

COMBAT SPORTS AUTHORITY OF MAINE

Minutes of January 12, 2026 Virtual Meeting

Call to Order: Chris Guild called the Meeting to Order at 5:03 pm

Members Present:

Chris Guild-in person  
Misty Guild-in person  
John Leavitt-in person  
Nicholas Gulliver-virtual  
Steve Wallace-in person  
Darcie Kent-in person  
Jon Pinette-in person

Others Present:

Nick DiSalvo of New England Fights, LLC  
Matt Peterson of New England Fights, LLC  
Randy Dow AAG

**Secretary's Report:**

**Approval of December 22:** Jon Pinette made a motion to accept the minutes. 2nd by Nicholas Gulliver

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

**Treasurer's Report:**

a) **Current balance** is \$49,305.72 is our total balance at the end of November 2025. Darcie Kent made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. 2nd by Nicholas Gulliver.

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

\*New accounting support at the State has recently come on board and are currently working on getting up to speed. Our rate with the State should not be changing significantly.

\*Steve Wallace created a spreadsheet for all events and meetings in 2025 and looking at the information provided, we should be able to pay all Authority members for less than \$10,000 which is well within the budget. Moving forward, we should be able to pay members and also cover the pay for Inspectors at events moving forward.

### **Updates from AAG:**

We need to work on some sort of form system for formal complaints. We have a complaint at this time with documentation. AAG Dow will work to formalize this process. \*Overturning the outcome of a fight is not within the power of the board at this time, we are really only able to look at rule following.

### **Old Business:**

**Inspector Training:** Darcie Kent has been working to find a venue for the training to take place. She's working for a central location for John English as well as all of the people who are taking the training. She will be in touch with everyone regarding scheduling. She is hoping for January 31, 2026 or February 1, 2026.

### **New Business:**

**Ali Act:** Darcie Kent asked AAG Dow what is the appropriate process for us voicing our concerns at the State Level. AAG Dow offered his guidance that we need to speak as individuals not as a person speaking on behalf of the board. Darcie is willing to draft a letter for us to use individually to send.

**NEF Arctic Assault February 7:** The fight card as it stands right now is incomplete. There are currently 19 fights scheduled with 7 still waiting for an opponent. Matt Peterson spoke that he had just made a match for one of the kickboxing bouts. He shared that the timing of the show is making it challenging for matchmaking as there are currently 4 shows happening within 2 weeks time.

Questions regarding the fight card as it stands-

Darcie Kent voices concerns regarding the Tymar Miles, there are multiple gyms popping up as MMA gyms, Tyler Murray as a gym owner doesn't have the experience, also the age of Rich Kenney.

Discussion regarding Miles- the question was asked regarding his record, also clarify regarding the opponent. They are both undefeated in professional kickboxing, but their amateur records seem mismatched. Matt Peterson spoke about Miles' record being 0-3 in Professional MMA 0-6 in Professional Boxing. He has never been hurt in a fight, he's not a safety risk. Matt Peterson asked us to keep the sport in consideration. Darcie Kent voiced her concern that MMA and boxing does not automatically translate to kickboxing and Miles' opponent has a history in kickboxing.

Age concerns- we need to be very careful regarding this. If they pass the medical clearance- they should be allowed to fight. Darcie Kent clarified that her concern is the safety of the fighters and the lasting impact of getting hit. Matt Peterson spoke that they are 59 and 63 years and are both 0-0. If the doctors are saying that they are fit to fight, then they should be allowed to fight. Questions were raised about making it an exhibition- but there are no medical rules regarding an exhibition, nor are there rules- therefore it is actually less safe for an exhibition than for a sanctioned bout.

Steve Wallace read the bylaws of the Combat Sports Authority of the State of Maine and focused on the statement of safety. He shared that our reputation is at stake when we are making decisions that could put fighters at risk. It's not about what has happened, but what could happen.

John Leavitt made a motion to table this discussion regarding the fight card. 2nd by Steve Wallace.

**Roll Call Vote: Nicholas Gulliver: no John Leavitt: no Steve Wallace: no Chris Guild: no Misty Guild: no Darcie Kent: no**

Nicholas Gulliver made a motion to approve the fight card on a fight by fight basis. 2nd by John Leavitt.

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

Ed Davis vs Leo Ladeira Nicholas Gulliver made a motion to approve this fight 2nd by Steve Wallace.

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

Tymar Miles vs Josh Villegas. Steve Wallace made a motion to vote on this fight.  
2nd by Nicholas Gulliver

**Roll Call Vote: Nicholas Gulliver: no John Leavitt: abstain Steve Wallace:  
abstain Chris Guild: abstain Misty Guild: abstain Darcie Kent:no**

Danny Buteau vs Shawn Johnson. Steve Wallace made a motion to vote on this  
fight. 2nd by John Leavitt.

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

Avry Jones vs Tyler Murray. Discussion from Darcie Kent that Tyler Murray is  
training at his own gym and his own coach, believes he needs more training and  
suitable coaching. Nicholas Gulliver made a motion to vote on this fight. 2nd by  
John Leavitt.

**Roll Call Vote: Nicholas Gulliver:yes John Leavitt: abstain Steve  
Wallace:abstain Chris Guild: abstain Misty Guild: yes Darcie Kent:no**

Zakariya Mohamud vs Sean Gilbert. Nicholas Gulliver made a motion to vote on  
this fight. 2nd by Steve Wallace.

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

John Soucy vs Tyler Bourque. Darcie Kent made a motion to vote on this fight.  
2nd by John Leavitt.

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

Qasim Abdullah vs Jayce Murphy. Steve Wallace made a motion to vote on this  
fight. 2nd by Darcie Kent.

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

Ezra Butler vs Billy Henry. Steve Wallace made a motion to vote on this fight. 2nd  
by Nicholas Gulliver.

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

Jose Pereira vs Hannon Sanford. Darcie Kent made a motion to vote on this fight. 2nd by Nicholas Gulliver.

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

Issiah Lucas-Clark vs Jonas Ryerson. Darcie Kent made a motion to vote on this fight. 2nd by Steve Wallace

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

Spencer Belanger vs Alex Smith. Steve Wallace made a motion to vote on this fight. 2nd by John Leavitt.

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

#### **Updates From the Floor:**

Katie Baker spoke on Kenney's MMA. They are a karate school that specializes in karate and weapons which does not translate well to MMA.

Dave Hagan spoke to the bylaws of CSAM and reiterated that the age of a fighter should be taken into consideration when approving matches. He spoke to the increased opportunity for injury as fighters age. The pedigree of the fighter as well as the record and the number of rounds the fighter has faced. He commended the board for the conversation that took place regarding the matches made for the 2/7 show.

#### **From the Board:**

#### **Adjourn:**

Next monthly meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2026. Darcie Kent made a motion to adjourn at 6:21 2nd by Steve Wallace

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

