submitted. Commission suggested to contact promotor to remind them final dates lineup is able to be submitted
DIRECTION: J James, B Jeannotte, P Davis to schedule meeting to review & approve card
 - b) Medical Records
 - a. Medical records currently being received and entered by J James for upcoming event
 - c) Weigh-In
 - a. Progressive Fighting Academy Gym, 1720 2 Ave S, volunteers present no later than 5:30pm
 - d) Rules Meeting at Weigh-In
 - a. Conducted by J Koshman
 - e) Officials
 - a. All required officials/ volunteers booked and confirmed
 - f) Medical Staff
 - a. Currently unable to confirm doctor for event. If no doctor is able to be confirmed in the next few days, event will be cancelled. Doctor is required to be onsite at event
 - g) Volunteers
 - a. (7) confirmed volunteers for weigh-in, (11) confirmed volunteers for event night
 - h) Medicine Hat Commission Members
 - a. (2) members of Medicine Hat Commission confirmed to be amongst event night volunteers

5. Provincial Group Meeting Report (September 13/23)

- As presented by Chair

6. Bare Knuckle Fighting – ABC Unified Rules

- 'Association of Boxing Commission – Bare Knuckle Fighting Unified Rules' document presented to Commission
- General discussion:
 - Suggestion to adopt bareknuckle boxing rules as presented. This would not change final approval processing as presenters would need to confirm rule package
 - Communications should be forwarded to promoters regarding newly adopted rules
 - DIRECTION: B Jeannette to seek feedback from experienced referee contacts as due diligence
 - DIRECTION: Commission to review document and bring forward any questions or concerns in preparation to accept, decline, or amend rules to, October 2023 meeting

7. Officiating Three-Day Course Summary (J Koshman)

- As received by Commission
- Saved to files - complete

8. Judges Training Course

- General discussion:
 - Combative Sports Official Trainer found and is willing to come for an estimated total of approximately \$2,800
 - In the interest of hosting a more cost effective training course, proposal to have recently certified trainer J Koshman instruct training sessions
 - DIRECTION: B Jeannette to contact J Koshman to see if there is interest, and contact Medicine Hat Commission to see if there is interest in a cost sharing training session
 - Training sessions will last 1 full day, with meal included, in approximately January 2024 (TBD)

MOTION – G Rhodenizer/D McFalls

THAT a one day training session be hosted by Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission up to \$1,000.

----- **CARRIED**

9. Combative Sports Medicine Manual Summary

- As presented by Chair

10. Pure Power Wrestling Report (September 16/23)

- As received by the Commission

11. Upcoming Events

- Branded Fighting Series – Servus (Soccer) Centre (September 30/23)
- Pure Power Wrestling – ENMAX Centre (October 7/23)
- Rumble in the Cage 66 – Exhibition Park Agri Food Hub (October 14/23)

12. Other Business

- Pregnancy Testing
 - Current issue with female fighters complying with the required pregnancy test processes defined in rules and regulations
 - Wording in the rules and regulations should be adjusted to be more specific, and include options of binging in doctor approved test/ notice, or performing onsite testing at the discretion of onsite doctor during weigh-in

DIRECTION: B Jeannette to change wording in rules and regulations

MOTION – B Stephenson/G Rhodenizer

TO amend working in section 5.13.C of Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission Rules and Regulations to specify pregnancy test requirements.

----- **CARRIED**

- Commission Applications
 - Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission is currently accepting applications for board members
 - Designated selection committee to review applications October 4, 2023
- Volunteer Recruitment

- a. Proposal to approach local high schools to recruit volunteers to assist with events, as well as giving the student an opportunity to fulfill optional volunteer experience credits
- b. Waiver would have to be considered for any minor volunteers
- c. Efforts may be more successful by approaching individual school athletic directors and/or vice principal
- d. Item tabled to future date

16. Date of Next Meeting

- Next Commission Meeting
 - October 25, 2023 | 5:30pm | City Hall, Rm 333 Mitch Ball Room

18. Adjournment

MOTION – D McFalls/ G Rhodenizer

THAT the meeting is adjourned at 7:25pm.

----- **CARRIED**

Wednesday, October 25, 2023
5:37 PM

In Attendance:

- Travis Grindle
- Jennie Sudo
- Bryan Jeannotte
- Paul Davis
- Geoff Rhodenizer
- David McFalls
- John James
- Brad Stephenson
- JC Penny (Guest)
- Chris Stadolka (Guest)

Regrets:

- Jorgen Thompson

1. Welcome - Acknowledgement

- Call to order - 5:37

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION –J James/B Stephenson

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

----- **CARRIED**

3. Approval of the Minutes: September 20/23

MOTION – G Rhodenizer/J James

THAT meeting minutes for September 20, 2023 be approved as presented.

----- **CARRIED**

4. Branded Fighting Series Event Report (September 30/23)

- General discussion:
- Commission members were able to find a first time combative sports event physician for the event on time, and were satisfied with the services provided.
- Commission members (minimum of 2) will communicate with the promotor to provide the following event recommendations:
 - Future events held at Servus,Sports Centre require a security/door person to manage the gate in addition to barriers added to event space setup
 - All lineup information should be checked before event date to ensure spelling of names is correct and lineup information is in order
 - Event announcer must be briefed with details, duties, expectations, etc. well before event start time, announcer should not express any opinions regarding fight in any capacity
 - EMT areas should be setup close to cage area
 - Payments need to be ready to present at time of fight end by pay-master
- Commission take aways from event:
 - All judges, staff, and volunteers are expected to be on time, and ensure they return to their stations shortly before intermissions to ensure they're prepared to provide services.
 - Commission will ensure equipment bag checklist is fulfilled prior to event

5. Rumble in the Cage 66 Event Report (October 14/23)

- As received

MOTION – B Stephenson/P Davis

THAT the Commission purchase an additional referee t-shirt and restock equipment bag up to \$200.00.

----- **CARRIED**

- DIRECTION: J Sudo to complete commission purchases as per motion carried.

6. Waseem vs Smith Appeal

- Appeal Process - Rule 12.1
 - 12.1 Should a Coach and/or Combatant wish to appeal a decision, the following process will be followed:
 - (a) Advise a Commission member of the wish to appeal decision.
 - (b) Obtain and fill out the 'Official Decision Appeal Application' form.
 - (c) Return the form along with a \$150.00 appeal fee to the Commission.
 - The Official Decision Appeal Application form must be received by the Commission within FOURTEEN (14) days of the Event. Once the Official Decision Appeal Application form and fee are received by the Commission, the Chairman and/or their designate will investigate the appeal and the matter brought before the Commission. The Coach and/or Combatant will be advised of the outcome of the appeal as soon as possible. The appeal fee is non-refundable, and the Commission's decision is final.
- Appeal Request
 - Judges Unanimous Decision
- Waseem Statement
 - As received
- Criteria for Overturning/Changing Judges' Decisions
 - In accordance with the Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission's regulation there are only 3 grounds which allow the Commission to overturn a decision:
 - Scorecards are found to be calculated improperly
 - Judges are found to have a conflict of interest with either opponent or their team
 -
- Judges' Scorecards
 - Recalculated and found to have no change
- Judges Interviews and Questions
 - No conflicts of interest found, no call to re-evaluate scoring
- Video of the Fight - Unofficial
 - n/a

MOTION – B Jeannotte/ P Davis

THAT the appeal has been evaluated based upon required criteria, and that the outcome of the appeal is that the appeal is denied.

----- **CARRIED**

- DIRECTION: B Jeannotte to forward written notice of appeal outcome to promotor, appeal applicant, and opponent
- DIRECTION: P Davis to amend the appeal application to list 3 grounds for appeal

7. ABC Unified Bare Knuckle Fighting Rules

MOTION – G Rhodenizer/ P Davis

THAT the Commission adopt ABC Unified Bare Knuckle Fighting rule set, with the exception that weight classes are kept in accordance with existing Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission Rules & Regulations.

----- **CARRIED**

- DIRECTION: P Davis to amend current Rules & Regulations for presentation at November 2023 meeting

8. Provincial Group Meeting Report (October 18/23)

- As received

9. Judges Training Seminar

- DIRECTION: B Jeannotte to contact J Koshman to discuss possibility of contracting as training facilitator

- DIRECTION: B Jeannette to contact Medicine Hat Combative Sports Commission for possible collaboration

10. Tsuut'ina Nation Commission Request

- Invitation forwarded to Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission for event held on November 24-25, 2023, as continuing commission mentorship
- Commission volunteer attendees, J James/ TBD

11. Commission Membership Appointments

- Two applications are currently being reviewed by council with recommendations from the Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission
- Successful memberships will begin January 01, 2024

12. Rules & Regulations

- DIRECTION: P Davis to amend wording to 13.5 Pregnancy Testing rule and bring for approval at November 2023 meeting
- DIRECTION: P Davis to add a formatted frame around the physician's checkbox on fighter medical forms

13. Event Inquiry for 2024 – Muay Thai & Pro Boxing

- Inquiry received for potential event March 2024, no application received as of yet

14. Pure Power Wrestling Report (October 7/23)

- As received

15. Upcoming Events

- Pure Power Wrestling – Fritz Sick Centre – November 10, 2023
- Branded Fighting Championship – Lethbridge College – March 16, 2023

16. Other Business

- General Discussion

17. Date of Next Meeting

- Next Commission Meeting
 - November 22, 2023 | 5:30pm | City Hall, Rm 333 Mitch Ball Room

18. Adjournment

MOTION – J James/ P Davis

THAT the meeting is adjourned at 8:06pm.

----- **CARRIED**

Wednesday, November 22, 2023
5:39 PM

In Attendance:

- Travis Grindle
- Jennie Sudo
- Bryan Jeannotte
- Paul Davis
- Geoff Rhodenizer
- David McFalls
- John James
- Jorgen Thompson
- JC Penny (Guest)
- Chris Stodolka (Guest)
- Josh Koshman (Guest)

Regrets:

- Brad Stephenson

1. Welcome - Acknowledgement

- Call to order - 5:39

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION -D McFalls/G Rhodenizer

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

----- **CARRIED**

3. Approval of the Minutes: October 25/23

MOTION - D McFalls/J James

THAT meeting minutes for October 25, 2023 be approved as presented.

----- **CARRIED**

4. Judges Seminar Presentation (J Koshman)

- As Received.

5. Commission Member Honorarium

- General Discussion:
 - Required paperwork completed by all Commission members

6. Judges Seminar Preparations

- General Discussion:
 1. Date & Location
 - January 20, 2024
 - Location and catering arranged by J Koshman
 - Location at U of L Ballroom
 - Catering by U of L (soup/sandwich/dessert/coffee/tea)
 - DIRECTION: J Koshman to forward written quote to J Sudo
 - Budget previously approved up to \$1,000.00
 2. Invitations
 - Approximately 30 attendees
 - DIRECTION: G Rhodenizer to forward invite to volunteers
 - DIRECTION: B Jeannotte has forwarded invite to Medicine Hat Combative Sports Commission
 - DIRECTION: P Davis to forward invite to officials
 - All invitees to RSVP by January 6, 2024

- DIRECTION: J Sudo to create invite for distribution by Commission

3. Services & Supplies

- DIRECTION: J Koshman to forward all final classroom/session files to J Sudo for print
- DIRECTION: J Sudo to order classroom/session supplies as needed

4. Expenses-Remunerations

- Seminar Organizer - \$400.00
- Session Presenter/Instructor - \$100.00

MOTION – G Rhodenizer/ P Davis

THAT the Commission pay seminar organizer and presenter/instructor as submitted.

----- **CARRIED**

7. Waseem Appeal of Decision Follow-Up

- General Discussion:
 1. Letter to M Waseem
 - As Received
 2. Letter to K Smith
 - As Received
 3. Letter to Promoter
 - As Received
 4. Incident Report
 - As Received

8. Rules & Regulations

- General Discussion:
 1. 12.3 - Appeal Procedure Amendment
 - As Presented
 2. 4.b.iii - Registration Identification
 - As Presented
 3. 5.13 Female Combatant Pregnancy Test
 - As Presented
 4. Physicians Registration Exam Form with Box Added
 - As Presented

MOTION – P Davis/J James

THAT the Commission adopt all amended rules and regulations and corresponding forms as received.

----- **CARRIED**

5. Bare Knuckle Fighting Additions

- Additional amendments required for 21.3 as suggested
- DIRECTION: P Davis to adjust and bring to next meeting

9. Tsuut’ina Supervision Request

1. Expenses to Supervise
 - J James confirmed planned attendance, invoice forwarded to organizers by J James
2. Report to Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC)
 - DIRECTION: B Jeannette requests follow-up notes in order to create post-event reporting to submit to ABC

10. Servus Soccer Centre – Events Entrance Control

- Feedback and suggestions for future events forwarded to event facility staff and promoters

11. Commission Member Appointments

- The Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission announces the appointment of 2 new members, Chris Stadolka and JC Penny
- Memberships officially begin January 01, 2024

12. Pure Power Wrestling Report

- As Received

13. Upcoming Events

1. Pure Power Wrestling – Ftiz Sick Centre (December 2, 2023)

14. Other Business

- N/A

15. Date of Next Meeting

- Next Commission Meeting
 - December 12, 2023 | 5:30pm | Luigi's North

16. Adjournment

MOTION – D McFalls/J Thompson

THAT the meeting is adjourned at 7:30 pm.

----- **CARRIED**

Wednesday, December 12, 2023
5:37 PM

In Attendance:

- Jennie Sudo
- Bryan Jeannotte
- Paul Davis
- Geoff Rhodenizer
- David McFalls
- John James
- Brad Stephenson
- Jorgen Thompson
- JC Penny (Guest)
- Chris Stodolka (Guest)
- Josh Koshman (Guest)

Regrets:

- Travis Grindle

1. Welcome - Acknowledgement

- Call to order - 5:37

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION – G Rhodenizer/B Stephenson

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

----- **CARRIED**

3. Approval of the Minutes: November 22/23

MOTION – G Rhodenizer/D McFalls

THAT meeting minutes for November 22, 2023 be approved with name spelling amendment.

----- **CARRIED**

4. Judges Seminar Update

- Invitations & Registration
 - Informal invitations have been forwarded to gauge interest
 - Plenty of interest to create a successful event
 - J Sudo to forward templates for formal email invitation and registration confirmation reply email
- Program Update
 - General Discussion
- Operations Questions
 - General Discussion

5. Dressing Room Inspectors Seminar

- General Discussion:
 - With the building of a dressing room inspectors manual, it has been suggested that an additional seminar for dressing room inspectors be arranged
 - Seminar proposed for February 2024, exact date to be confirmed at January 2024 meeting
 - J Koshman to bring proposed lesson plan to January meeting for review and approval by Commission
 - Proposal for registrations to be completed at Judges Seminar event

6. Dressing Room Inspectors Guide

- General Discussion:
 - Initial content forwarded by G Rhodenizer and draft of manual created by J Sudo

- Manual content reviewed with feedback from Commission
- DIRECTION: All members to forward feedback and suggestions for J Sudo to amend in manual document
- Final document brought to January 2024 meeting for final review and approval

7. Tsuut'ina Commission

- General Discussion:
 - a) Observation Reports – Three Events
 - Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission attended a total of three combative events as a mentorship to the Tsuut'ina Combative Sports Commission
 - Reports were provided by Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission team members who attended these events
 - b) Report to ABC
 - Content from Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission team member's reports compiled and forwarded to ABC (Association of Boxing Commissions)
 - DIRECTION: B Jeannette to forward finalized report to ABC

8. Rules & Regulations

- Finalized copies of all rules & regulations approved in November 22 meeting circulated to Commission members

9. Lifting Medical Suspension – J. Lambert

- General Discussion
 - Fighter participation at event in Helena, Montana on December 8, 2023 with New York State Athletic Commission oversight
 - Fighter previously given indefinite suspension from combative sports
 - After receiving clearance from medical professional, Vice President removed indefinite suspension from Combat Registry on December 5, 2023

10. Second Impact Syndrome Death – Quebec Coroner

- General Discussion
 - Informational article forwarded by T Grindle
 - Re-circulate to ensure all members receive article

11. Amateur Event – Coalhurst (Dec. 22/23)

- General Discussion
 - Youth Event planned to be hosted outside of Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission prevue
 - J Sudo to inquire about Lethbridge insurance requirements and forward to J Koshman for informational purposes only

12. Supplies Requisition - Chairman

MOTION – B Stephenson /D McFalls

TO purchase office supplies up to a maximum of \$100.00.

----- **CARRIED**

13. Pure Power Wrestling Report

- As Received

14. Upcoming Events

1. Pure Power Wrestling – Ftiz Sick Centre (January 6, 2024)
2. Judges Seminar – U of L (January 20, 2024)

15. Other Business

- Bare knuckle rule set
 - G Rhodenizer to perform research on fellow North American Commission rule sets for bare knuckle boxing
 - Refer to the state of Maryland, Minnesota and Mississippi Commissions
 - J Koshman may be able to assist with networking connections

16. Date of Next Meeting

- Next Commission Meeting

- January 17, 2023 | 5:30pm | Mitch Ball Room – Room 333, City Hall, 3rd Floor

17. Adjournment

MOTION – D McFalls/P Davis

THAT the meeting is adjourned at 6:58 pm.

----- **CARRIED**

18. Presentations

- Outgoing members presented with gifts, thanks and well wishes. The Commission thanks these members for their dedication to Combative Sports in Lethbridge.