



**EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION
FINAL
MEETING MINUTES**

**June 13, 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., Monday, June 13, 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 Métis settlement in the Métis Nation of Alberta in regions 2, 3 and 4. The Chair acknowledged that we respect the histories, language and cultures of First Nations, Métis 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, Tye Babb
Executive Director, Troy Courtoreille
Guest: Dr. De Freitas
Recorder, Tracey Poberznick

Absent with Regrets: Sandy Bugeja, Kevin Malahy, Nateram Seecharan

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 amended.

CARRIED

5. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

MOVED: That the May 9, 2022, minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Stakeholder Engagement Working Group Update

The Commission agreed to shift engagement from in-person meetings to phone calls or surveys done exclusively by our consultants at no extra cost. Those who indicated they would attend in person will be notified of the change.

The Commission will review the survey questions and weigh in by the end of the day on June 14, 2022, so feedback can be shared with the consultants.

The Commission will gather information from the first round of engagement and determine if there is any need to call a special meeting to discuss incentives for future engagement sessions.

Budget Increase

MOVED: To approve an increase for the stakeholder engagement consultants in the amount of \$1,917.50 based on the rationale provided at the May 9, 2022, Edmonton Combative Sports Commission meeting to cover additional costs.

CARRIED

7. Developing a Plan to Address the Following “Stayed” ECSC Policy: *Policy 5: Contestants and Officials Participating in Unsanctioned Events*

Policy 5 was stayed on February 12, 2018, pending recommendations from the policy review project. This item will be added to the Commission retreat for discussion.

8. Executive Director Report

There was discussion about incorporating a head injury declaration into the licensing policy. The objective would be to put the onus on both the athletes and the coaches to keep the contestants safe. Information from Dr. De Freitas will be shared with the Commission for review and consideration to determine what extent it could be incorporated into policy. This will be discussed further at the July meeting.

A letter of acknowledgement was provided to a local athlete. A framed copy of the letter will also be presented once complete.

T. Courtoreille will follow up on the honorarium to see if the City will be taking over the cost.

Interviews for the Executive Director position start on June 14, 2022.

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

9. Financial Statements – April 30, 2022

The statement shows \$4,000 in general service costs. The Executive Director is still looking into the \$10,000 from 2021 that should have cleared by now. Honoraria are still being paid out of the Commission budget.

MOVED: That the April 30, 2022, Financial Statement be approved as presented. CARRIED

10. Chair's Report

MOVED: To approve a budget of \$150 to purchase a gift as a token of appreciation for S. Bugeja's work as Chair of the Commission. CARRIED

The City of Edmonton provided a confidential update regarding the Tim Hague litigation that will be forwarded to Commission members. Any questions can be directed to D O'Callaghan.

D. O' Callaghan will provide one on one orientation to the newest Commission member, N. Seecharan.

The 2022 ABC conference takes place from July 22 to 27. There is no ECSC representation this year. D. O'Callaghan will follow up with N. Seecharan and T. Courtoreille will check with the officials to see if anyone is interested in going.

The retreat will be held on June 26, 2022, from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. D. O'Callaghan will meet with A. LeMoine to discuss the details. The agenda will be sent to the Commission for review.

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

11. Next Meeting - July 11, 2022

The next Commission meeting will be held virtually on July 11, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

12. Adjournment

MOVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Daniela O'Callaghan

August 5, 2022



Daniela O'Callaghan, Chair

Date

Tracey Poberznick, Recorder