

**MN Combative Sports Advisory Council**  
**Department of Labor and Industry**  
**Thursday, October 26th, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Vanessa Vogl  
Denny Nelson  
Travis Reddinger  
Veid Muiznieks  
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 10:00 a.m. and a quorum was present.

**2. Selection of a Chair for the Meeting**

Veid Muiznieks was nominated as the Chairperson and it was unanimously approved.

**3. Approval and/or additions to June 26th, 2023 Minutes**

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

**5. Event Update**

Schowalter gave update on upcoming events with November 11<sup>th</sup> MMA event and December 16<sup>th</sup> boxing/ugly sweater event. Discussion about Showtime Boxing coming to an end and that it would not affect any future Warriors events.

**6. Hiring Update**

Four new inspectors hired – Anna Fitzsimmons, Dan Feltenstein, Josh Gilman, and Sam Larson. Brandon Solem hired on as State Program Administrator and is to take over day to day activities.

**7. Office of Combative Sports and Advisory Council Updates**

Schowalter created a third party approval form for organizations wanting to regulate events that OCS doesn't directly oversee. Form created outlines contact info, general info about groups, and general questions about their own protocols.

Veid asked if concussion/suspensions are report to OCS from third parties and Schowalter confirmed that they are required to report injuries to OCS. Suspension guidelines still apply to approved sanctioning organization event participants.

Vogl asked how often these forms are required and Schowalter updated that deadlines are TBD. Discussion was had about having it be an annual renewal. Veid made formal motion to make it an annual renewal and it was approved unanimously.

**8. Open Discussion**

Reviewed appeal forms and discussed the criteria that needs to me met in order to appeal a result of a bout. Schowalter discussed the process of what happens when a combatant does appeal a bout and how the investigation takes place.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.

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