**Minutes of Combat Sports Authority of Maine**

Meeting convened:

Date: 04/03/2017 Time: 5:14pm Location: Westbrook Community Center, Westbrook, ME

Presiding: Kenneth Curtis, Chair

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

Members Absent: Jon Pinette, Dr. Kevin Price

Guests Present: Nick DiSalvo; Hal Pierce

Quorum Present: five members

Assistant Attorney General, James M. Bowie present

Approval of Minutes:

 Motion made by Bill Bouffard to approve minutes of 01/04/2017. Seconded by Chris Guild.

Motion Carried. Unanimous.

 **Officers’ Reports**:

1.) Treasurer’s report: from Chris Guild.

a. Current Balance for this month is $28,318.48.

b. CSAM members are asked to send reimbursement requests to Chris Guild. Due through March 31. Next quarter’s reimbursement due June 30, 2017.

2.) Complaint Officer: Assistant Attorney General James Bowie

a. AAG Bowie no longer doing the case. Judy Peters and Colin Hay, AAGs from ME, will be doing the case. We will have three different experts. One to set up and explain in English the process; Representative from the lab for sample analysis. First test to see if we get positive or negative results; second test breaks down sample to molecular level (makes assurance of accuracy extremely high, 99.99%).

b. Discussion around the delay in resolution for the complaints.

c. Discussion about penalizing the fighter to collect funds in reimbursement for case. AAG reminded CSAM that there is a cap.

d. Starting over with two AAGs and waiting for experts and how to go forward. They will be in touch with CSAM with next steps.

e. AAG Bowie informed us that there is one more complaint filed. A criminal background check is being done presently. More information will be forthcoming at our next meeting in May.

**Current Business**:

1.) Final draft/review for Boxing/MMA for changes to General Rules

 All members received a copy with proposed changes.

a. Boxing rules: Ken Curtis wishes to add under Section 6 page 49: “Female pregnancy tests will be performed while in the presence of a CSAM representative.” Under PED add, “Reference includes, but not limited to substances listed in the USADA banned substance list.”

 b. MMA Rules

Bill Bouffard will send out final stages of MMA rules to be approved before sending to AAG Bowie. Bouffard asks everyone read and comment.

 c. Kickboxing

Chris Guild working on Kickboxing Rules. Looks very similar to the MMA Rules—he is making changes/editing from there to create the Kickboxing Rules, putting in Maine format similar to MMA and Boxing rules.

2.) Business cards

Bill Bouffard will print off what he has created for all members. All members approved of their business card proofs.

3.) CSAM additional shirts

Ken Curtis will take orders from members who wish to have another shirt. CSAM members are to email their request to Ken.

4.) Sharing from members

Ken Curtis shared his attendance at the World Championship fight in Birmingham, AL in February 2017.

**New Business**:

1.) NEF Bout Card #28 for 4/29/2017

Nick DiSalvo reviewed the card with CSAM. Some fighters on the card have pulled out due to weight or injury. Nick has added a couple of other fights to the card.

DiSalvo may be making more changes. Chris Guild will make final decision on last minute changes for the NEF #28, working with Nick DiSalvo.

Motion made by Bill Bouffard to approve the NEF Bout Card #28. Seconded by Chris Greeley.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

2.) Medlic fee

Request by Medlic for $400 monthly fee.

Ken Curtis will send Invoice from Medlic to CSAM.

Motion made by Marc Fournier to table this request until next month, pending more information on Medlic fee and CSAM budget. Seconded by Chris Greeley.

Motion Carried. Unanimous.

3.) Cameras in locker room

CSAM discussed the ruling of cameras in the locker room. There are to be no cameras allowed in the locker room.

4.) Control of corner personnel

CSAM needs the corners’ names and we need to monitor locker room. Discussion for fighters to commit to who is on the list. When fighters show up for weigh-ins we need names of the corners. If not on list from promoters, they are not allowed to be in the corner. If person is not a corner, they are out of the locker room. Verify the corner’s name from the actual list. Marc Fournier will send out notification that CSAM will be enforcing this regulation at all fights. Nick DiSalvo will also notify the fighters of this enforcement.

5.) Inspector training

Ken Curtis will send an online training program to CSAM members for review.

6.) Using Executive Session

Ken Curtis shared that we can go into executive session pursuant to Title 1, MRSA Section 405 (6) (A) to discuss….stated reason required and other rules must be followed.

7.) ABC Convention at Monhegan Sun, on August 22 – 26, 2017

Ken Curtis shared the benefits of attending the convention and will send the Convention’s link to everyone with the details. First two days are for officials training.

8.) CSAM attendance

Discussion about internet use for face time with those who cannot make a meeting. AAG Bowie shared that it cannot be done for various reasons.

Members know the meetings are the first Monday of each month and are asked to reserve these days.

9. Concussion health

Ken Curtis shared other commissions are requiring higher amounts of fighter insurance. Discussion was tabled.

10.) Next two events:

a. NEF #29 scheduled for 6-17-2017 in Lewiston (MMA/Boxing)

b. NEF #30 scheduled for 8-5-2017 in Bangor (MMA )

Motion made by Bill Bouffard to approve NEF #29 and NEF #30. Seconded by Chris Guild.

Motion Carried. Unanimous.

**Reminder**: Next Meeting is May 1, 2017.

Motion made by Bill Bouffard to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded by Chris Greeley.

Motion Carried. Unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:35pm.

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

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