

MN Combative Sports Advisory Council
Department of Labor and Industry
Monday, August 5th, 2024 @ 11:00 a.m.

Minutes

Members Present:

Vanessa Vogl
Denny Nelson
Travis Reddinger
Veid Muiznieks
Stacy Mays
Mark Nelson - Guest

DLI Staff & Visitors:

Matt Schowalter – DLI
Kate Perushek – DLI
Ali Afsharjavan – DLI
Brandon Solem - DLI

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 11:00 a.m. and a quorum was present.

2. Approval and/or additions to October 26th, 2023 Minutes

MSP: Approve the October 26th, 2023 minutes with no adjustments.

3. Event Update

Schowalter gave update on upcoming events with the next show being on September 20th, 2024 at the Mystic Lake casino. Schowalter discussed some recent cancellations of local boxing shows and provided an update on Warriors boxing and that they have intentions on doing a show at the Armory later this year.

4. Update of Legislative Changes

Legislative changes include alternative rule set for Muay Thai, regulatory authority over youth events, prelicensure requirements regarding combatants, fee schedule, sharing medical information with ringside physician, data privacy, and civil penalties.

Schowalter discussed each topic with the council and had general discussion about each.

5. ABC Conference Review

Schowalter provided his review on the ABC conference. Schowalter discussed the recent changes to the Unified Rules of MMA and stated that the ABC agreed to remove the 12-6 elbow from the fouls list and changed the definition of a grounded opponent.

Schowalter also discussed that he was chair of the Muay Thai committee and that they were successful in submitting a unified set of rules for Muay Thai. Schowalter stated that all these changes would go into effect on November 1st, 2024.

8. Board activities, per diem, and expenses

Ali provided an updated copy of the resolution to defining board activities. Ali discussed the document with the council and it was unanimously voted and approved on by all council members.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.