**Minutes of Combat Sports Authority of Maine**

Meeting convened:

Date: 05/01/2017 Time: 5:13pm Location: Westbrook Community Center, Westbrook, ME

Presiding: Kenneth Curtis, Chair

Members Present: Chris Guild, Bill Bouffard, Jon Pinett

Members Absent: Marc Fournier

Members Late: Chris Greeley

Guests Present: Matt Peterson; 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 04/03/2017. Seconded by Chris Guild.

Motion Carried. Unanimous.

**Officers’ Reports**:

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

a. Current Balance for this month is $30,404.14

b. Chris Guild broke down the budget as follows:

Monthly Fees: Event Expenses:

Medlic $ 400.00 Med Fees $ 350.00

Room Rental 50.00 Testing $1,196.00 @ $299.00/test

Cell Phone 60.00 6 Events/Yr $9,276.00

Attorney Fees $1,538.00

Our total monthly expense and event fees on an annual basis is $33,852.00.

Income from NEF 28 = $ 3,026.05

Income from 2016 = $29,20503

Chris Guild discussed reviewing expenses we have control over. Looking at testing, review of fees, etc.

Motion made by Bill Bouffard to accept Treasurer’s Report. Seconded by Ken Curtis.

Motion Carried. Unanimous.

2.) Complaint Officer: Assistant Attorney General James Bowie

a. Discussed complaint dealing with criminal activity. Domestic violence/assault but time and place not stated when committed. Accuser states the fighter should not be allowed to continue to fight. Fighter says he was not convicted. AAG Bowie discussed fighter’s past criminal activity from 2009, which cannot be used. Last charge 2014 of assault but dismissed. This conviction has not been three years. Conviction has to be within the three types of charges, as well as other reasons. Charge within three years was misdemeanor. Accused should not have a license because of prior convictions. Next time he goes for a license, all of his priors are three years old.

b. What CSAM can do is send a letter to the accused stating his application for licensure is dismissed because he was not completely truthful on his application.

c. A discussion that CSAM has no steps to take regarding this complaint.

Discussion that we need to look more closely at what the application for licensure requests. Discussion to reword the form. Bill Bouffard and Chris Greeley will update the application.

**Current Business**:

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

a. Approval had been made to add in the pregnancy tests to be consistent in both rule books.

b. Discussed Inspector compensation to be added to rule books. CSAM needs to put in writing (in the rules) of who is responsible for paying inspectors. CSAM discussed what it means for the promoters.

Motion made by Bill Bouffard to add to the rules of MMA and Boxing that Inspectors will be paid at $75.00 for a minimum of 5 hours per event, beginning at start time advertised for first bout. After 5 hours, compensation will be at $15.00 per hour. Seconded by Chris Greeley.

Motion Carried. Unanimous.

2.) Update of Kickboxing Rules

a. Chris Guild working on Kickboxing Rules. He will have final draft sent to CSAM members prior to next meeting.

3.) Medlic monthly fee

a. Ken Curtis shared email from Jan Hubbard of what Medlic provides.

Motion made by Bill Bouffard to pay Medlic $400.00 per month. Seconded by Jon Pinett.

Motion Carried. Unanimous.

4.) Cameras in locker room

a. Discussion around having control of the corners at the bouts. An announcement was made at last event and was emailed by the promoters to all fighters and corners prior to the last event (NEF 28).

5.) Inspector Training at the Annual General Meeting

a. Training offered at Annual General Meeting of Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC) at Mohegan Sun, CT. Inspector Training fee is $125.00. Training is provided two days prior to Convention.

b. Further discussion for compensation to Inspectors to be discussed at June meeting.

6.) Sharing from members

a. Business cards. Bill Bouffard will continue process of getting the cards printed.

**New Business**:

1.) ABC Convention at Mohegan Sun, CT.

a. Ken Curtis, Bill Bouffard, Marc Fournier, and Chris Guild requesting funds for attending the event.

b. Members are to bring their budget proposal for the Convention to the June meeting to vote for approval for compensation for CSAM attendees.

2.) Online Inspector Training

a. Marc Fournier is in the process of putting the training online.

3.) Reserve fund required by 8 M.R.S. § 525 CSAM By-laws (page 4C)

a. We are in compliant.

4.) Medlic recheck of medicals at bouts.

a. Discussion of having Malinda McKinnon continue to do the medical rechecks for each at an event. CSAM members suggest she is needed at the bouts for final medical checks and PED tests.

5.) Instant re-play.

CSAM discussed pros and cons of instant re-plays at the events.

6.) Concussion issues.

Discussion to leave in the hands of the medical staff.

**Reminder**: Next Meeting is June 5, 2017.

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

Motion Carried. Unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:52pm.

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

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