

COMBAT SPORTS AUTHORITY OF MAINE

Minutes of July 14, 2025 Virtual Meeting

Call to Order: Chris Guild called the Meeting to Order at 5:05 pm

Members Present:

Chris Guild
Misty Guild
John Leavitt
Jon Pinette
Steve Wallace
Darcie Kent
Nicholas Gulliver

Others Present:

Nick DiSalvo of New England Fights, LLC
Matt Peterson of New England Fights, LLC
Timothy Steigelman AAG

Updates from AAG

Chairman Guild is moving the recusal request to later on in the agenda.

~~a. Recusal request:~~

b. Board Procedures: AAG Steigelman reviewed the Freedom of Information act and repeated the requirement of the board doing the public's work in public.

Secretary's Report:

Approval of June 9 Minutes: John Leavitt made a motion to accept the minutes. 2nd by Steve Wallace.

Roll Call Vote: Jon Pinette: yes Steve Wallace: yes Darcie Kent: yes Nicholas Gulliver: yes Chris Guild: yes Misty Guild: yes John Leavitt: yes

Treasurer's Report: Current balance is \$32,590.08 John Leavitt made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. 2nd by Jon Pinette

Roll Call Vote:- Jon Pinette: yes Steve Wallace: yes Darcie Kent: yes Nicholas Gulliver: yes Chris Guild: yes Misty Guild: yes John Leavitt: yes

Elections:

Chairman: Nicholas Gulliver nominated Chris Guild as Chairman 2nd by Darcie Kent. Chris Guild accepted the nomination.

Roll Call Vote: Jon Pinette: yes Steve Wallace: yes Darcie Kent: yes Nicholas Gulliver: yes Chris Guild: abstain Misty Guild: yes John Leavitt: yes

Secretary: Darcie Kent nominated Misty Guild as secretary 2nd by John Leavitt. Misty Guild accepted the nomination.

Roll Call Vote: Jon Pinette: yes Steve Wallace: yes Darcie Kent: yes Nicholas Gulliver: yes Chris Guild: yes Misty Guild: abstain John Leavitt: yes

Treasurer: Darcie Kent nominated Steve Wallace as treasurer 2nd by John Leavitt. Steve Wallace accepted the nomination

Roll Call Vote: Jon Pinette: yes Steve Wallace: abstain Darcie Kent: yes Nicholas Gulliver: yes Chris Guild: yes Misty Guild: yes John Leavitt: yes

Complaint Officer: Darcie Kent nominated John Leavitt as complaint officer 2nd by Nicholas Gulliver. John Leavitt accepted the nomination.

Roll Call Vote: Jon Pinette: yes Steve Wallace: yes Darcie Kent: yes Nicholas Gulliver: yes Chris Guild: yes Misty Guild: yes John Leavitt: abstain

Old Business:

Muay Thai Final Rule Vote: AAG Steigelman clarified that our vote tonight is to begin the legislative rule making process regarding Muay Thai competitions. Steve Wallace spoke to the document and its alignment with the Unified Rules. Chairman Guild reviewed the process regarding rule making. John Leavitt made a motion to initiate the rule making process for the draft of rule for Muay Thai competitions. 2nd by Nicholas Gulliver.

Roll Call Vote: Jon Pinette: yes Steve Wallace: yes Darcie Kent: yes Nicholas Gulliver: yes Chris Guild: yes Misty Guild: yes John Leavitt: yes

Father's Day Boxing 6/14 Review: Chairman Guild reported the weigh ins went smoothly and the event went well. The Cross Insurance Arena is a great venue to work with.

New Business:

Chairman Guild moves (b) before (a)

b. Malin Review: Malin has been doing Medical Review for many years. She has decided that this no longer aligns with the requirements of her family, so she sent her resignation effective the end of August. She will work review medicals for the August show and will work with the CSAM to help train her replacement.

Recusal Request: AAG Steigelman reviewed the request for recusal on the basis of bias, and the right to representation. Darcie Kent acknowledged that her attorney was present and she read a prepared statement and will not recuse herself from voting. John Leavitt asked a clarifying question regarding liability if one does not recuse. AAG Steigelman explained this aligns with the conversation regarding executive session.

a. NEF Cruel Summer

Fight Card: Chairman Guild asked for discussion regarding the fight card.

Darcie Kent raised concern regarding the Gathers v Arnold fight-specifically regarding Mr Gathers' inability to receive a license in the state of Pennsylvania.

Jon Pinette raised a similar concern about the Gathers v Arnold fight.

Steve Wallace echoed their concerns citing the safety and integrity of fights.

Nicholas Gulliver shared his opinion of the fight stating that if both fighters pass medicals and both fighters agree to the fight then it should happen.

Chris Guild repeated the requirement for medicals for all fighters.

Darcie Kent restated her licensing concerns.

John Leavitt cautioned against discriminating due to age.

From the Public:

Charlie Gathers: Voiced his appreciation for CSAM and the job in front of them. He spoke to not being licensed in the state of PA based solely on age restrictions. He has never been denied a license, he has never applied for one. He has passed medicals in multiple states and loves NEF and traveling to Maine.

Kam Arnold: Voiced his desire to fight this fight. He spoke of previous match ups that did not look fair on paper and their outcomes. He spoke of age and safety concerns, as well as his outlook on fighting and his desire to fight this fight.

Ice Young: Spoke regarding age and experience and the safety concerns. He supports this fight.

Nick DiSalvo: Defended NEF's decision to make this match and explained his personal sacrifice regarding insurance proves just how much he believes this is a fight that should be fought.

Matt Peterson: Restated his points from the justification document that had been sent to CSAM ahead of today's meeting. He also spoke to other "mismatched" fights that had been previously approved by CSAM.

Keegan Hornstra: Made a statement for the board to put humanity aside and ensure a reasonable path to victory for all combatants. He appealed to the board to really look at all fights presented to them.

Chairman Guild asked for a motion. Jon Pinette made a motion to approve the fight card minus the Arnold v Gathers fight. 2nd by Darcie Kent.

Discussion: Steve Wallace spoke that it is our job to determine if it is a safe fight and as long as both fighters pass all medical assessments, it is considered a safe fight. Chairman Guild stated it is not the job of CSAM to determine competitiveness, only safety. Nicholas Gulliver said he saw no reason why this fight should not happen. Darcie Kent restated Mr Gathers' severity score of 6. Chairman Guild clarified that the severity score is based on boxing data and therefore not an accurate score due to lack of boxing data.

Roll Call Vote: Jon Pinette: yes Steve Wallace: no Darcie Kent: yes Nicholas Gulliver: no Chris Guild: no Misty Guild: no John Leavitt: no. The motion fails.

Chairman Guild asked for another motion. Steve Wallace made a motion to approve the fight card as it stands 2nd by Nicholas Gulliver.

Roll Call Vote: Jon Pinette: no Steve Wallace: yes Darcie Kent: no Nicholas Gulliver: yes Chris Guild: yes Misty Guild: yes John Leavitt: yes The motion passes.

Availability: Weigh ins will be at 11 am on August 8 with fights happening in Lewiston on August 9. There is plenty of availability for both.

~~b. Malin Review~~

From the Floor:

From the Board: Chairman Guild thanked the board and the public for their time and their participation in the meeting. He also mentioned the amazing work done by the inspectors to ensure coverage for this event and the excitement surrounding our first kickboxing event in Maine.

Next monthly meeting is scheduled for August 4. Steve Wallace made a motion to adjourn at 6:12 2nd by John Leavitt.

Roll Call Vote: Jon Pinette: yes Steve Wallace: yes Darcie Kent: yes Nicholas Gulliver: yes Chris Guild: yes Misty Guild: yes John Leavitt: yes