



**EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION  
FINAL  
MEETING MINUTES**

**May 13, 2024  
7:00 PM  
Online via Google Meet**

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

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Trevor Kelly, at 7:04 pm., Monday, May 13, 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:** Chair Trevor Kelly, Vice-Chair Andrew Soto  
Commission Members: Brandy Badry, Tye Babb,  
Nateram Seecharan  
Executive Director, Forrest Gavins  
Recorder, Tracey Poberznick

**Absent with Regrets:** Kevin Malahy, Rashi Khullar

**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 April 8, 2024, minutes be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

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

There was a discussion regarding merging Policy 7 into Regulation 1- Licensing for Contestants and Seconds. T. Babb and B. Badry will work on incorporating the ECSC's suggestions into the document and bring it back to the June meeting for further discussion. F. Gavins offered his assistance if needed.

The Commission tabled this until the June 10, 2024 meeting. F. Gavins will reach out to Dr. Defreitas to get feedback on Policy 7 and Regulation 1 and report back.

## **7. 2024 ABC Conference**

F. Gavins provided a cost estimate of \$2,900 in Canadian funds for his attendance at the ABC conference in Louisville, Kentucky. The City has agreed to split the cost with the ECSC.

MOVED: That the Commission reimburse 50 percent of the Executive Director's costs up to a maximum of \$1,500 in Canadian funds. CARRIED

## **8. Officials Training**

The ECSC will provide officials' training prior to any upcoming event. This would be a full-day course, free of charge for anyone interested in attending. The ECSC would cover the instructor's time and expenses to facilitate the training. The instructor would also do a refresher course the night before an event. The Executive Director provided a cost breakdown indicating what the ECSC would pay for and what would be covered by the City of Edmonton.

MOVED: That the ECSC approve funding to hire Mike Pattenau for a full-day training course for officials prior to any upcoming event and a refresher course the night before the event. CARRIED

## **9. Equipment Replacement and Repair**

Recalibrating the scales and ordering new uniforms are the biggest event expenses. Other supplies will also need to be ordered but costs are minimal. Existing equipment and uniforms will be inventoried to see what is required for two events.

MOVED: To approve funding for the costs of getting equipment ready and supplies ordered in preparation for any upcoming event. CARRIED

## **10. Chair's Report**

The Chair, Vice Chair and Executive Director discussed equipment replacement and repair, and Officials training at their monthly meeting.

Civic Agencies confirmed that they can't backfill Commission members between recruitment campaigns. The Chair indicated that K. Malahy will remain on the Commission and try to be available when necessary.

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

## **11. Executive Director's Report**

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

The Executive Director received an incomplete event application which was sent back to be revised and resubmitted. F. Gavins will review the proposal regarding what should be done with empty seats if an event does not meet the 4,000-person capacity.

The ECSC web page will be revamped to make it easier to navigate and obsolete information will be removed. F. Gavins will share the proposed changes soon.

The next Alberta Commission meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2024, and will be held every other month.

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

## **12. Financial Statements – March 31, 2024**

The financial report had one charge for \$2,500 for the facilitator of the ECSC retreat. There was nothing else to report.

MOVED: That the March 31, 2024, Financial statements be approved as presented. CARRIED

## **13. Next Meeting - June 10, 2023**

The next Commission meeting will be held virtually on June 10, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

## **14. Adjournment**

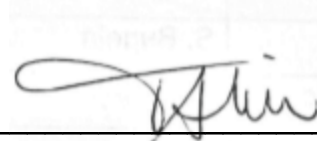
MOVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

I certify that the preceding minutes represent an accurate account of the proceedings at the Commission meeting on May 13, 2024.



June 10, 2024



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Trevor Kelly, Chair

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Date

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Tracey Poberznick, Recorder