

## COMBAT SPORTS AUTHORITY OF MAINE

Minutes of August 4, 2025 Virtual Meeting

Call to Order: Chris Guild called the Meeting to Order at 5:04 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**

**Complaint:** AAG Steigelman introduced AAG Randy Dow who will be moving forward with CSAM representation. AAG Steigelman reviewed the complaint dated 7/18/2025. Concerns: missing public record, transparency, outdated governance and potential conflicts of interest on the board. AAG Steigelman addressed the complaint and said that there is no violation that he is aware of, and presenting it in the public is what is necessary.

Public Records: There was a change of leadership, and then the untimely passing of our chairman, the reports were filed.

Minutes: Are posted

Meeting Link: Posted on website.

## **Secretary's Report:**

**Approval of July 14 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 \$32,619.05. Mr Wallace asked permission to spend \$300 to purchase inspector shirts for this weekend John Leavitt made a motion to approve the purchase of the shirts. 2nd by Misty Guild. Jon Pinette to accept the Treasurer's Report. 2nd by John Leavitt.

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

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

## **Old Business:**

**Muay Thai Rule Making Update:** Chairman Guild has been working with the AAG's office and expects to hear back this week and then the rules will be posted, with a public comment period to follow.

## **NEF Cruel Summer Attendance Plan Review:**

**Weigh ins 11 am at Legends.** Chairman Guild plans to be there around 10. He spoke to the importance of registering ahead of time as there are 23 fights on the card and everyone will need to be registered. Chairman Guild asked for attendance plans for Friday/Saturday. John Leavitt weigh ins, not fights. Misty Guild both, Chris Guild both, Steve Wallace both, Jon Pinette: fights not weigh ins, Nicholas Gulliver fights not weigh ins, Darcie Kent both.

## **New Business:**

**a. Malin Training:** Wednesday evening, time tbd, Malin will host a training on how to handle medicals. Chairman Guild will record the training for anyone who is unable to attend Wednesday evening.

a1- Chairman Guild added the following comment: We may be able as a board, to contract for 10 hours a month to handle administrative tasks. He will bring this forward at the next meeting.

**b. Concerns from Board Member Kent-Bassett:** Darcie Kent-Bassett repeated her concerns that were presented to the board via email. She is concerned about Ice Young. She feels it was inappropriate for Chris Guild, Misty Guild and Nicholas Gulliver to vote on the fight regarding Kam Arnold and the Ice Young fight. She also believed Nicholas Gulliver was voting to favor a friend.

Nicholas Gulliver clarified his comment from the July 14 meeting. He was stating he has a friend who was KO'd more than Mr Gathers and is still allowed to fight. Nothing regarding current fights.

Chairman Guild: As the chairman of this board, customer service is a part of the job, and ultimately friendships are made through this service. He takes his job very seriously, and the quote in the complaint was not what was actually posted online. He went back to the article and restated what was actually said.

Steve Wallace: The integrity of the board is being questioned. We are tasked with keeping people safe above all else. Friendships are a byproduct of what we do as a board.

John Leavitt: We all know the fighters- they are repeat customers. It would be impossible to recuse ourselves from every fight.

Darcie Kent: Continued to question our ability to vote considering that we have continuously voted yes across the board for every fight card.

Steve Wallace: Spoke to the fact that he has questioned many fights in the past.

Nicholas Gulliver: Trains, has fought, has held titles. He has many teammates and friends and that does not diminish his ability to vote.

Chris Guild exhausted this agenda item.

### **From the Floor:**

Charlie Gathers: Spoke in support of Ice Young. He believes this concern is displaced- being the week of the fights, especially considering that this is an amateur fight. Charlie Gathers spoke to the fact that Ice has been training heavily and unfortunately being an older fighter, fighting younger fighters is bound to happen.

Ice Young: Regarding age- he feels there has been some discrimination regarding age. He spoke to his attorney regarding this issue. He spoke to his training over the course of his lifetime-he clarified that he does in fact hold 5 black belts, which is more than most fighters hold. He also spoke to the fact that his integrity was questioned when he was called a “street fighter.”

Zac from Discovery Martial Arts: He is the head coach for Ice Young’s camp. He appreciates responsibility and safety as a concern, and wanted to clarify that he has been working with Ice Young regarding his training, his nutrition and the safety of his camp. He named quite a few respected members who have been working with Ice Young over the course of the last 2 years.

Stewart Dansby: fought at 55 against a 25 year old. At 62 he won a championship kickboxing match with a list of injuries. He has been working with Ice Young over his training, Ice Young has passed his medicals and should be allowed to fight.

Darcie Kent: Age is not the issue- the fact that his opponent is currently active in competition. She also raised the concern previously sent regarding Mr Gathers’ Facebook post after the July meeting.

Julie Young: addressed Darcie Kent and her concerns.

The presumption that a coach would not take care of their fighters is highly offensive. The attack seems highly personal as we are not having these same conversations regarding football players. It seems specifically targeted at the sport of martial arts.

Pastor Chris: Spoke to Ice Young’s integrity

### **From the Board:**

Update our bylaws as they only mention mixed martial arts and need to be updated to include kickboxing and Muay Thai. Steve Wallace is interested in working on a draft of this. He requests to have until the October meeting to work on this. He asked the AAG if this needed to be a public meeting- and the public does need to

be able to view the working of this. Research does not need to be done public. AAG Steigelman did reiterate the importance of keeping all communication to task and available for the public upon request.

Next monthly meeting is scheduled for September 8. John Leavitt made a motion to adjourn at 5:51 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