



VANCOUVER ATHLETIC COMMISSION

March 2, 2010

Minutes

A meeting of the Vancouver Athletic Commission was held on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in Community Room 2, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mirko Mladenovic, Chair
Jewan Bassra
Troy Gienger, Vice Chair
Bryan MacLeod
Dr. Jerome Yang

ALSO PRESENT: Tom Hammel, Deputy Chief Licence Inspector
Mike Pattenau, Chair, North Vancouver Athletic Commission

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

Introductions

Roundtable introductions were done for the first meeting of the 2010 Advisory Committee. The Commission welcomed new Commissioners Bassra, Gienger and Yang.

Election

MOVED BY Commissioner MacLeod
SECONDED by Commissioner Bassra

THAT the three Vancouver Athletic Commission positions, Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer, be on an interim basis until June 30, 2010, with a re-evaluation of roles at that time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

An election was held and the following were elected by acclamation:

Interim Chair - Mirko Mladenovic
Interim Vice-Chair - Troy Gienger
Interim Treasurer - Jewan Bassra

In addition,

MOVED BY Commissioner Mladenovic
SECONDED by Commissioner MacLeod

THAT the Vancouver Athletic Commission appoint Dr. Jerome Yang as Interim Communications Officer for the Commission.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 14, 2010, meeting were adopted as circulated.

The minutes of the October 15, 2009, meeting were amended to correct the spelling of Dr. Yang's name listed under Also Present.

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VARY THE AGENDA

The Commission agreed to vary order of the agenda to deal with Item 7(b) on pro-wrestling events first. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in Agenda order.

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2. Attendance

The Meeting Coordinator reviewed protocol for Leaves of absence requests and quorum required for business meetings.

3. CoV ADVISORY COMMITTEES - Legislation, Policies & Procedures

a) Vancouver Charter

The following sections of the Vancouver Charter was distributed (*on file*) and the latter three reviewed by the Meeting Coordinator:

- Section 338 - Vancouver Athletic Commission
- Section 165 - meetings open to the public
- Section 145 - voting and disclosure of conflict
- Section 166 - ruling of chair

b) and c) Commission Mandate from Council

The VAC By-law (no. 2875) and City Council' December 17, 2009 (City Services & Budgets Committee) decision were previously distributed (*refer to Item 4(a)*).

d) Meeting Procedure

The Meeting Coordinator distributed and reviewed the Procedure By-Law (no. 9756) as it relates to Advisory Committees of Council, notice of business, meeting rules, Committee recommendations and reports to Council.

e) Code of Conduct

The Meeting Coordinator distributed and reviewed the CoV *Code of Conduct* (policy no. AE-02801).

4. WORKPLAN

a) Commission's role and mandate

The Deputy Chief Licence Inspector provided a list of fighters for an upcoming amateur event and requested Commission's assistance in confirming whether the athletes are professional.

(Also see Item 7 (a)).

It was noted promoters of amateur and professional events are required to obtain a business license from the City of Vancouver.

Discussion followed on issues pertaining to amateur events, such as:

- Commission's role,
- sanctioning bodies (e.g. ISCF) and CBF definition,
- fighter compensation and professional criteria vs amateur, and
- legislation.

Discussion and VAC recommendation regarding professional fighter criteria was postponed to the next meeting.

The Deputy Chief Licence Inspector will follow-up with Legal Services.

b) Appointment of Medical Advisor

Due to the previous Medical Advisor no longer available for re-appointment, Commissioner Yang provided a draft ad for submission to the *BC Medical Journal* and SportMedBC (*on file*), noting the following revisions: Athlete (instead of fighter; to include wrestling) and bout (instead of fight) and reference to head trauma. The Commission agreed to both ads. Commissioner Yang will confirm whether there is cost for SportMedBC's.

MOVED BY Commissioner MacLeod
SECONDED by Commissioner Mladenovic

THAT the Vancouver Athletic Commission re-imburse Commissioner Yang for the March 2010 ad placed in the *BC Medical Journal*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Corresponding Secretary

The Commission agreed to change this former VAC position to Communications Officer.

d) Administrative Support

The Deputy Chief Licence Inspector described the temporary pool of assistants through Human Resources and offered printed examples of job descriptions. Options discussed for the Commission to arrange administrative support included checking with other Commissions and with a private firm. Mr. Pattenaude outlined staff support for the City of North Vancouver Athletic Commission.

Possible responsibilities (*on file*) and reference binder for the support person were circulated. The Chair will investigate agencies and bring information to the next meeting.

e) 2010 Calendar of events

A draft outline of potential events in 2010 was reviewed noting some events were cancelled due to venue.

f) Communications

The process for the Commission receiving and responding to the athletic.commission@vancouver.ca emails was reviewed. The Commission requested that all members receive the emails and that all members be copied on responses. Who should reply and agreement to a response was also discussed.

5. FINANCIAL

a) Banking Update

The Treasurer received banking material from the 2009 Commission.

b) 2010 Signing Officers

MOVED BY Commissioner Mladenovic
SECONDED by Commissioner MacLeod

THAT the Vancouver Athletic Commission signing officers for the Vancouver Athletic Commission be the Commission Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Meeting Coordinator will notify the Commission's Bank branch regarding the new signing officers.

c) Business Cards

MOVED BY Commissioner Mladenovic
SECONDED by Commissioner Gienger

THAT the Vancouver Athletic Commission (VAC) order three individual sets of VAC business cards for new Commissioners at \$40.00 per set.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Meeting Coordinator will confirm information with the three Commissioners for the business card order.

d) Administrative Budget

This item was postponed.

e) Memberships

MOVED BY Commissioner Mladenovic
SECONDED by Commissioner Gienger

THAT the Vancouver Athletic Commission (VAC) renew its membership for the year 2010 with the Canadian Boxing Federation (CBF) and direct the Treasurer to pay the CBF's invoice for \$350.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair advised that CBF is a member of the Association of Boxing Commissions.

f) ECCW licences and receipts for 2009/2010

Receipts were photocopied for ECCW payments received to date. With respect to the outstanding individual fees, Dave Teixeira will provide VAC licence payments by next meeting.

g) Refund Policy

VAC annual Promoter's Licence is not refundable. The Treasurer will check to see if the 2009 boxing promoter was refunded his VAC event fee.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chair will respond to Mr. George's letter.

7. PROMOTER APPLICATIONS

a) Bouts not sanctioned by VAC

The Deputy Chief Licence Inspector distributed an outline of criteria used in other jurisdictions for determining amateur vs professional fighters and events (*on file*). Discussion followed regarding City-owned venues, amateur kickboxing and boxing events and fight cards in March and May 2010, and cancelled events.

(b) Pro-wrestling

i. ECCW

Dave Teixeira provided individual VAC licenses forms for Commission's signature and file. He also advised of a brief pre-show meeting on March 6, 2010, at the Russian Community Centre, 7:00 pm and doors open for the public at 7:30 pm for the event.

The Chair reported that he and Commissioner MacLeod attended the ECCW shows held on January 2 and 30, 2010, noting no major problems.

ii. Wrestlemania

Mr. Teixeira advised WWE received the VAC letter and provided an update on his meeting with Tourism BC, Wrestlemania event locations, website, Facebook and Bid Committee. Commissioner MacLeod will be the VAC liaison available for questions.

c) Mixed Martial Arts

i. UFC - June Event

The Deputy Chief Licence Inspector provided an update on staff discussion with UFC. The VAC has not received documentation from the UFC. The Chair will contact UFC.

The Regulations Subcommittee, which met on February 1, 2010, is continuing to revise the Promoter's Package with regard to processes and physician roles.

ii. Elite1

Initial venue for their May event was not available to MMA (*letter on file*).

iii. The Score Fighting Series

Paul Lazenby advised of his interest in the Commission's requirements.
The Commission noted the VAC documents available on the website are the 2009 version and the Subcommittee is in the process of revisions.

The Deputy Chief Licence Inspector will forward a draft to the Subcommittee.

The Commission also discussed surety bonds and indemnity for the City and Commission, and other jurisdictions bond requirements.

8. Suspensions

The list of suspensions received from CBF and other commissions were noted.

9. OFFICIALS

a) Officials' Seminar, Abbotsford - April 10 - 11

MOVED BY Commissioner Mladenovic
SECONDED by Commissioner Yang

THAT the Vancouver Athletic Commission reimburse Commission members wishing to attend the pankration officials' seminar at the MMA Expo April 10 and 11, 2010, in Abbotsford.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Athletic Inspector Training and Certification Programs

The Chair outlined training available for new Commissioners. The Chair will arrange for the training for Commission members on March 7, 2010, at 6:00 pm.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

MOVED BY Commissioner Mladenovic
SECONDED by Commissioner MacLeod

THAT the Vancouver Athletic Commission (VAC) host a dinner in appreciation of Dr. Rajindar Sandhu after his many years of service to the City of Vancouver as VAC Medical Advisor, Treasurer, Vice-Chair and Chair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. NEXT MEETING

Regulations Subcommittee Meeting - to be determined
Regular Meeting - to be determined.