

Wednesday, January 22, 2025
5:06 PM

In Attendance:

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

Regrets:

1. Welcome - Acknowledgement

- Call to order - 5:06 PM

2. Official Business

- a) Election of Chair
 - i) Nominations – Bryan Jeannotte
 - ii) Call for Additional Nominations – No other nominations
 - iii) Elected – Bryan Jeannotte
- b) Election of Vice Chair
 - i) Nominations – Brad Stephenson
 - ii) Call for Additional Nominations – No other nominations
 - iii) Elected – Brad Stephenson
- c) Recording Secretary: confirmation of appointment by the Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission.
 - i) Jennie Sudo, as per designation by City Manager.
 - ii) Call for Additional Nominations – No other nominations
 - iii) Elected – Jennie Sudo

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION – G Rhodenizer/ JC Penny

THAT the meeting agenda be approved as amended.

----- **CARRIED**

4. Approval of the Minutes (December 10/24)

MOTION – J James/ J Thompson

THAT the meeting minutes from December 10, 2024 be approved as amended.

----- **CARRIED**

5. Alta Sport Minister – Provincial Commission Meeting Report (December 17/24, January 21/25)

- As Received.
- General Discussion
 - Suggested for invitation to be extended to lead member of Provincial Commission proposal team, to shadow a meeting and/ or event facilitated by Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission
 - DIRECTION: B Jeannotte to contact and extend invitation

6. Commission Members Requirements & Information

- a) New Members Documentation & Clothing

- i) Orientation Package to be put together for new members with new member clothing, copies of all rules & regulations and manuals
- ii) **MOTION –JC Penny/ J Thompson**
TO purchase new member supplies and clothing up to \$250.00.
----- **CARRIED**
- iii) DIRECTION: J Sudo to put together Orientation Packages for new members.
- b) Update Contact List
 - i) DIRECTION: J Sudo to update new member information in 2025 member contact listing
- c) Identification Cards
 - i) Photos for current members updated and photos for new members taken for ID cards
 - ii) DIRECTION: T Grindle to arrange printing of 2025 ID cards for all members

7. Submission to City Council Governance Policy Committee (December 17, 2024)

- Annual report compiled and submitted as requested by Governance and Standing Policy Committee.
- Presented to Committee on December 17, 2024 with no questions or concerns brought forward.

8. Commission Remuneration

- All members have received their 2024 remuneration.

9. Provincial Group Meeting Report (January 22/25)

- As Received.

10. Medical Records Transfer to SharePoint

- General discussion.
 - Current inventory of laptops reaching end of life and should be lifecycled in order to proceed with current business processes.
 - DIRECTION: J Sudo to conduct cost analysis for potential laptop purchases.

11. Blood Pressure Machine Price Quote

- General Discussion.
 - C Stodolka has found viable option at London Drugs. Machine is a chargeable unit with memory bank capable of storing a maximum of 60 records at a time.
- **MOTION –JC Penny/ J Thompson**
TO purchase new blood pressure machine as presented.
----- **CARRIED**

- DIRECTION: C Stodolka to forward machine information to J Sudo.
- DIRECTION: J Sudo to purchase machine from London Drugs in time for next meeting.

12. Pure Power Wrestling Report (December 14/24, January 11/24)

- As received.

13. Upcoming Events

- Pure Power Wrestling – Fritz Sick Centre (December 14/24)
- Branded Fighting Championships – Lethbridge Polytechnic (March 08/25)
- RITC 69 – Servus Soccer Centre (April 05/25)

14. Other Business

- Branded Fighting Championships – Upcoming Event.
 - Previously accepted payment for cancelled event in Fall 2024 to be applied to Spring 2025 event permit fee.
 - Expecting bond payment before end of week.
 - Suggested to meet with promoter 1 week prior to event to review event expectations.
 - DIRECTION: B Jeannette to contact promoter and arrange pre-event meeting.

15. Date of Next Meeting

- Next Commission Meeting
 - Tuesday, February 18, 2025 | **5:00pm** | TBD

22. Adjournment

MOTION – JC Penny/ J Reamsbottom

THAT the meeting is adjourned at 6:50 pm.

----- **CARRIED**

Wednesday, February 18, 2025
5:04 PM

In Attendance:

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

Regrets:

- Geoff Rhodenizer

1. Welcome - Acknowledgement

- Call to order - 5:04 PM

2. Official Business

MOTION – J James/ C Moynihan

THAT the meeting agenda be approved.

----- **CARRIED**

3. Approval of the Minutes (January 22/25)

MOTION – J Reamsbottom/ JC Penny

THAT the meeting minutes from January 22, 2025 be approved.

----- **CARRIED**

4. Guest – Richard Arnold (Alberta Tourism & Sport)

- Introductions – Opening Remarks
 - General Discussion.
- Commission Members' Questions
 - Would athlete records continue to be recorded through national international platforms such as BoxRec and Combat Registry, rather than a provincial platform which would create redundancy in the registration process?
 - Key members of Government of AB are focused on red tape reduction, and are dedicated to ensuring that registration does not fall through the cracks.
 - Would there still be regional representation in a Commission capacity for combative sporting events in the province, and what are the general plans for a fee structure in the smaller Alberta communities?
 - Consistent feedback thus far shows regional representation is key. Representatives look forward to continuing to support events regionally, including communities the size of Lethbridge and smaller. If a fee structure is included in the updated legislation, representatives will ensure that the fee structure will not deter new and continuing athletes and promoters.
 - Would there be a change in the structure of our regional commissions?
 - Representatives have yet to make a final decision on a recommended structure, should a Provincial Commission be voted into legislation. In the case where a Provincial Commission comes into place, the goal of representatives would be to have as little disruption to currently conducted business as possible, including venues currently booked and events currently sanctioned under the standing commission structure.
 - An official position of the Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission has not yet been requested. Have other Alberta commissions made their position on a Provincial Commission clear?

- At this time all other commissions have expressed a position in favour with exceptions/ recommendations to the proposed governance and operations of a Provincial Commission.
- Has an autopsy and investigation concluded for the latest combative sport fatality in Alberta?
 - This fatality is still currently under investigation. Legislation recommendations will likely be released before a conclusion to the fatality investigation is complete.
- Concern expressed with the recommendation of concussion protocol spotters located in the crowd. Subject matter experts recommend if these spotters are required by legislation they be stationed at ringside in order to closely observe athlete safety.
- Recommended that the responsibility of athlete safety be evenly distributed amongst commissions, athletes, coaches, promotor and officials.
- Review Progress & Next Steps
 - Any requested responses to the Tim Hague Fatality Inquiry Recommendations are to be submitted by March 5, 2025.
 - Correspondence to each Alberta Commission will require review by Minister.
 - Consultations continue with other subject matter experts such as medical staff, officials, and promotor.
 - Thank you to each of the commissions that have offered invaluable information, experience and expertise during this process.

5. New Commission Member ID & Clothing

- Orders complete and distributed as required.

6. New Commission Contact List

- 2025 listing updated, distributed as needed and uploaded to Commission SharePoint site.

7. New Blood Pressure Machine

- Order complete and added to equipment inventory.

8. Hague Fatality Inquiry Recommendations

- Report created by Chair and Vice-Chair of the Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission and presented to the Commission.
- DIRECTION: B Stephenson to adjust wording to current Rules & Regulations item 6.2 regarding suspension timelines and knock outs, and bring to next monthly meeting for review and approval by the Commission.
- DIRECTION: B Jeannette to follow up for report submission.

9. Meeting with Branded Fighting Promoter

- General discussion.
 - DIRECTION: B Jeannette to arrange and communicate meeting with Commission representatives and promotor.
 - DIRECTION: J Sudo to create draft of online fighter lineup form.

10. Branded Fight Card Approval Meeting

- General Discussion.
 - March 3, 2025-5:00pm
 - Location TBD

11. Pro-Am Boxing Card Inquiry

- Inquiry and request for information received. Correspondence exchanged with Chair. No further direction at this time.

12. Ambulance Service for Events

- Inquiry and request for information received. Correspondence exchanged with Chair. No further direction at this time.

13. Underage Grappling Match Requirements (RITC Event)

- Correspondence received from promotor notifying of upcoming event special card item.
 - Confirmed no medical requirements for proposed grappling session, however, parent/ guardian and athlete waivers will be required.
- DIRECTION: B Stephenson to reply to promotor.

14. Financial Statement

- As received.

15. Pure Power Wrestling Report (February 8/25)

- As received.

16. Upcoming Events

- Pure Power Wrestling | Fritz Sick Centre | March 01, 2025
- Branded Fighting Championship | Lethbridge Polytechnic | March 08, 2025
- Rumble In The Cage 68 | Servus Soccer Centre | April 05, 2025

17. Other Business

- N/A

18. Date of Next Meeting

- Next Commission Meeting
 - Tuesday, March 18, 2025 | **5:00pm** | Mitch Ball Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall

19. Adjournment

MOTION – JC Penny/ J Reamsbottom

THAT the meeting is adjourned at 6:59 pm.

----- **CARRIED**

Wednesday, March 18, 2025
5:11 PM

In Attendance:

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

Regrets:

1. Welcome - Acknowledgement

Call to order - 5:11 PM

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION – C Moynihan/ J Reamsbottom

THAT the meeting agenda be approved as amended.

----- **CARRIED**

3. Approval of the Minutes (February 18/25)

MOTION – J James/ J Reamsbottom

THAT the meeting minutes from February 18, 2025 be approved.

----- **CARRIED**

4. Branded Fighting Championship 4 Report (March 8/25)

- As Received.
- General Discussion.
 - DIRECTION: J Sudo to adjust application form to include term that promotor is responsible for providing cutmen if necessary for the combative categories selected for event.
 - DIRECTION: J Thompson to reorganize equipment storage with addition of newly purchased supplies
 - DIRECTION: B Stephenson to amend Rules & Regulations, section 8.1, to include 'pre-fight' scheduling for review and approval at next meeting

5. Rumble in the Cage 69 (April 5/25)

- Permit Application
 - Permit and payment received. Promotor has been issued Conditional Permit.
- Line-Up Approval Meeting
 - Documentation not yet received.
 - Meeting scheduled March 31, 2024 | 5:00pm | Location TBD
- Attending Physician & Medical Staff
 - Physician and Medical Staff not yet confirmed by promotor.
- Officials
 - SafetyNet and all officials booked for event.
- Commission Members Attendance Weigh-In & Event
 - Confirmed.
- Volunteers
 - DIRECTION: G Rhodenizer to recruit volunteers for scheduled event.

6. Alberta Tourism & Sport Minister Statement (March 5/25)

- As Received.

7. Commission Response to Hague Inquiry Recommendations

- Confirmation communication has been forwarded as discussed in previous meeting.

8. Provincial Group Meeting (March 19/25)

- Meeting scheduled.
- Follow-up report expected for April meeting.

9. Rules & Regulations Amendment – Rule 6.2 - Suspensions

- General discussion.
 - Amended rule set presented.
 - DIRECTION: ALL MEMBERS to review presented rule set and bring any feedback or recommendations to April meeting.

10. Draft of On-Line Fighter Line-Up Form

- Tabled.

11. Quebec Commission Request – Fighter License (J Mein)

- General Discussion.
- Confirmation of active athlete status forwarded to Quebec Commission as requested.

12. Financial Statement

- As received.

MOTION – J Thompson/C Moynihan

TO purchase clothing and supplies as needed up to \$350.00.

----- **CARRIED**

- DIRECTION: J Sudo to purchase clothing and supplies as discussed.

13. Pure Power Wrestling Report (March 1/25)

- As received.

14. Upcoming Events

- Rumble In The Cage 69 | Servus Soccer Centre | April 05, 2025
- Pure Power Wrestling | Fritz Sick Centre | April 05, 2025
- Rumble In The Cage 70 | Servus Soccer Centre | October 04, 2024
 - Requested exceptions noted on application to be reviewed by Commission during April meeting.

17. Other Business

- Policy request/inquiry.
 - General Discussion.
 - DIRECTION: B Jeannotte to communicate amongst interested parties for follow-up.

18. Date of Next Meeting

- Next Commission Meeting
 - Wednesday, April 16, 2025 | **5:00pm** | Mitch Ball Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall

19. Adjournment

MOTION – JC Penny/ G Rhodenizer

THAT the meeting is adjourned at 6:55 pm.

----- **CARRIED**

Wednesday, April 15, 2025
5:08 PM

In Attendance:

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

Regrets:

1. Welcome - Acknowledgement

Call to order - 5:08 PM

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION – C Moynihan/ J Reamsbottom

THAT the meeting agenda be approved as amended.

----- **CARRIED**

3. Approval of the Minutes (March 18/25)

MOTION – J James/G Rhodenizer

THAT the meeting minutes from March 18, 2025 be approved.

----- **CARRIED**

4. Rumble in the Cage 69 Event Report (April 5/25)

- As Received.
- General Discussion.
 - DIRECTION: G Rhodenizer to forward missing volunteer information to B Jeannotte; B Jeannotte to add missing volunteer to volunteer listing.
 - Recommendations reviewed:
 - Resolution needed for cage setup and broadcast media placing their setup in designated medical and referee space.
 - Possible purchase of power bank for laptop, as laptop is experiencing issues keeping battery power for entire event.
 - Discussion for recommendation on order of business during weigh-ins taken into consideration.
 - Discussion of possible addition of separate female weight class.
 - DIRECTION: Research presented to be reviewed by all members and feedback to be discussed at May monthly meeting.
 - DIRECTION: Vice Chair to draft letter as friendly reminder to promoters surrounding listing of issues discussed.

5. Special Meeting Request

- Request received with discussion to follow.
- DIRECTION: Vice Chair to respond with details for meeting request before meeting is scheduled in approximately mid-May.

6. MMA Weight Divisions

- General Discussion.

- DIRECTION: Research presented to be reviewed by all members and feedback to be discussed at May monthly meeting.

7. Rules & Regulations Amendments

- General Discussion.
 - Rule 1.6.2 – Combatant Suspensions
 - Additional recommended amendments for rule before finalization.
 - Rule 1.5.3 –Medical Rules/ Rule 1.6.1 - Combatant Suspensions

MOTION –J Thompson/C Moynihan

TO accept rules 1.5.3 and 1.6.1 as amended.

----- **CARRIED**

8. Provincial Group Meeting

- As received.

9. Association of Boxing Commissions Conference (August 4-6/25)

- General discussion.
 - DIRECTION: J James to bring estimated costs of travel, and bring to next monthly meeting for review and approval.
 - DIRECTION: T Grindle to forward municipal approved travel policy and guidelines.

10. Alberta Athletics Fatality Report (J Koshman)

- Tabled.

11. Calgary Commission Inquiry

- As received.
- Responded by B Jeannotte.

12. Equipment Purchase – Laptop Computers

- As received.

MOTION –JC Penny/J James

TO purchase 2 laptop computers up to \$2,600.00.

----- **CARRIED**

- DIRECTION: J Sudo, J Reamsbottom and C Stodolka to acquire laptops as discussed.

13. Draft of Online Fighter Line-Up Form

- As received.
- DIRECTION: J Sudo to amend as recommended by Commission, and bring updated version to next monthly meeting.

14. Upcoming Events

- Pure Power Wrestling | Fritz Sick Centre | May 03, 2025
- Rumble In The Cage 70 | Servus Soccer Centre | October 04, 2024
 - Requested exceptions noted on application to be reviewed by Commission during May meeting.

17. Other Business

- Volunteer Coordinator recommendations post-event.
 - General Discussion.
 - New efficiencies found in event volunteer operations.
 - DIRECTION: G Rhodenizer to communicate amongst interested volunteer pool for follow-up direction.

18. Date of Next Meeting

- Next Commission Meeting
 - Wednesday, May 21, 2025 | **5:00pm** | Mitch Ball Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall

19. Adjournment

MOTION – JC Penny/ C Moynihan

THAT the meeting is adjourned at 7:49 pm.

----- **CARRIED**

Wednesday, May 21, 2025
5:11 PM

In Attendance:

- Travis Grindle
- Bryan Jeannotte
- Geoff Rhodenizer
- Chris Stodolka
- Jorgen Thompson
- Brad Stephenson
- John James
- Josh Reamsbottom
- Caroline Moynihan

Regrets:

- Jennie Sudo
- JC Penny

1. Welcome - Acknowledgement

Call to order - 5:11 PM

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION – G Rhodenizer / J James

THAT the meeting agenda be approved as presented.

----- **CARRIED**

3. Approval of the Minutes (April 15/25)

MOTION – C Stodolka / J Thompson

THAT the meeting minutes from April 15, 2025 be approved.

----- **CARRIED**

4. Special Meeting Request - RITC

- General Discussion.
 1. Weight Divisions
 2. One Pound Tolerance
 3. MMA Gloves – Championship Fights
 4. Commission – Fighters to the Cage
 5. Prefight Medicals After Weigh-In
 6. Rules Meeting Weigh-In & Fight Night
 7. Bare Knuckle Boxing Experience
 8. Meeting Date
 - Review of the submission of questions from the promotor; Commission to present the opportunity to meet with the Commission on items 1-6.
 - DIRECTION: J Sudo to schedule meeting located at City Hall.

5. Weight Divisions Follow-Up

- General Discussion.
 1. Commission will continue to review weight divisions. Promotors are reminded that they are provided the option to submit a proposed weight class different than the Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission rules & regulations during the event application process.

6. Provincial Group Meeting Report (May 14/25)

- As Received.

7. Alberta Cabinet Change

- Information presented by Commission Chair.

8. Tsuut'ina Commission Inquiry

- Commission received communication from Tsuut'ina regarding their application for ABC. Commission Chair replied accordingly with no further updates.

9. Alberta Athletics Fatality Report (J Koshman)

- Tabled.

10. Draft of On-Line Fighter Line-Up Form

- Tabled.

11. Financial Statement

- General Discussion.
- Commission satisfied with purchases procured from Costco.ca.

12. Association of Boxing Commissions Conference (August 4-6/25)

- General Discussion.
 - Pre-Approved; 1 x Flight to New Orleans.
 - Pre-Approved; 5 x Nights Hotel Accommodations
 - Pre-Approved; 6 x Days Per Diem
 - Pre-Approved; 1 x Conference Registration Fee

MOTION –G Rhodenizer/ C Stodolka

THAT the Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission send current Medical Chair, John James, to the 2025 Annual Association of Boxing Commission Conference in New Orleans, LA in August 2025 with expenses reimbursed up to \$3,500.00 CDN.

----- CARRIED

- DIRECTION: J Sudo to create Commission approval letter and pre-travel reimbursement documentation.
- DIRECTION: J James to confirm, book and pay all necessary conference attendance items.

13. World Boxing Council (WCB) Announcement

- Communication As Received.

14. Pure Power Wrestling Report (May 3/25)

- As Received.

15. Upcoming Events

- Pure Power Wrestling | Fritz Sick Centre | June 7, 2025
- Rumble In The Cage 70 | Servus Soccer Centre | October 04, 2024
 - Requested exceptions noted on application to be reviewed by Commission during May meeting.

16. Other Business

- Commission Membership Expiration.
 - General Discussion.
 - DIRECTION: J Sudo to confirm G Rhodenizer, J James and B Jeannette active memberships after email notification of upcoming membership expiration.
- Coulee Clash
 - General Discussion.
 - Out of the jurisdiction of the Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission.
 - DIRECTION: B Stephenson to respond to event inquiry.

17. Date of Next Meeting

- Special Request Meeting
 - Wednesday, June 25, 2025 | **4:30pm** | Culver City Room, 1st Floor, City Hall
- Next Commission Meeting
 - Wednesday, June 25, 2025 | **5:30pm** | Culver City Room, 1st Floor, City Hall

18. Adjournment

MOTION – J Reamsbottom/ C Moynihan

THAT the meeting is adjourned at 7:09 pm.

----- CARRIED

Wednesday, June 25, 2025
6:28 PM

In Attendance:

- Travis Grindle
- Bryan Jeannotte
- Geoff Rhodenizer
- Jorgen Thompson
- Brad Stephenson
- John James
- Caroline Moynihan
- Jennie Sudo
- JC Penny

Regrets:

- Josh Reamsbottom
- Chris Stodolka

1. Welcome - Acknowledgement

Call to order - 6:28 PM

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION -J James/ JC Penny

THAT the meeting agenda be approved as presented.

----- **CARRIED**

3. Approval of the Minutes (May 21/25)

MOTION -G Rhodenizer / C Moynihan

THAT the meeting minutes from May 21, 2025 be approved.

----- **CARRIED**

4. Weight Divisions Follow-Up

- General Discussion.
 - Discussion proposes the possibility of removing 'Super' weight categories from rules & regulations listing, and the development of a women's weight division.
 - Current weight classes are gender neutral. If additional or amended weight classes are required, classes may be noted in the exceptions of the online combative sport event application.
 - DIRECTION: C Moynihan to research comparative weight classes across combative sport disciplines in north America, in preparation for next meeting.

5. Hague Fatality Inquiry-Commissions Review Report (CBC News)

- As Received.

6. Alberta Cabinet Change – New Sport Minister

- General Discussion.
 - Andrew Boitchenko was sworn in as Minister of Tourism and Sport on May 16, 2025.

7. Laptop Computers Purchase

- General Discussion.
 - Both laptops have been received; 1 of 2 are fully configured and ready for pickup.
 - Second laptop may require the creation of a new Microsoft Account and corresponding Gmail in order to complete configuration.
 - DIRECTION: J Sudo will notify Commission member once second laptop is completed and available for pickup.

8. Draft of Online Fighter Line-Up Form

- Tabled.

9. Association of Boxing Commissions Conference – Travel Plans

- General Discussion.

- Flights have been booked; conference registration is complete; currently working on booking hotel.
- DIRECTION: J James to bring Annual ABC Conference follow-up report to next meeting.

10. Finalize Suspension Rule Changes

- General Discussion.
 - Updated rules presented to Commission for final review, feedback and approval.

MOTION – J James / C Moynihan

THAT Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission Rules & Regulations be revised with amendments as presented.

----- CARRIED

- DIRECTION: B Stephenson to forward updated Rules & Regulations to promoters & J Sudo in advance.
- DIRECTION: J Sudo to update online documents available to public.

11. Partial Coverage of Records & Line-Up for RITC 70

- General Discussion.
- Vice Chair will require temporary relief of duties for a portion of September.
- DIRECTION: C Moynihan and C Stodolka to split Vice Chair duties to prepare for fight card RITC 70.

12. World Boxing Gender Testing

- As Received.

13. Financial Statement

- Tabled.

14. Reimbursement Payment - Chair

- Received.

15. Upcoming Events

- Pure Power Wrestling | Fritz Sick Centre | July 5, 2025
- Rumble In The Cage 70 | Servus Soccer Centre | October 04, 2024

16. Other Business

- RITC Follow Up.
 - General Discussion.
 - DIRECTION: G Rhodenizer to create meeting summary and distribute before next meeting.
 - DIRECTION: B Jeannotte to add follow up items to next meeting agenda.
- Southern AB Fight Night – June 28, 2025 – Youth/Amateur event in Coalhurst; Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission sanctioning not required, as event occurs outside of City limits and outside of the jurisdiction of the Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission.
- Lethbridge City Council Final Reporting
 - General Discussion.
 - Council Meeting: September 14, 2025. Report due; August 01, 2025.
 - DIRECTION: B Jeannotte to prepare report.
 - DIRECTION: J Sudo to prepare annual final report statistics and data.
- Volunteer Orientation Night
 - General Discussion.
 - Volunteer orientation suggested to re-introduce volunteers to key tasks, responsibilities and expectations for event nights.
 - Suggested to have volunteers attend a 1 hour orientation before event start in order to pair orientation information with on-hand experience.
 - DIRECTION: G Rhodenizer to create a orientation plan and present during next meeting.

17. Date of Next Meeting

- Next Commission Meeting
 - Monday, August 25, 2025 | **5:30pm** | Mitch Ball Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall

18. Adjournment

MOTION – JC Penny / C Moynihan

THAT the meeting is adjourned at 7:50 pm.

----- CARRIED



Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission

Monthly Meeting Notes

Wednesday, August 25, 2025
5:15 PM

In Attendance:

- Travis Grindle
- Bryan Jeannotte
- Geoff Rhodenizer
- Jorgen Thompson
- Brad Stephenson
- John James
- Jennie Sudo
- JC Penny
- Josh Reamsbottom

- Chris Stodolka

Regrets:

- Caroline Moynihan

1. Welcome - Acknowledgement

Call to order - 5:15 PM

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION -J James/ JC Penny

THAT the meeting agenda be approved as presented.

----- **CARRIED**

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

MOTION -J James / C Stodolka

THAT the meeting minutes from June 25, 2025 be approved.

----- **CARRIED**

4. UFC Officials Course

- General Discussion.
 - Course Report (M Tubbs) - Tabled
 - Commission Financial Support – Previously approved by Commission; accommodations up to \$1,500.00; awaiting receipt.

ELECTRONIC MOTION -B Jeannotte/ JC Penny

TO pay for travel costs up to \$1,500.00.

----- **CARRIED**

- DIRECTION: B Jeannotte to communicate approval and reimbursement requirements to attendee.

5. Association of Boxing Commissions Convention Report (J James)

- As Presented by J James.
- General Discussion.
 - New rules adopted by ABC will be reviewed in detail at next scheduled meeting following officially published rules.
 - Informal meeting scheduled with J James to further discuss possible change in head injury/concussion protocol best practices.
- Commission Financial Support; approved for Conference costs up to \$3,500.00
- DIRECTION: J James to forward travel receipts for reimbursement to J Sudo.
- DIRECTION: J James to research possible athlete licensing policy.

MOTION -JC Penny / G Rhodenizer

TO accept report as presented.

----- **CARRIED**

6. 2024 Commission Annual Report

- As Received.
 - Report to be reviewed and forwarded to newly appointed council in November 2025.

7. Rumble in the Cage Inquiry Follow-Up (June 25/25)

- General Discussion.

8. Rumble in the Cage 70 Rules Request

- Commission Special Meeting Report Follow-Up (July 31, 2025)
 - As Presented by B Stephenson.
- Title Fights Weight Discrepancy
 - As Presented by B Stephenson.

9. Weight Divisions Follow-Up (C Moynihan)

- Tabled.

10. Partial Coverage of Records & Line-Up RITC 70 (B Stephenson)

- General Discussion.
- Vice Chair will require temporary relief of duties for a portion of September.
- DIRECTION: C Moynihan and C Stodolka to split Vice Chair duties to prepare for fight card RITC 70.

11. Laptop Computer Purchase

- General Discussion.

MOTION – JC Penny / J Reamsbottom

TO purchase new laptop bag up to \$50.

----- **CARRIED**

12. Finalize Suspension Rule Changes

- Finalized and communicated June 2025.
- DIRECTION: J Sudo to amend and publish to online resources.

13. Volunteer Orientation Night (G Rhodenizer)

- General Discussion.
 - G Rhodenizer has arranged for all volunteers to arrive 1 hr before orientation consisting of event exceptions and updated business processes.

14. Financial Statement

- As Received.
- General Discussion.
 - Suggestions brought forward to register athletes for tracking and cost recovery purposes.

15. Bareknuckle Championship Bout - Enoch (Aug 9/25)

- As Received.

16. Pro Boxing Death - Japan (Aug 8/25)

- As Received.

17. Pure Power Wrestling Report (July 5, Aug 22/25)

- As Received.

15. Upcoming Events

- Pure Power Wrestling | VisitLethbridge.com Arena | Sept 20, 2025
- Rumble In The Cage 70 | Servus Soccer Centre | October 04, 2024

16. Other Business

17. Date of Next Meeting

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

----- **CARRIED**

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.

----- **CARRIED**

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.

----- **CARRIED**

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 promoters 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.

----- **CARRIED**

Monday, October 29, 2025
5:04 PM

In Attendance:

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

Regrets:

1. Welcome - Acknowledgement

Call to order - 5:04 PM

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION –G Rhodenizer/ JC Penny

THAT the meeting agenda be approved as presented.

----- **CARRIED**

3. Approval of the Minutes (September 29/25)

MOTION – J Reamsbottom/ G Rhodenizer

THAT the meeting minutes from September 29, 2025 be approved as amended.

----- **CARRIED**

4. UFC Officials Course Follow-Up

- General Discussion.
- DIRECTION: Chair, Vice Chair and Executive Director to draft response to Official with Commission results.

5. Rumble in the Cage 70 Event Report (October 4/25)

- As Received.
- General Discussion.
- DIRECTION: B Stephenson to include reminder of ringside set-up requirements in future communications with promoters.

6. RITC Letter of Appreciation

- General Discussion.
- DIRECTION: B Jeannotte to forward letter of appreciation to promoter for a well coordinated event.

7. Commission Annual Report

- As Received.
- General Discussion.
- DIRECTION: Chair and Executive Director to attend council meeting on November 3, 2025.

8. Cold Lake Commission Inquiry – Bareknuckle Boxing

- General Discussion.
- Chair has replied to inquiry with information. No further communication required.
- A trend has been recognized in the language for this combative sports category; Bareknuckle Boxing vs. Bareknuckle Fighting.
- DIRECTION: B Jeannotte to reach out and receive recommendations from Alberta Boxing Commission regarding the position on Bareknuckle Boxing.

9. Commission Reappointments

- Submissions Complete:
 - G Rhodenizer
 - B Jeannotte
 - J James

10. New Commission Applications

- General Discussion.
- New applications have been submitted to City Clerk's Office and are currently under review.

11. Commission Honorarium Payments

- General Discussion.

12. Commission Matrix Chart

- As Received.
- DIRECTION: Chair to respond accordingly to City Clerk's Office.

13. Instructional Guidelines – Removal of Medical Suspensions (B Stephenson)

- General Discussion.
- DIRECTION: B Stephenson to complete draft and forward to J Sudo for circulation amongst Commission Members.
- DIRECTION: All members to review draft and bring feedback to the next meeting.

14. Smartnoss Research (J James)

- Tabled.

15. Financial Statement

- Tabled.

16. Alaska Promoter Inquiry

- General Discussion.
- Chair has replied to inquiry with information. No further communication required.

17. Next Provincial Meeting Schedule (November 13/25)

- Next meeting scheduled November 13. Chair will attend and bring report for presentation to the Commission at the next monthly meeting.

18. Pure Power Wrestling Report (October 25/25)

- As Received.

19. Upcoming Events

- Pure Power Wrestling | Fritz Sick Centre | November 15, 2025
- Branded Fighting Championship | Lethbridge Polytechnic | February 28, 2026
- Rumble In The Cage 71 | Servus Soccer Centre | April 11, 2026

20. Other Business

- Suspensions
 - Indefinite medical suspension release request received from athlete.
 - Athlete should be informed of process for suspension release including required documentation from athlete's physician.
 - DIRECTION: B Stephenson to forward communication to athlete.
 - Medical suspension Inquiry for NV athlete; communication forwarded by B Stephenson.
- Email Received
 - As received.
 - Fan email received from USA, addressed to all North American Combative Sports Commissions, suggesting changes to the sport and organized combative sport events.
 - No further direction required.

21. Date of Next Meeting

- Next Commission Meeting
- Tuesday, November 18, 2025 | **5:00pm** | Mitch Ball Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall

18. Adjournment

MOTION – JC Penny / C Moynihan

THAT the meeting is adjourned at 7:04pm.

----- **CARRIED**