

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 Jeannotte 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 Jeannotte 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 Jeannotte 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 Jeannotte agreed to write letters of reference at the request of promotor, 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