



**EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION  
FINAL  
MEETING MINUTES**

**October 18, 2021  
7:00 PM  
Online via Google Meet**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Daniela O'Callaghan, at 7:05 pm.

**1. Roll Call, Recording of Attendance**

**Present:** Chair Daniela O'Callaghan, Vice-Chair Trevor Kelly  
Commission Members: Manav Deol, Graham Smith;  
Kevin Malahy  
Executive Director, Troy Courtoreille  
Guest: Victor Cui  
Recorder, Tracey Poberznick

**Absent with Regrets:** Tye Babb, Sandy Bugeja

**2. Call for Requests to Speak from the Public**

There were no requests to speak from the public.

**3. Adopt Agenda**

MOVED: That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**4. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting**

MOVED: That the September 13, 2021, minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

## **5. One Championship Presentation**

Victor Cui introduced himself to the Commission and provided a brief overview of One Championship. His company is considering holding an event in Edmonton and broadcasting it globally. One Championship is headquartered in Singapore and uses a global ruleset that does not allow weight cutting or dehydration.

One Championship will take some time and consider the next steps. Cui will connect with the Executive Director of the ECSC if he has further questions or is interested in holding an event. T. Courtoreille will update the Commission as needed.

The Executive Director will compile a follow-up document for the ECSC in case they have any additional inquiries for One Championship. The Commission will have two weeks to submit their questions.

## **6. Appeals Working Group Update**

The Working Group met on October 13, 2021, and plans to have a report ready for December. The next working group meeting will be held on November 3.

D. O'Callaghan sent questions to the City Solicitor and will provide an update to T. Kelly once she has a response.

## **7. Stakeholder Engagement Working Group Update**

There has not been much progress on this due to the election. The Executive Director will be coordinating a meeting with the consultant. G. Smith will take the lead on the working group and be the primary point of contact moving forward.

## **8. Unified MMA Event**

Thanks to the Central Combative Sports Commission for inviting two ECSC members to attend the Unified event on September 24, 2021. The event was well run.

The River Cree venue has advantages because of the existing security and requirement for proof of vaccination. Security was in constant contact with the Central Combative Sports Commission. The number one takeaway is the importance of the venue.

The second takeaway is the promoter's response to the COVID restrictions that were in place. Attendees and staff working the event were given clear expectations.

Resourcing is the third takeaway with three doctors on staff at all times allowing fights to move at a good pace. Two commission members would run post-fight medical records back to the doctor to help move things along.

The fourth takeaway is how the event was managed. The Chair for Central was instrumental in working with the promoter to make sure things were effectively managed and the Commission was an integral part of running the event.

First Nations land is not subject to the same restrictions as an event held in the City of Edmonton so there was no social distancing requirement. Masks were mandatory unless people were seated at the tables. Security and servers reminded patrons to keep their masks on while moving around. The event was sold out.

G. Smith will follow up with the Chair of the Central Combative Sports Commission about the cost of COVID protocol.

## **9. Executive Director Report**

The Law Branch provided an analysis that will be shared with the Commission on questions regarding bare-knuckle boxing. The Commission will not consider sanctioning this type of event until an analysis is complete.

The Executive Director would like to introduce the new Chief Medical Advisor to the Commission once the position is confirmed.

The Executive Director is currently in the process of refusing a licence.

### **COVID-19 Update**

All training for officials has been cancelled. There are concerns about having enough officials in the future. The ECSC will need to do a call out for officials or get referrals from other commissions.

The October Muay Thai event application was withdrawn by the promoter.

The next Alberta Commissions meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2021. Items for discussion may include how vaccinations influence event scheduling and if there will be changes to rule sets previously established under COVID regulations.

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

## **10. Financial Statements – August 31, 2021**

The financial statement included the deposit for ECSC administrative tribunals training.

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

**11. Chair Report**

ECSC members G. Smith and T. Kelly will attend the October 27 meeting of Alberta Commissions and the Government of Alberta. G. Smith will provide a report on the event to the Commission at the next meeting. The ECSC will circle back after a couple of meetings to see if it is beneficial for members to attend.

Honorariums take effect in January of 2022 and will come out of the City of Edmonton budget for regular monthly commission meetings. Civic Agency Governance has confirmed that the Chair, with input from the Commission, has the discretion to distinguish between working groups and sub-committees. Sub-committees will follow the same rules as regular commission meetings. Current working groups will remain as is with numbers limited to less than quorum.

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

**12. Next Meeting - November 8, 2021**

The next Commission meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on November 8, 2021.

**13. Adjournment**

MOVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.

I certify that the preceding minutes represent an accurate account of the proceedings at the Commission meeting on October 18, 2021.

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Daniela O'Callaghan, Chair

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Date

  
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Tracey Poberznick, Recorder