Minutes of Combat Sports Authority of Maine

Meeting convened:

Date: 10/03/2016 Time: 5:07pm Location: Westbrook Community Center, Westbrook, ME

Presiding: Kenneth Curtis, Chair

Members Present: Chris Guild, Bill Bouffard, Marc Fournier

Members Absent: Chris Greely, Jon Pinette

Guests Present: Nick DiSalvo, Matt Peterson; Robert Russo, Dave Greenwood

Quorum Present: four members

Assistant Attorney General, James M. Bowie present

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Marc Fournier to approve minutes of 09/12/2016. Seconded by Bill Bouffard.

Motion Carried. Unanimous.

**Officers’ Reports**:

Treasurer’s report: from Chris Guild. For this month $50,137.13

Per diem sheets need to be in quarterly: September 30, December 31, March 31, and June 30

Complaint Officer: Assistant Attorney General James Bowie is in preparation for impending complaint hearing. . It is estimated that scheduling will depend upon availability of witnesses. Assistant Attorney General Bowie needs to coordinate with hearing officer rather than us. He explained generally the procedures to be followed and the anticipated costs.

Time frame for hearing is December 2016.

Motion made by Bill Bouffard to approve up to and not to exceed $10,000 for our treasurer to disperse funds for the hearing of the complaint/current hearing. Seconded by Marc Fournier.

Motion Carried. Unanimous.

Procedure has to be recorded. We need a written record of what was said, if there is an appeal. Assistant Attorney General James Bowie suggested finding an appropriate space with good acoustics to have the hearing.

Marc Fournier offered to find a court recorder.

Assistant Attorney General Bowie suggested we rethink with whom we might want to set up arrangements in the future with a lab nearby.

**Current Business**:

1.) Approve NEF 26 event change. No card is ready.

Bill Bouffard made a motion to approve the date change for the NEF 26 from the 5th of November to the 19th of November. Seconded by Chris Guild.

Motion Carried. Unanimous.

2.) Portland Boxing Club (PBC):

Bobbie Russo shared information and a list of officials for upcoming PBC event for November 12, 2016.

Russo has a sports medicine team for the event. He will have least 2 or 3 doctors that evening.

At Expo in Portland, ME. Weigh-ins will be at Bruno’s at 4:00pm.

Bill Bouffard made a motion to approve the PBC card. Seconded by Marc Fournier.

Motion Carried. Unanimous.

3.) Modifications to MMA/Boxing and Kickboxing rules.

Ken Curtis will make copies of the rules to share with members for discussion.

4.) Sharing from members

Ken shared images of the CSAM badges and will forward to absent members.

**New Business**:

1.) Bill Bouffard made a motion to approve NEF 27 for February 11, 2017. Seconded by Chris Guild.

Motion Carried. Unanimous.

2.) Robert Russo brought up for discussion the inspector situation for each event. General discussion about space for inspectors, how many inspectors are needed and what is their responsibility, as well as fees for them. Each inspector is responsible for 2 fighters. There are 3 in each room. Qualifications of inspectors were also discussed in regard to volunteers.

Payment of inspectors to be discussed at a future meeting--whether or not inspectors can be used as contractors rather than certificate holders.

3.) Ken Curtis made a motion that we go into executive session to discuss with counsel Agenda Item IV. c. 1. Seconded by Chris Guild.

Motion Carried. Unanimous.

**Executive Session:**

Kenneth Curtis moved that the Authority go into executive session to seek advice from counsel regarding the possibility of certain litigation. Bill Bouffard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

CSAM went into discussion pursuant to 5 M.R.S, § 405(6)(E) at 6:30pm for advice from counsel regarding the possibility of certain litigation.

Ken Curtis made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:50pm. Seconded by Bill Bouffard.

Motion Carried. Unanimous.

Executive Session closed at 6:52pm. The only subject discussed in executive session was the possibility of certain litigation.

**Reminder**: Meeting on first Monday of every month and Monday following promotion/venue, if necessary. One week prior to promotion also possible. Next Meeting is November 7, 2016.

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:55pm.

Made motion by Bill Bouffard to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded by Chris Guild.

Motion Carried. Unanimous.

Submitted by: Bernadette W. Curtis, Secretary Approved on: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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