

Tuesday, March 12, 2024
5:38 PM

In Attendance:

- Travis Grindle
- Jennie Sudo
- Bryan Jeannotte
- Geoff Rhodenizer
- John James
- Brad Stephenson
- Jorgen Thompson
- JC Penny
- Chris Stodolka
- David Sarsfield (Guest)
- Lee Mein (Guest)
- Tom Fiddler (Guest)

Regrets:

1. Welcome - Acknowledgement

- Call to order - 5:38 PM

2. Presentation – City Clerk’s Office (D Sarsfield)

- General Discussion:
 - City Clerk’s Office is performing a review of all City of Lethbridge Boards/ Committees/ Commissions and has called for constructive feedback on the governance and operations of the Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission
 - A review of Bylaw 5412 has been requested
 - DIRECTION: T Grindle to forward current working copy of Bylaw 5412 with suggested amendments to D Sarsfield
 - DIRECTION: All Commission members welcomed to send constructive feedback to City of Lethbridge representatives for forwarding to the City Clerk’s Office

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

- General Discussion:
 - High Risk Fighters
 - What parameters are considered when classifying a participant as high risk, and who has created these parameters?
 - Request for review and clear definition of High Risk Fighters when participating in Combative Sporting Events in Lethbridge
 - DIRECTION: Commission to discuss and consider reviewing as requested
 - Weight Classes
 - Request for weight class adjustments when hosting particular Combative Sporting Events in Lethbridge
 - Advised; promotor has the ability to specify requested weight classes as part of the presented rule set during application process
 - Requested review 8.8 in Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission’s standard rule set regarding weight classes
 - DIRECTION: Commission to discuss and consider reviewing as requested
- Travelling Commission

- As a promotor facilitating events across Alberta, the presenter has found difficulty finding a local combative sports commission to sanction events hosted in smaller Alberta communities who do not have a permanently placed community combative sports commission
- Suggestion from presenter that the Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission operate as a 'Travelling Commission', which would consist of members travelling to host communities as representatives of the Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission, to sanction events outside of the Lethbridge area
- 'Travelling Commission' suggestion would provide for a possible added revenue stream for the Commission
- DIRECTION: Commission to discuss and consider reviewing as requested
- Licensing of Lethbridge Fighters
 - Local fighters travelling to events outside of Alberta are occasionally required to provide the host community with a proof of a fighter's 'License', often requiring the fighter to purchase onsite, one-day licenses at an inflated rate
 - Suggestion by presenter to begin 'Licensing' local fighters, which would result in a possible added revenue stream for the Commission
 - DIRECTION: Commission to discuss and consider reviewing as requested

4. Approval of Agenda

MOTION –J James/ JC Penny

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

----- **CARRIED**

5. Approval of the Minutes (Feb 12/24)

MOTION –G Rhodenizer/ JC Penny

THAT the meeting minutes from February 12, 2024 be approved as amended.

----- **CARRIED**

6. Permit Application Inquiry (Tom Fiddler)

- General Discussion:
 - Application for 'Can Slap' event received
 - Initial application denied due to event date on application
 - Presenter welcomed to reapply with detailed information on event setup, proposed rules set, as well as amended date and location

7. Association of Boxing Commissions – Tsuut'ina Commission Report

- General Discussion:
 - Commission Chair has submitted report as required
 - Tsuut'ina Combative Sports Commission notified through email and Thank You reply received

8. Assistance to Tsuut'ina Commission Re: Mar 8/24 Event

- Item tabled for review and discussion at future meeting

9. Dressing Room Inspectors Seminar Report (Feb 24/24)

- General Discussion:
 - Successful event with approximately 15 attendees both in-person and virtually
 - Event report submitted

10. Dressing Room Inspectors Guide (G Rhodenizer)

- Item tabled for review and discussion at future meeting

11. SharePoint Access

- Item tabled for review and discussion at future meeting

12. Commission ID Badges

- 2024 IDs finalized and ready for pickup
- DIRECTION: J Sudo to pickup and coordinate pickup by B Jeannotte
- DIRECTION: B Jeannotte to pick up at City Hall upon notification

13. Provincial Group Meeting (Mar 13/24)

- For information
- Chair to attend

14. Pure Power Wrestling Report (Mar 2/24)

- As received

15. Branded Fighting Event (Mar 16/24)

- General Discussion:
 - All items tabled to Fight Card Approval Meeting (March 12, 2024 – 8PM)
 - a) Pre-Event Meeting
 - b) Fight Card Line-Up
 - c) Combatant Medical Records

16. Upcoming Events

- Branded Fighting Series – Lethbridge College (March 16/24)
- Pure Power Wrestling – ENMAX Centre (Apr 6/24)

17. Other Business

- General Discussion:
 - Clothing purchase required for new members
 - 2 x Member Vests, 2 x Member Shirts

MOTION – G Rhodenizer/ J Thompson

TO purchase member clothing as requested up to \$200.00.

----- **CARRIED**

18. Date of Next Meeting

- Next Commission Meeting
 - April 15, 2024 | 5:30pm | Mitch Ball Room – Room 333, City Hall, 3rd Floor
 - Fight Card Approval meeting to directly follow regularly scheduled monthly meeting

19. Adjournment

MOTION – JC Penny/J Thompson

THAT the meeting is adjourned at 7:45 pm.

----- **CARRIED**