



**EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION
FINAL
MEETING MINUTES**

**September 11, 2023
7:00 PM
Online via Google Meet**

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Trevor Kelly, at 7:09 pm., Monday, September 11, 2023.

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 Tye Babb
Commission Members: Kevin Malahy, Nateram Seecharan
Andrew Soto
Executive Director, Forrest Gavins
Recorder, Tracey Poberznick

Absent with Regrets: Brandy Badry, 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 August 14, 2023, minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Policy 5

T. Babb, R. Khullar and T. Kelly met to review recommendations from Law and the Executive Director. T. Kelly presented the revised Policy 5 and reviewed the proposed changes to be rolled into the new regulation. There was discussion regarding adding the definition of an unsanctioned event and how participation would impact fighters. The parameters of this regulation need to be clarified.

TABLED: This discussion was tabled for further discussion at either the upcoming retreat or the next ECSC meeting.

7. 2023 ECSC Annual Retreat

The Commission narrowed down three options for the retreat as follows:

1. Andrew LeMoine is no longer available to facilitate the retreat and recommended one of his colleagues. The fee is \$3,500 and includes the facility.
2. Anna Cuglietta is also available and provided T. Babb with her information and bio. The fee is \$2,500 and includes the facility.
3. Proceed without a facilitator.

MOVED: That the Commission will proceed with the retreat on September 17, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. with facilitator Anna Cuglietta at a location she will provide.

CARRIED

The purpose of the retreat is to provide a team-building element and work through the work plan. T. Babb will provide Anna Cuglietta's information to the ECSC and provide Anna with information about the commission members.

8. Chair's Report

The Chair, Vice Chair, and Executive Director had their monthly meeting. They discussed the possible regulation of amateur combative sports by the Commission. The decision would need to happen at the municipal level through City Council.

There was discussion about the implementation of the 5,000-person event capacity required to qualify for an event permit. City Council can choose to amend the Combative Sports Bylaw if they feel it necessary. Regulations could be amended to

match the bylaw. F. Gavins will keep the Commission updated as changes come about.

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

CARRIED

9. Executive Director Report

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

The Executive Director got information about the honoraria budget increase. The budget in Community Standards and Neighbourhoods has a sufficient amount to cover honoraria until the end of the year.

The Provincial Combative Sports meetings will resume on September 13, 2023, under the new director.

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

CARRIED

10. Financial Statements – July 31, 2023

F. Gavins reviewed the July financial statements. No revenue was generated for July.

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

CARRIED

11. Next Meeting - October 16, 2023

The next Commission meeting will be held virtually on October 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

12. Adjournment

MOVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

I certify that the preceding minutes represent an accurate account of the proceedings at the Commission meeting on September 11, 2023.



Trevor Kelly, Chair

Nov 20, 2023

Date



Tracey Poberznick, Recorder