

COMBAT SPORTS AUTHORITY OF MAINE

Minutes of February 2, 2026 Virtual Meeting

Call to Order: Chris Guild called the Meeting to Order at 5:00 pm

Members Present:

Chris Guild-in person
Misty Guild-in person
John Leavitt-virtual
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 January 12 Minutes: Darcie Kent 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:** abstain **Misty Guild:** yes **Darcie Kent:**yes

Treasurer's Report:

a) **Current balance** is \$48,164.21 is our total balance at the end of January 2025.
Jon Pinette made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. 2nd by Darcie Kent.

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

Steve Wallace will write Darcie a check for \$850 for the event this weekend for her to pay the 10 inspectors \$75 each and the lead inspector \$100. Darcie Kent made a motion to for Steve Wallace to write the check. 2nd by Jon Pinette.

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

Updates from AAG:

Old Business:

NEF Arctic Assault:

Weigh ins are Friday on 2/6 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Portland. Darcie, Chris and potentially John Leavitt will attend. The fights are 2/7. Darcie, Nicholas, Chris and Misty will attend the event.

Matt Peterson asked for an adjustment to weigh ins to accommodate a fighter who has a previous commitment that he can not get out of. He asked permission to weigh in the day of the fight. Jon Pinette spoke to the fact that the fighter Abdinajib Adan walks around at 165 lbs and will not be cutting weight for this fight.

Darcie Kent made a motion to approve adjustment for weigh ins. 2nd by Steve Wallace.

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

NEF Arctic Assault Final Fight Card Approval:

Kyle Pufahl vs Leo Ladeira

Darcie has no safety concerns, just considers it to be an easy fight for Kyle.

Jon Pinette made a motion to accept the fight. 2nd by Steve Wallace.

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

Tymar Miles vs Josh Villegas

Matt Peterson from NEF spoke to the reason for the matchmaking. He spoke that records may be inaccurate as some matches were not recorded. He spoke to the previous matches for Tymar and offered to send along the records from boxing. It is an 0-0 vs 0-0 in amateur kickboxing.

Darcie Kent questioned that Tymar has never won a fight. He's fighting people that he does not have a chance to win against. She also spoke to the concern that he is currently his own coach and will not improve further than where he is right now.

Jon Pinette spoke to the fact that his previous opponents in MMA are competitors who win against everyone they fight against. He supports this fight. Jon also questioned whether we could invite Kevin MacDonald or John English to a meeting regarding what he considers "safe"

Steve Wallace spoke to "the fighter's chance" and our concern should be on safety, not whether we believe someone will win or not. He spoke to the fact that medically he is qualified to fight this fight.

Katie Baker's Comments: Tymar Miles fight is not a fight that should happen. She believes it to be an unsafe fight.

Jon Pinette made a motion to approve the fight. 2nd by Steve Wallace

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

Avery Jones vs Tyler Murray

Darcie Kent spoke to the gyms Black Bear BJJ and Murray MMA are "pop-up" gyms that claim to be MMA gyms and no real training. Her concern is that Tyler Murray has fought one fight and is now at his own gym.

Matt Peterson spoke on the matchmaking- he fought a worthy opponent. He comes from Rumford where there is a strong background in wrestling. He has worked out at GRCC which is not currently staffed. He's a tough kid with stuff to learn, he's 0-1 who lost to a BJJ Purple Belt. He should be allowed this fight.

Steve Wallace shared his previous sentiments. Is he medically able to fight, then he should be able to fight.

Steve Wallace made a motion to approve the fight. 2nd by Nicholas Gulliver.

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

Abdinajib Adan vs James Gavra

Steve Wallace: MMA vs kickboxing- how will this line up, with kickboxing being so new to us.

Matt Peterson offered that there is a lot of footage of him sparring online, he is associated with a Muay Thai Gym. 4 unanimous decision victories and a first round TKO is how James Gavra won his previous fights.

Chris Guild made a motion to approve the fight. 2nd by Steve Wallace.

**Roll Call Vote: Nicholas Gulliver: yes Jon Pinette: recuse Steve Wallace:
abstain Chris Guild: Misty Guild: yes Darcie Kent: no**

The vote did not pass. Steve Wallace asked Nicholas Gulliver, as a fighter, how does he feel this match up works? Nicholas Gulliver said in his opinion, MMA and kickboxing are very similar and will translate equally in this fight.

Steve Wallace made a motion to approve this fight with new information. 2nd by Nicholas Gulliver

**Roll Call Vote: Nicholas Gulliver: yes Jon Pinette: yes Steve Wallace: yes
Chris Guild: yes Misty Guild: yes Darcie Kent :no**

Chris Smith vs John Soucy

Steve Wallace made a motion to approve this fight. 2nd by Jon Pinette.

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

Ali Act Update: Darcie Kent and Katie Baker have been sending emails regarding this. Darcie encouraged everyone to write to our representatives and let our voices be heard. ABC presented this in a way that was misleading and we should all speak up.

Steve Wallace spoke to the impact this will have on small gyms and rural areas. It is an uphill battle, but should still be fought.

New Business:

NEF 66 Event Approval: 4/14 in Bangor

Motion to approve the application made by Darcie Kent. 2nd by Jon Pinette.

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

Procedures: Darcie Kent shared a concern regarding the last meeting and the level of professionalism amongst all people present. She asked that moving forward everyone treat each other with respect and professionalism.

Inspector Update: Athletes, coaches and corners are not always respecting the authority behind the scenes. Darcie Kent spoke to the fact that NOSTOS is very disrespectful, including to herself. She spoke to the fact that she does not want the camera man permitted backstage. She questioned why with 4 fighters they will bring 12 corners, but only 2 come out to corner. They are not the only gym with this issue, but is the biggest offender.

Darcie spoke to some concerns raised during the inspector training: the fact that bags should be checked- no caffeine, no stimulants, no medication, (except for inhalers) taking gloves and holding them until it's time. If someone does not make it to the rules meeting, they will not be issued a bracelet. There will continue to be issues as we enforce rules.

Steve Wallace mentioned that as a coach, they are permitted in the locker room to warm up their fighter, but isn't always going to corner when they have multiple fighters from each gym. He agrees that there needs to be a level of respect amongst coaches, corners and fighters. The inspectors need to know what their job is and we, as the authority, should support the inspector.

Chris Guild spoke to the fact that we did agree to touch upon this during the rules meeting prior to the event. Chris recommended that we sit on the best way to handle this moving forward, and finding the balance between what is needed and what is excessive.

From the Board:

Chris Guild officially announced his resignation from the board. He asked if there was discussion regarding who would take over as chairman until 6/30 when the term is officially over.

Darcie nominated Steve Wallace as chairman. Steve Wallace accepted the nomination. 2nd by Jon Pinette.

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

Misty Guild officially announced her resignation from the board.

Public:

Nick DiSalvo thanked Chris and Misty for their work on the board and the things they have accomplished.

Jon Pinette thanked Chris and Misty

Matt Peterson thanked Chris and Misty for their work on the board.

Adjourn:

Next monthly meeting is scheduled for March 9. Darcie Kent made a motion to adjourn at 6:00 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**