

OGA - Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2016
1pm Eastern

Ontario Grappling Association

Call to order by the President

Shane Weaver - Secretary
Josip Mrkoci - Member at Large
Andrew Redden - Vice President
Rohit Seth - President
Jesse Richardson - Treasurer
Christine – Auditor guest
Robert – PasSport guest
Daniel – PasSport guest
Mona – Financials guest

ED – Clint Kingsbury

Called to order – 1:11pm Eastern

Passport system Review -

Note - Shane mentions that we should disclose Conflict of Interest that Rohit is employed with PasSport

Rohit clarifies that he is not employed by PasSport, he only helped design the system without monetary exchange. He also mentions that he made the BOD of OGA aware of this at the AGM when the BOD elected to vote PasSport in while he abstained from the vote.

Shane stated that he didn't agree to use the PasSport program.

Clint disagreed and stated the Minutes of the AGM showed that everyone was in support of using PasSport in its full capacity and another review can be done at the 2017 AGM.

Andrew asks to review the OGA micro-site and other required features requested earlier.

Daniel begins presentation upon Andrew's request. Presentation included:

- Process of entering new athlete into system
- History of membership
- Certification, Medicals, Suspension
- Migration of all historical data from old OGA database to PasSport
- OGA Microsite

Josip asked a question – can a member see what their stats are through the program?

Daniel answers “Yes”.

Shane asked if the micro-site is active and live.

Andrew commented that yes, it is live.

Rohit mentioned that he had already submitted the micro-site and other details to the Ministry.

Rohit and Andrew speak about the migration of data from the old system and Rohit informs Andrew that everything related to athlete accounts and history has been migrated.

All Board members are in agreement that the PasSport system has met the specifications laid out at the AGM.

Shane then questions the usability and wants to know if everyone will understand how to use the system mentioning the upcoming Provincials.

Rohit informed the Board that there is a User Guide built into the system and he has reviewed the athlete interface. It is simple to use.

Jesse suggests the BOD should have a training session for the admin interface.

Clint suggests a training session for referees also.

All BOD and PasSport guests were in agreement. A training session will be decided in January.

Robert mentions that PasSport has engaged in expensive and detailed development at the request of the OGA BOD from the September AGM and that PasSport has met the requirements. Now, OGA BOD should honor its democratic process to use PasSport for 2017 in a fair manner.

Financials – presented by Christine and Mona.

Reviewing the financials – looking at the ledger and proposed bank accounts.

Andrew stated that he feels there is something missing. He brought in some notes of e-transfers that he did not see on the ledger.

Andrew reviews e-transfers. Mona spoke about the e-transfers with some being sent with proper labeling in the Notes section of the e-transfer and some that were not, so they were linked to the closest event based on the timeline.

Moving the e-transfers received from one event to another would not change the balance on the ledger.

Andrew states that he may be in possession of some transactions which could reduce the deficit slightly.

Discussions around the financials were explained by Mona on the process.

Andrew is ok, will look to see if there is anything else and agrees to send to Mona.

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Motion:

Open a new bank account for the non – for –profit OGA Association by Jun 15, 2017. Agreeing to use the old account for the financial review and once the account is open we will switch to the new account for the OGA.

**Rohit/Jesse
carried**

Sanctioning of Provincials -

Review of the provincials and the plan.

The notion of impeachment was raised due to Secretary (Shane) attempting to force the Provincials with an unsanctioned Promoter, launching an event with misinformation and without BOD approval.

Review of the issues surrounding the Secretary – Shane Weaver

This is being presented to the BOD by the President with regards to the Secretary's violations and misconduct

Event: OGA Provincials - Niagara Winter Games – using GriffinMMA as the promoter

Shane was given permission to host the Provincials at the Niagara Winter Games, which was in OGA's portfolio for the past few years.

COI was request by Shane on Nov 3 by a Nov 15 deadline.

Necessary information (such as Articles of Incorporation) for the COI was requested by Mona to Shane on Nov 3. Requested information was never presented to OGA on behalf of GriffinMMA.

Shane posted event on Facebook and GriffinMMA website with incorrect information and without BOD approval.

Rohit requested that Shane remove the event as it was not sanctioned and stated incorrect information.

Shane was out of the country and mentioned he would look into this upon his return.

When Shane returned, he refused to remove the misleading information. He did not send in the further information that was requested in order to issue the COI.

Shane informed the BOD that if OGA BOD does not allow GriffinMMA to continue with the event, they will go to another organization for sanctioning and stating they blamed OGA for mistreating them. OGA had only requested paperwork.

Andrew is reviewing the email that was sent from Shane. Based on the email, there was a request for the info from GriffinMMA since there was no documentation submitted.

The issue of “blackmail” is being raised with regards to GriffinMMA being allowed to continue. If OGA does not provide GriffinMMA with sanctioning, they will take our event at the Niagara Winter Games to WKO for sanctioning.

Shane states that he has removed OGA from the Niagara Winter Games as well as the Niagara Sport Commission and claims that he no longer has any involvement with GriffinMMA other than to attend "their" event at the Niagara Winter Games.

Rohit and Clint question how GriffinMMA was able to steal our event when it was clearly an OGA event.

Shane does not respond to questions.

One week after Shane claimed he no longer had any involvement with GriffinMMA, we received notice from Bram Cotton, CEO of Niagara Winter Games, that Shane had called him that morning regarding GriffinMMA's event at the Niagara Winter Games.

Shane has failed to provide documentation of his communication with GriffinMMA. All information to and from OGA BOD is being directed through Shane.

Shane states that his communication was all verbal and was not documented, so no proof of communication can be offered.

The point is raised that no communication on behalf of the BOD should ever be left to verbal communication since it affects all parties.

Based on what was stated and the presentation of the facts, indeed there is a divide with what has occurred. OGA was never been in contact with Griffinmma.

Shane states that he called Bram – and indicated the OGA were no longer hosting the event. It was said that this should not have occurred and again should have been consulted with the OGA prior.

Shane was also posting the GriffinMMA event on Facebook - directly against our policy with regards to a BOD promoting a competing organization.

It is also brought up that Shane is promoting the use of mynextmatch and proposing not to use PasSport as was voted at the last AGM.

This case study is to be filed as evidence of occurrence in the issue regarding GriffinMMA and the Secretary (Shane Weaver's) actions.

All the material was presented.

Shane had no comment.

Andrew then requested to put the happenings in the past and find a way to support and move forward.

There was a request for a hand shake between Rohit and Shane with the understanding that these instances would come to an end and there would only be OGA support moving forward.

Shane and Rohit shook hands.

We then moved on to discussing the membership fees for OGA.

Membership fees

OG-01-02

Motion to accept the fees

We recommend \$35 for membership *Grappling/AMMA

We recommend \$50 for memberships *unlimited (all combat sports recognized by OGA)

We recommend \$185 for club fee (includes one coach and one corner)

**Andrew/Rohit
carried.**

We spoke about the Provincials at the Niagara Winter Games. Clint was able to secure the event directly via Bram Cotton.

All BOD agreed that a lot of work would be required to have a successful event.

Shane then asked if he was allowed to send his team to the GriffinMMA event. And what would be the repercussions if he did.

The BOD stated this would be in conflict.

Shane then argued and demanded what would happen to him if he does this.

Clint explained the policy of non-sanctioned events, board conflict and our constitution.

Shane was silent.

Shane stood up and began to pack his belongings.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

Called by Rohit Seth - President.