

Monday, June 19, 2024

5:38 PM

In Attendance:

- Travis Grindle
- Jennie Sudo
- Bryan Jeannotte
- Geoff Rhodenizer
- John James
- Brad Stephenson
- Chris Stodolka

Regrets:

- Jorgen Thompson
- JC Penny

1. Welcome - Acknowledgement

- Call to order - 5:38 PM

2. Disciplinary Hearing – Branded Fighting Championship (March 16/24)

- Call to Order – 5:50 PM
 - Procedure Outline
 - Presented by Chair
 - Allegation(s) Explanation & Hearing Purpose
 - Presented by Chair
 - Allegations Presented in Letter of Invitation
 - Presented by Chair
 - Commission Investigation & Documentation
 - Report presented by Chair
 - Steps for Disciplinary Action
 - Section 7.1 Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission Rules & Regulations, refers to participant behaviour
 - Section 7.6 Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission Rules & Regulations, refers to hearing process
 - Section 7.8 Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission Rules & Regulations, refers to hearing final decisions
 - Allegation(s) Defendant Statement
 - Defendant not in attendance
 - Commission Member Questions & Statements
 - Concluded by the Commission that the Defendant did not conduct themselves in a professional manner and without sportsmanship toward the sport, event and officials
 - It is noted that the incident in question required escalation to the Lethbridge Police Services in order to dissolve the incident
 - Closing Statements
 - Closing Statement presented by Chair
 - IN CAMERA – Evidence Deliberation & Decision
 - OUT OF CAMERA – Notification of Decision
 - MOTION – J James/ C Stodolka

After consideration during disciplinary hearing, Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission has suspended the Defendant from any participation in Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission regulated combative sporting events within Lethbridge, for a period of six (6) months from the event/ incident date, expiring September 16, 2024, due to;

1. Unsportsmanlike Conduct
2. Verbal Abuse of Officials, Staff and Commission Representatives

----- CARRIED

- Adjournment - 6:16 PM
- DIRECTION: B Stephenson to forward notice to Defendant and circulate to Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission members.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION – C Stodolka/ J James

THAT the meeting agenda be approved with amendments.

----- CARRIED

4. Approval of the Minutes (May 13/24)

MOTION –G Rhodenizer/ B Stephenson

THAT the meeting minutes from May 13, 2024 be approved as presented.

----- CARRIED

5. Fight Night Permit Applications

- General Discussion:
 - Application for Can-Slap (Power Slap/ Slap Fighting) event received. Commission has been advised that due to reputational risk and consideration of fighter safety, Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission may not want to consider being the first in the country to sanction such an event.
 - Application declined at this time.
 - Application for Fight Night 20 received in the event first application is declined. Applicant required to clarify pre-event information and should be notified of logistical concerns for facilitating this event.
- DIRECTION: B Jeannotte to follow up with applicant.
- DIRECTION: J Sudo to issue Conditional Permit for approved Fight Night 20 application.
- DIRECTION: G Rhodenizer to begin contacting event volunteers as soon as able.

6. SharePoint Access

- General Discussion:
 - Tabled due to Commission Members not in attendance.
 - Online application process created as opposed to paper application process presented and discussed.

MOTION – B Stephenson/ G Rhodenizer

THAT the online application process as presented be finalized and implemented.

----- CARRIED

7. Provincial Meeting Report (May 15/24-June12/24)

- As received.

8. Equipment & Supplies

- General Discussion:
 - a) Equipment Storage Containers – purchased and presented.
 - b) Volunteer Vests – purchased and presented.
 - c) Stop Watches

MOTION – B Stephenson/ G Rhodenizer

TO purchase 2 additional stop watches for event equipment inventory.

----- CARRIED

- DIRECTION: J Sudo to order stop watches.

9. Tsuut'ina Event Equipment Loan

- Former Commission Member has been loaned event equipment from Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission, on behalf of Tsuut'ina Combative Sports Commission event on Saturday, June 22, 2024.

10. Legislative Services Matrix Chart

- DIRECTION: B Jeannotte to be completed and submitted as requested by City Clerk's Office.

11. Future Financial Statements

- City of Lethbridge representatives to bring account balance to all future monthly meetings.

12. Licensing Fighters

- Tabled.

13. Upcoming Events

- Pure Power Wrestling – Fritz Sick Centre (July 6/24)

16. Other Business

- General Discussion:
 - Discussion surrounding a change of monthly meeting start time from 5:30 PM to 5:00 PM. Newly proposed start time to begin with next scheduled monthly meeting.
 - Suggestion for new member recruitment.
 - DIRECTION: B Jeannotte to contact proposed new member.
 - Dressing Room Inspector packages compiled and presented; includes newly created Inspector Manuals, Lethbridge Combative Sports Commission Rules & Regulations, and weight class categories.

17. Date of Next Meeting

- Next Commission Meeting
 - August 19, 2024 | **5:00pm** | Mitch Ball Room – Room 333, City Hall, 3rd Floor
- Fight Night 20 Card Approval Meeting
 - August 19, 2024 | 7:30pm | Mitch Ball Room – Room 333, City Hall, 3rd Floor

18. Adjournment

MOTION – T Grindle/ G Rhodenizer

THAT the meeting is adjourned at 7:41 pm.

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