

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 mats 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 Jeannotte 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**