



**EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION
FINAL
MEETING MINUTES**

**February 16, 2022
7:00 PM
Online via Google Meet**

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Daniela O'Callaghan, at 7:02 pm., Wednesday, February 16, 2022.

It was acknowledged that the Edmonton Combative Sports Commission meets on the traditional territories of the indigenous peoples of the Treaty 6 region and the Metis settlement in the Metis Nation of Alberta in regions 2, 3 and 4. The Chair acknowledged that we respect the histories, language and cultures of First Nations, Metis and Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada whose presence continues to enrich our community.

2. Roll Call, Recording of Attendance

Present: Chair Daniela O'Callaghan, Vice-Chair Trevor Kelly
Commission Members: Graham Smith, Kevin Malahy,
Tye Babb
Executive Director, Troy Courtoreille
Recorder, Tracey Poberznick

Guests: Dr. DeFreitas, Allie Lam, Dymphny Dronyk

Absent with Regrets: Sandy Bugeja, Manav Deol

3. Call for Requests to Speak from the Public

There were no requests to speak from the public.

4. Adopt Agenda

MOVED: That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings

MOVED: That the January 10, 2022, minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Meet and Greet - Dr. DeFreitas

The new Chief Medical Advisor, Dr. DeFreitas was introduced to the Commission and provided a bit of background and a brief history of experience.

Dr. DeFreitas believes the top three ringside challenges are head injury tracking, language barriers, and rhythm and knowing what to expect from officials.

There was discussion around Bare Knuckle Boxing.

The Chief Medical Advisor will be the main point of contact for all other ringside physicians.

The ECSC is prepared to fund Dr. DeFreitas or a colleague to attend the Association of Ringside Physicians Annual Conference or other developmental opportunities.

Dr. DeFreitas has an open invitation to future Commission meetings.

7. Public Engagement

Blue Sky Consulting has been contracted by the City of Edmonton to do public engagement for the Commission.

Allie Lam and Dymphny Dronyk, from Blue Sky, discussed the ambitious plan to communicate, aggregate and question stakeholders. Blue Sky will look at addressing gaps, building relationships and determining the best way to structure engagement. Feedback on policies will be a big component.

K. Malahy and T. Courtoreille will start creating a list of stakeholders to engage with, making sure to include names and insights. T. Courtoreille will reach out to aged fighters to include on the list to gather insight on regulations. G. Smith will share the list with A. Lam and D. Dronyk.

Blue Sky will attend Commission meetings to provide progress updates.

8. Draft Framework for the ECSC Fighter Awards Policy

A framework was provided for five award categories including suggestions for criteria and the application process. Award decisions will be made by the Executive Director in conjunction with a working group consisting of Commission members.

D. O'Callaghan will create a draft policy for further discussion and decision at the next meeting.

The Commission discussed starting with a small public awards ceremony and then determining how to proceed going forward. The process will be transparent and encourage metrics and teaching tools so everyone knows how decisions are made. There will be an opportunity to review the process yearly.

A working group would be created to assess how to judge the award submissions and demonstrate fair and transparent processes at their discretion. The group would provide information to the Commission and would be able to build up the process in subsequent years.

9. ECSC Fighter of the Year Award

The ECSC has received one nomination for the 2021 Fighter of the Year. Currently, the Commission has no criteria for giving awards and no awards will be issued this year. A framework will be drafted and awards may be presented once approved by the Commission.

With assistance from Communications, T. Courtoreille will draft a letter of recognition of achievements for Mikenna Tansley congratulating her on a successful year. The letter will be signed off by the Chair and the Executive Director.

A response will be drafted to Craig MacInnes thanking him for his submission and encouraging him to resubmit the following year once a formal policy has been implemented.

The Commission will discuss what the awards will entail at the March meeting.

10. Appeals Working Group Update

The Commission will retain its ability to hear appeals.

MOVED: To adopt the recommendation in the Appeals Working Group report.

CARRIED

11. Stakeholder Engagement Working Group Update

Refer to Public Engagement.

12. Executive Director Report

With restrictions changing, the Commission expects to start receiving event applications as early as March.

COVID-19 Update

The Executive Director will follow up with Dr. Sikora regarding Alberta Health Services' recommendations on COVID-19 regulations. He will also work with the new Chief Medical Advisor to get recommendations around COVID safety protocols and consideration about keeping some of them in place.

MOVED: That the written report from the Executive Director be accepted as presented. CARRIED

13. Financial Statement – December 31, 2021

The only expenses for December were from the Christmas get together.

MOVED: That the December 31, 2021, Financial Statement be approved as presented.

CARRIED

14. Chair Report

The Association of Boxing Commission 2022 conference will be held in Niagra Falls in July. Attendance of Edmonton Commission members will be discussed at the March ECSC meeting.

The Commission is looking into membership for, or attendance at, the Association of Ringside Physicians conference.

MOVED: To receive the Chair's verbal report as presented. CARRIED

15. Next Meeting - March 14, 2022

The next Commission meeting will be held virtually on March 14, 2022, at 7:00 pm.


16. Adjournment

MOVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

I certify that the preceding minutes represent an accurate account of the proceedings at the Commission meeting on February 16, 2022.

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O'Callaghan Date: 2022.04.06
09:12:22 -06'00' April 6, 2022
Daniela O'Callaghan, Chair Date



Tracey Poberznick, Recorder