Lethbridge

Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission

Monthly Meeting Notes

Monday, September 29, 2025 5:16 PM

In Attendance:

- Travis Grindle
- Bryan Jeannotte
- Jorgen Thompson
- Brad Stephenson
- John James
- Jennie Sudo
- JC Penny
- Chris Stodolka
- Josh Reamsbottom
- Caroline Moynihan

Regrets:

Geoff Rhodenizer

1. Welcome - Acknowledgement

Call to order - 5:16 PM

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION -JC Penny/ J Reamsbottom

THAT the meeting agenda be approved as presented.

----- CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes (August 25/25)

MOTION - JC Penny/ C Moynihan

THAT the meeting minutes from August 25, 2025 be approved as amended.

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4. Rumble in the Cage 70 Event Preparations

- General Discussion.
 - All members event arrival at 5:00pm

1. Commission Members - Weigh-In & Event

All members to arrive at 5:30pm for weigh-in at the Canadian Martial Arts Centre (3307 3 Ave S, Lethbridge AB T1J 4H4), with the exception of the Chair who is unavailable during this time.

2. Volunteers

All volunteers confirmed.

3. Officials

All officials confirmed.

4. Medical Staff

All medical staff confirmed.

DIRECTION: J James to confirm the EMTs are able to provide stitches.

5. Fighter Medical Records

One athlete's bloodwork was submitted out of date and one 'high risk fighter' (over 40 yrs) will require a doctor check. Otherwise, all records have been received and are in good order.

6. Volunteer Orientation

G Rhodenizer will lead volunteer orientation; scheduled to begin at 4:30pm on event night.

7. New Bare Knuckle Wrapping Rules

DIRECTION: Onsite Commission Members to check with cutmen and ensure all athletes are wrapped the same.

8. RITC 2026 Event Application

DIRECTION: B Jeannotte to forward formal event communication to promotor regarding event preparation.

5. UFC Officials Course Follow-Up

- Course report received from attendee.
- Reimbursement for Expenses.

IN CAMERA: General discussion with direction.

6. ABC Convention Travel Expenses (J James)

• General Discussion.

MOTION - B Stephenson / C Moynihan

TO authorize expenses related to an additional day of travel, beyond the initial pre-approved travel to the 2025 ABC Conference in August 2025, up to a maximum total travel reimbursement of \$3,500.

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7. Removal of Fighters' Medical Suspension Procedure (J James & B Stephenson)

- General Discussion.
- Combative sports athlete medical form contained inaccurate information. Doctor who initially signed the medical form will contact the athlete to update form with accurate information and resubmit. Commission awaits further communication from athlete.

DIRECTION: B Stephenson to create internal Commission instructional document to evaluate and remove medical suspension information from database/application.

8. Finalizing Suspension Rules Changes

• All updates and amendments completed to finalized Rules & Regulations documents, on paper and online.

9. Weight Divisions Research (C Moynihan)

- After researching weight divisions of other Canadian and North American combative sport commissions, results found that most other commissions have the same or similar weight divisions.
- There is an exception in Quebec where professional bouts have slightly different weigh classes and variances.
- Only one instance of a separate female weight division, in Ontario, and applies only to Jr female weight classes.
- Commission will continue to use existing weight divisions and variances, allowing for promotors to make special requests for weight class changes with application process.

10. Athlete Licensing Policy Research (J James)

• Tabled.

11. Smartnosis Research (J James)

- General Discussion.
- J James spoke to provider to gather information. For a flat fee of \$200USD/ event, access to an application is provided to the Commission, which allows for athletes and/or their coaches to track concussion protocol after a combative sporting event.
- A QR code is provided to athletes and coaches at weigh-in, and after their bout/event is complete, the athlete is prompted through text message to complete concussion protocol questions and treatment suggestions if necessary.
- Notification is auto-forwarded to the Commission for records and action if necessary.
- Possible cost recovery by increasing event fee.

12. MMA Death Investigation – Enoch Event (November 2024)

• Report as received. Public news release.

13. Provincial Gov't – Commissions Meeting Report (September 24/25)

• As Received.

14. Bare-Knuckle Events Inquiry – Edmonton – Cold Lake Commissions

- General Discussion:
- · Awaiting reply from City Solicitor.

DIRECTION: T Grindle to follow up.

15. Commission Members Application & Renewal Deadline (September 24/25)

• As Received.

16. Financial Statement

As Received.

17. Pure Power Wrestling Report (September 20/25)

• As Received.

18. Upcoming Events

• Rumble In The Cage 70 | Servus Soccer Centre | October 04, 2024

• Pure Power Wrestling | Fritz Sick Centre | October 25, 2025

16. Other Business

17. Date of Next Meeting

- Next Commission Meeting
- Wednesday, October 29, 2025 | **5:00pm** | Mitch Ball Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall

18. Adjournment

MOTION - JC Penny / B Stephenson

THAT the meeting is adjourned at 7:21 pm.

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