**Minutes of Combat Sports Authority of Maine**

Meeting convened:

Date: 11/07/2016 Time: 5:07pm Location: Westbrook Community Center, Westbrook, ME

Presiding: Kenneth Curtis, Chair

Members Present: Chris Guild, Bill Bouffard, Marc Fournier, Chris Greeley

Members Absent: Jon Pinette

Guests Present: Matt Peterson; Jeff Lamkins

Quorum Present: four members

Assistant Attorney General, James M. Bowie present

Approval of Minutes:

 Motion made by Bill Bouffard to approve minutes of 10/03/2016. Seconded by Chris Guild.

Motion Carried. Unanimous.

 **Officers’ Reports**:

1.) Treasurer’s report: from Chris Guild. For this month $52,519.98.

Send reimbursement requests to Chris Guild. Due December 31, however, may be submitted prior to December 31, 2016. Send a copy to Bill Bouffard for recordkeeping.

2.) Complaint Officer: Assistant Attorney General James Bowie

a. AAG Bowie is still waiting for more documentation. Three expert witnesses are lined up and two nonexpert witnesses. AAG Bowie is unsure of how many witnesses are on opposing side. There may be perhaps only one witness present; other witnesses will speak via phone. Board discussed options for a place to hold the hearing. AAG Bowie’s secretary will book a room in Augusta. Best time for hearing agreed upon by CSAM is 9:30am.

When notice of hearing goes out by AAG Bowie, members will be notified as soon as possible as we need a quorum present.

b. Addendum to be added to application for license to fight in the State to waive medical records rights.

**Current Business**:

1.) Draft proposals for Boxing/MMA for changes to General Rules

 All members received a copy with proposed changes highlighted (by Kenneth Curtis).

 AAG Bowie suggests we come together at a meeting to review and to vote/agree on changes. Make changes and bring back to board to review further changes/editing. Attorney General has to sign off then on to Governor’s office for approval. Text is submitted to Secretary of State and Secretary of State puts notice in newspaper. Can have a hearing on the rules, time for hearing, comments can be made, which comments are acceptable or not, then make the changes to the rules. New rulings are then adopted and filed with Secretary of State. Within five days rules become rules.

Document goes back to Governor’s office, if there are any other changes.

Ken suggested we use December 2016 CSAM meeting to review the USA Boxing/MMA and Kickboxing rules. If we want to discuss rule changing, we have to have a meeting.

2.) Portland Boxing Club (PBC): update (cards). All set.

3.) NEF event updates (cards): all looks in order.

4.) AAG Bowie updates. No further updates (see above).

5.) Sharing from members

 a. CSAM Chair discussed the need for a medical person on CSAM board. Members are asked to suggest possible MD or Chiropractor to Ken Curtis, Chair.

 b. CSAM Chair suggested CSAM attend as a group at next year’s ABC’s 2017 Boxing Convention at Monhegan Sun, CT.

c. CSAM must renew membership with ABC in January 2017.

d. Ken Curtis, Chair, passed out new badges for each member

**New Business**:

1.) Who is attending Upcoming PBC event November 12th

 Marc Fournier and Kenneth Curtis will attend Weigh-ins.

There are eight bouts scheduled to take place.

Chris Greeley and Kenneth Curtis will attend the fight event.

2.) Who is attending upcoming NEF26 event on November 19th

Chris Greeley, Chris Guild, and Kenneth Curtis will do Weigh-ins.

Chris Guild and Kenneth Curtis, Mark Fournier, Jon Fournier will be at event.

3.) Discussion of Fees for NEF 25.

 Taken care of.

4.) Continue use of USA Boxing New England as amateur boxing sanction organization.

 They do Weigh-ins, licenses, paperwork, etc. for amateur boxing in Maine.

5.) Change EKG for boxing

It is stated in the rules that it must be 10 days before fight; can we change to a yearly exam. Yearly exams are done nationally and with most other organizations. Ken Curtis put this in as a change to the rules.

6.) Name change to “Combative” Sports Authority of Maine

 Requires change of statute.

 Will constitute changing name tags, paperwork, etc. CSAM members agree to leave names as is.

7.) Public Comments

 a. Guest Jeff Lamkins has put on several events in upstate NY. Lamkins shared his resume of martial arts, boxing, MS in Sports Management, sports announcing, etc. He wants to get into combat sports in state of Maine.

Lamkins has put on several tough man contests -2 divisions-- light weight/heavy weight. All amateurs. His lawyer has contacted the State. Lawyer sent him to CSAM. Looking for sanction or thumbs up for him going through appropriate channels to do his events. Looking for putting on quarterly events beginning in January. Wants to cover all bases through CSAM.

IPONE (traditional martial arts) and KRANE judges being used.

We have no rules in place at this point. There is a statute arguable illegal for Kickboxing.

Lamkins stated that if this is not the entity for such approval, is there another entity that makes this determination. Not for profit events are violating the law.

Board members suggested Jeff check with the Attorney General for that County to see if this is illegal.

After general discussion of differences between varying sports, Board members suggests Jeff Lamkins consider this as MMA, which is something that can go through CSAM. All forms and information necessary for beginning the process are available at [www.mainecombatsports.com](http://www.mainecombatsports.com).

Matt Peterson sited definition in statue around combination of mixed martial arts and how CSAM can oversee. Matt Peterson stated that Lampkins is proposing to promote an event that is a combination of martial arts, therefore, by being a combination of two or more martial arts this should, by definition, fall under what this Board can regulate by statute. This needs to be promoted and scheduled as amateur MMA event.

b. Shin Pads—word “may” means it can be in our jurisdication to make a decision of whether or not amateur athletes must use when amateur fighting. (Does not say “shall”.) Chapter 2, Section 9. No other New England state requires them. Suggestion was made to review at December 5, 2016 meeting.

Marc Fournier made a motion to table this discussion for December 5th meeting. Seconded by Chris Greeley.

Motion Carried. Unanimous.

**Reminder**: Next Meeting is December 5, 2016.

Motion made by Bill Bouffard to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded by Marc Fournier.

Motion Carried. Unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:41pm.

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

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