

COMBAT SPORTS AUTHORITY OF MAINE

Minutes of June 9, 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
Steve Wallace
Darcie Kent

Others Present:

Nick DiSalvo of New England Fights, LLC
Matt Peterson of New England Fights, LLC
Timothy Steigelman AAG
John English
Peter Czymbor

Secretary's Report:

Approval of May 5 Minutes: John Leavitt made a motion to accept the minutes.
2nd by Darcy Kent.

Roll Call Vote:- John Leavitt-yes Misty Guild- yes Chris Guild-yes
Steve Wallace-yes Darcie Kent-yes

Treasurer's Report: Current balance is \$32,602.03 Misty Guild made a motion to
accept the Treasurer's Report. 2nd by John Leavitt

Roll Call Vote: John Leavitt-yes Misty Guild- yes Chris Guild-yes
Steve Wallace-yes Darcie Kent-yes

Updates from AAG: Nothing to report

Complaint Officer Report: No complaints at this time

Old Business:

Shirts: Steve sent out an email today requesting shirt and quarter zip sizes. We will also get Inspector shirts ordered, anyone attending Inspector training will receive a shirt.

Berry Boxing 5/10 Madison, ME Review: Event went well. Chris Guild, Misty Guild and Steve Wallace attended. Not a lot of pro fights, but everything went smoothly. Friendly staff, good fights.

Father's Day Boxing 6/14 Portland, ME:

Fight Card: Chris Guild asked if anyone had any questions about the match ups, there were none. John Leavitt made a motion to accept the fight card, 2nd by Misty Guild.

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Event: Weigh ins are at 4:00 in Portland on Friday the 13th. Chris Guild will be attending the weigh ins along with Darcie Kent and John Leavitt. The arrival time for CSAM is 3 pm. Chris will check with Mark about the credentials for CSAM for Saturday. John Leavitt, Chris Guild and Misty Guild, Darcie Kent and Steve Wallace will be attending the fights- we will plan to be there around 3:30. John Leavitt has the inspectors all covered.

New Business:

July Elections:

Muay Thai Rule Review: Steve Wallace has gone through our rules and the Unified Rules and marked any differences- ensuring that the language matches. Chris will work to schedule to Public Hearing. It will not have to happen in Augusta as the fee schedule has already been approved. Now it is just the routine technical rules that need to be approved.

Steve walked us through his notes on the Muay Thai rules. Nothing that we have in our rules is contrary to the Unified Rules. If we don't have the exact wording that the Unified Rules have, we can not say we follow the Unified Rules.

*Do we add the wording from Unified Rules regarding a mouth piece dislodging?

*No standing 8 count not in our rules

*No fighter can be saved by the bell not in our rules

- *Our rules are not as clear as the cage/ring attire.
- *Permissible strikes are not outlined in our rules.
- *Definition of low blow- intentional vs accidental
- *Eye poke is not in our rules
- *Intentional fouls needs to be updated to what the Unified Rules say
- *Judging criteria is not in our rules
- *Partial or incomplete round scoring is not included in our rules
- *11(ours) vs 18 (Unified) weight classes

John English offered advice on wording to be able bypass the legislative process, stating that anything not explicitly outlined in our rules, reverts back to the ABC as we are members of that association. Chris Guild asked John to send him the language he is referring to, he will work through the process to get it added. John English advised that it would be better for everyone involved if all places were following the same rules. John also clarified that Muay Thai fighters are permitted to use liniment oils, if the show is going to contain anything other than Muay Thai, liniment oils will not be permitted as it will get on the canvas and be problematic for an MMA bout.

Our document is 56 pages as it encompasses both amateur and professional Muay Thai.

Steve Wallace will continue revising the document this week- he is asked for everyone for thoughts/comments/questions regarding his revisions. Chris recommended Steve make the suggested revisions and send the revised copy on so we can vote on them.

AAG Steigleman informed us that we are able to “adopt by reference” another document. This would allow us to bypass some of this revision. We would essentially have a one page document stating that we follow the Unified Rules.

From the Floor: John English asked about fees regarding referees/judges etc. A license for a ref would qualify for all combat sports. All officials will be required to train in Muay Thai before working events. John English reported on an issue in Massachusetts, and was sharing concern for Maine’s doctors/officials etc to be trained appropriately. Chris will work to add the requirement for everyone to prove their training/qualifications.

From the Board: Darcie raised a concern about the Charlie Gathers vs Kam Arnold bout, the concern is that the match seems unfair and could potentially be a liability. Matt Peterson of NEF responded that he stands by his record for making safe matches. He did clarify that while everyone would like to see 50/50 matches, people will only take the fights they take. He did clarify his reasonings for the match up (records of previous opponents as well as the desire for the match to happen from the opponent.) Chris Guild reiterated the fight card will be presented at our next meeting and we will vote on it then.

Next monthly meeting is scheduled for July 14. Misty Guild made a motion to adjourn at 6:32 2nd by Darcie Kent

Roll Call Vote: Misty Guild- yes Chris Guild-yes Steve Wallace-yes Darcie Kent-yes