

Monday, February 12, 2024

5:39 PM

In Attendance:

- Travis Grindle
- Jennie Sudo
- Bryan Jeannotte
- Geoff Rhodenizer
- John James
- Brad Stephenson
- Jorgen Thompson
- JC Penny
- Chris Stodolka
- Josh Koshman (Guest)

Regrets:**1. Welcome - Acknowledgement**

- Call to order - 5:39 PM

2. Approval of Agenda**MOTION – JC Penny / J James**

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

----- **CARRIED****3. Approval of the Minutes: January 17/24****MOTION – J James/JC Penny**

THAT meeting minutes for January 17, 2024 be approved as presented.

----- **CARRIED****4. Rumble in the Cage – April Event**

- General Discussion:
 - a) MMA Bare Knuckles Fight
 - Historical Bare Knuckle Boxing event approved in 2019 and 2020 on a one time basis with stipulations
 - Discussion to approve event on one time bases vs continuing event approvals

MOTION – JC Penny / J James

TO accept the Bare Knuckle MMA request for Rumble in the Cage 67 in April 2024, following Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission MMA rules with the following stipulations:

- Any and all gloves must be removed in each bout
- Fighters must be participating in a professional MMA bout only
- An experienced MMA referee must be staffed
- Hand wrapping must be in accordance with Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports ' Hand Wraps' rules and regulations
 - Hand Wraps

"Hand wraps shall be restricted to no more than twenty (20) yards of soft gauze, not more than two (2) inches wide. The gauze shall be held in place by no more than eight (8) feet of adhesive tape, no more than one and one-half (1 ½) inches wide. The adhesive tape shall not cover any part of the knuckles when the hand is clenched to make a fist. The use of water, or any other liquid or material, on the tape is strictly prohibited.

Hand wraps shall be applied in the dressing room in the presence of a Commission representative and, if requested, one representative of the other boxer."

- Two doctors and a Commission approved cut attendant must be staffed

----- **CARRIED**

b) Attending Physicians

- Email communications with promoter state that 1 of 2 doctors for event may be available
- Confirmation and additional doctor required

c) Weigh-In Commission Attendance

- All commission members to confirm availability for weigh-in proposed in the afternoon of Friday, April 19, 2024

DIRECTION: B Stehenson to reach out to promoter through email, to communicate approval of RITC 67 Bare Knuckle MMA bouts with stipulations and confirm event doctor arrangements.

5. Branded Fighting Series – March Event

- General Discussion:

a) Letter to Promoter – Muay Thai Fights

- B Jeannotte currently in email communication with promoter regarding anticipated youth and female bout rules & regulations

b) High Risk Fighter

- Senior aged fighter who's vision does not meet current thresholds of the LCSC rules & regulations, has requested approval to participate in future event
- Commission has agreed that as long as the regulating physician during weigh-in approves that the fighter is fit to fight, the Commission will not interject or decline this fighter's participation – to be reviewed with card approval

c) Pre-Event Meeting with Promoter

- Culver City Room at City Hall booked by J Sudo on February 29, 2024 from 12:00-4:30pm for meeting space arrangements, confirmation of booking space forwarded to B Jeannotte

6. Chair & Vice Chair Meeting (P Davis)

- General Discussion:

- Equipment & supplies passed on to B Stephenson as new Vice Chair
- Additional shadowing during event planning may be required

7. SharePoint Access

- General Discussion:

- Record of members having issues with login
- J Sudo currently working on additional data migration from City database to SharePoint
- More information and in-depth training provided in March meeting

8. Judges Seminar Report (January 17/24)

- As received

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

- General Discussion:

a) Facility Booking – Sport Council Community Room

- Booking and catering information printed for all members and forwarded through email

b) Online Virtual Attendance

- Meeting space is equipped with virtual meeting equipment
- DIRECTION: J Koshman to create virtual meeting access and forward to attendees as requested
- DIRECTION: J Sudo to forward request to use virtual meeting equipment to meeting room coordinator

c) Program Format

- As presented by J Koshman

d) Required Printed Materials

- J Koshman provided content for printing/ laminating
- J Sudo to format content, print and laminate for pickup by J Koshman

10. Dressing Room Inspectors Guide

- General Discussion:
 - J Koshman & G Rhodenizer to collaborate revisions to current draft of guide after taking part in the Inspectors Seminar in February 2024
 - DIRECTION: J Sudo to forward MS Word version of document to G Rhodenizer for editing
 - DIRECTION: G Rhodenizer to bring final version for review and approval in March meeting

11. Local Amateur Wrestling

- General Discussion:
 - University of Lethbridge has added a club sport wrestling program and hosted an event January 27, 2024
 - T Grindle has been in communication with U of L Admin representatives to address the requirement of an Amateur Wrestling Permit for confirmation of external event sanctioning
 - T Grindle to bring continuing communication updates to future meetings

12. California State Commission – Unified MMA Rules Changes

- B Jeannotte has received communication from California State Commission regarding potential upcoming changes to be presented at upcoming conference with Canadian Committee of Commissions

13. Edmonton Commission – Pro Debut Policy

- B Jeannotte has received inquiry to LCSC regarding current Pro Debut Policy
- B Jeannotte to bring continuing communication updates to future meetings

14. Commission IDs

- Updated photos taken for new members and members requesting new IDs
- DIRECTION: T Grindle to coordinate the printing of updated IDs

15. Letter to EMS Service

- As received

16. Pure Power Wrestling Permit & Waivers

- Submitted by B Jeannotte on behalf of PPW for review, approval and processing

17. Pure Power Wrestling Report (February 10/24)

- As received

18. Upcoming Events

- Dressing Room Inspectors Seminar – Lethbridge Sport Council (February 24/24)
- Pure Power Wrestling – Fritz Sick Centre (March 2/24)
- Branded Fighting Series – Lethbridge College (March 16/24)

19. Other Business

- a) City Clerk – Remuneration & Members
 - Two members have not received honorarium cheques yet
 - DIRECTION: J Sudo to follow up with Finance Department to confirm cheque payment
- b) Request for Medical Clearance
 - Indefinite medical suspension for fighter after receiving kick to the head, had requested the indefinite suspension be lifted
 - Letter from doctor with approval/ clearance provided by fighter states the fighter is fit to fight
 - Appeal approved
 - DIRECTION: B Stephenson to amend record as approved in BoxRec software & communicate to fighter
- c) Recruitment
 - Members have interested parties that they will recommend to apply in June/24 when application becomes available
 - B Jeannotte contacted by past judge with interest in registering as a judge in Lethbridge again
 - DIRECTION: B Stephenson to forward registration form to interested past official
- d) Event Inquiry
 - Z Promotions has requested LCSC considers the possibility of sanctioning a 'Slap Fight' event
 - Slap fight events are a trending combative sport which have had events in the United States and have had Canadian participants

- Multiple inquiries and suggestions forwarded through email communication with B Jeannotte
 - Request for LCSC to assist at Medicine Hat event, currently event is not confirmed
- e) Promotional Purchase

MOTION – C Stodolka/JC Penny

THAT a purchase of promotional lanyards for distribution to LCSC volunteers and members up to \$300.00.

----- **CARRIED**

- f) ABC Report on Tsuut'ina Combative Sports Commission Observations
- DIRECTION: B Jeannotte to create and follow up on progress in March meeting
- f) Website Document Links
- Links contained in documents located on LCSC page of the City's website are not currently working
 - DIRECTION: J Sudo to investigate and resolve where possible

20. Date of Next Meeting

- Next Commission Meeting
 - March 12, 2024 | 5:30pm | Mitch Ball Room – Room 333, City Hall, 3rd Floor
 - Fight Card Approval meeting to directly follow regularly scheduled monthly meeting

21. Adjournment

MOTION – JC Penny/J Thompson

THAT the meeting is adjourned at 7:47 pm.

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