Public Minutes

**Date: Tuesday, Sept 6th, 2022**

**Time: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

**Virtual Meeting**

Call to order at 2:04 PM

1. Roll Call

Commissioners:

Bryan Lambert - Chair

Brett Miller

Oded Carmi

David Riccio

Staff:

Greer Spatz Croxford – Executive Director

Peter Kelley – Board Counsel

Paige Brenner – Program Coordinator I

Members of the Public:

Jimmy Burchfield Jr. – Variance Applicant

Lisa Backus – 1st CT Media

Bryan Miner – MMA Referee

Pat Sullivan

1. Review/Vote on variance request by CES promotions related to Combat Jiu Jitsu

This item was taken out of order of the meeting to accommodate those in attendance at the meeting. An overview of the variance request was provided by Jimmy Burchfield Jr. and an explanation of reasons for requested variances. Brief discussion of what an appropriate referee official would be. Bryan Miner, an MMA referee with experience in jiu jitsu, was mentioned by CES Promotions for a referee who is working the event and can properly officiate the event. A fulsome discussion was had regarding the levels of safety being implemented instead of the typical rules, and a reiteration that nothing illegal in an MMA fight would be allowed in this special event.

Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the variance request for 12.05: Requirements for Gloves David Riccio **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, David Riccio voted **YES**, and Brett Miller voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the variance request for 14.02: Proper Attire and Equipment of Unarmed Combatants, for rash guards and no groin protection. David Riccio **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, David Riccio voted **YES**, and Brett Miller voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the variance request for 14.05: Procedure for Use of Scorecards, with no judges, scorecards, or scoring. David Riccio **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, David Riccio voted **YES**, and Brett Miller voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the variance request for 14.10: Duration of Round, for 10-minute rounds. David Riccio **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, David Riccio voted **YES**, and Brett Miller voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the variance request for 16.01: Duration, for 10 minutes rounds. David Riccio **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, David Riccio voted **YES**, and Brett Miller voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the variance request for 16.02: Method of Judging. David Riccio **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, David Riccio voted **YES**, and Brett Miller voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the variance request for 16.06: Results of Contests. David Riccio **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, David Riccio voted **YES**, and Brett Miller voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the variance request for 17.02: Use of Official Rules; Duties of Sponsoring Organization or Promoter; Approval of Commission Required, for use of CJJ rules. David Riccio **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, David Riccio voted **YES**, and Brett Miller voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

The Commission reiterated that this variance is applicable to the 9/9 CJJ event only.

As to issues of complete paperwork to ensure unarmed combatant licensure, the Commission and staff emphasized the need for all licensure paperwork, including medical examination results, to be completed and submitted expeditiously to ensure licensure, as required for the event.

1. Review of MMA Referee application for J.M. Holland

This item was taken out of order of the meeting to accommodate those in attendance at the meeting. No application was available for review by the Commission. The application was tabled to a future meeting.

1. **Discuss** Regulatory Review
   1. 523 CMR 6.00 LICENSING AND REGISTRATION

To begin the regulation review Chair Bryan Lambert provided a brief history of what had been accomplished by the Commission in proposing amendments to the regulations up to this point, and how the focus should be on current and prior proposed amendments contained within the documents. The Commission raised a concern that there would be an issue in terms of not adjusting the fee amount with the renewal period of licenses, however the Commission was advised that a separate agency would determine if the fee amount would need to be adjusted.

* 1. 523 CMR 23.00: SOUTHEAST ASIAN KICKBOXING

A brief discussion was had on if there should be a change made to the regulations to create a separate kickboxing discipline within MSAC and subsequently provide its own rule set. Section 23.08.2 was changed to change “shall” to “may”, and Section 14.02.9 is to be edited to remove “groin protections are prohibited” and replaced with parallel language.

Section 23.08.3 was deliberated in depth to provide a viable solution regarding chest protectors for combatants. It was determined that the Section would include the phrase “subject to the approval of the Commission and the opponent.” to prevent an unarmed combatant from having an unfair advantage over their opponent.

The Commission paused the review at 23.08 and will pick up at a future meeting starting at 23.09.

1. Other matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting.

CMR 523 Section 6.00 was completed at this meeting and the Commission paused the review at Section 23.09. Sections 10.00, 13.00, 15.00, and 16.00 as well as any other appropriate Sections that require review may be considered at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 PM

*Documents used During Meeting*

CES Promotions Variance Request

Redlined Regulations