

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 Jeannotte 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 Jeannotte 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 Jeannotte 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