



**EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION  
FINAL  
MEETING MINUTES**

**February 12, 2024  
7:00 PM  
Online via Google Meet**

**1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Andrew Soto, at 7:04 pm., Monday, February 12, 2024.

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:** Vice-Chair Andrew Soto  
Commission Members: Brandy Badry (left at 7:32)  
Tye Babb, Rashi Khullar,  
Nateram Seecharan (arrived at 7:15)  
Executive Director, Forrest Gavins  
Recorder, Tracey Poberznick

**Absent with Regrets:** Chair Trevor Kelly, Kevin Malahy

**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 Meeting**

MOVED: That the January 8, 2024, minutes be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

#### **6. Policy Review Project Working Group Updates**

A. Soto and N. Sacheeran started working on Policy 9.

T. Babb and B. Badry met on January 21, 2024, to work on Policy 7 and will meet again this month. They talked to the Executive Director about pro-fighter debut criteria. F. Gavins will provide T. Babb with information about the medical team and if they provide any information on post-fight concussions and warning signs.

R. Khullar and K. Malahy have not been able to meet yet to start their review.

#### **7. Chair's Report**

The ECSC - 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Work Plan has been submitted to the City of Edmonton and will go forward to City Council on March 5, 2024.

The Membership and Reappointment Recommendations report will be presented at the March 6, 2024, Community and Public Services Committee.

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

#### **8. Executive Director Report**

F. Gavins reviewed the written Executive Director's report.

Bylaw 15594 has been updated on the website. Section 2.5 of Policy 1, needs to be reviewed for errors by the Commission.

Stakeholder engagement is under the purview of the Commission. F. Gavins suggested that the ECSC do community engagement specifically related to the proposed 5,000-person requirement for events. The Executive Director would like to meet with the Chair and Vice-Chair to discuss this further.

Administration is in the process of updating application forms and streamlining processes. It was suggested that a disclaimer be added to the fighter in good standing letter.

F. Gavins asked if there was any interest in Commission members attending an upcoming event in Cree First Nation to sit in the Technical Zone. More information will be provided when it's available.

There was discussion around holding a combination event where there would be a small event in conjunction with a UFC event. The Executive Director will start putting a plan together to show what that would look like.

The last Alberta Commissions meeting was held on January 17, 2024. The BC Commission reached out to Alberta with concerns regarding a BKFC event.

F. Gavins expressed his interest in attending the ABC conference in Louisville, Kentucky from July 19 to 24, 2024.

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

## **9. Financial Statements – December 31, 2023**

The Executive Director met with the new accountant to discuss the financial statements. There was a combination of \$95 owed on a previous statement and \$64 GST recovery which balanced out to the \$31 that was showing on the last statement.

There is a \$700 bad debt expense on the statement from a wrestling promoter due to licensing changes in 2018.

The Commission has a dormant investor account that has not been active in 5 years. This has been tabled until the March meeting for the Chair to address.

MOVED: That the December 31, 2023, Financial statements be approved as presented. CARRIED

## **10. Next Meeting - March 11, 2024**

The next Commission meeting will be held virtually on March 11, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

## **11. Adjournment**

MOVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

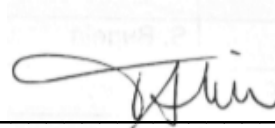
The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

I certify that the preceding minutes represent an accurate account of the proceedings at the Commission meeting on February 12, 2024.



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Andrew Soto, Vice-Chair

11 March 2024  
Date



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Tracey Poberznick, Recorder