# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

# FORM 12b-25

NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING

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(Check ☐ Form 10-K ☐ Form 20-F ☐ Form 11-K ☒ Form 10-Q ☐ Form 10-D ☐ Form N-CEN One): ☐ Form N-CSR
For Period Ended: <u>June 30, 2023</u>
☐ Transition Report on Form 10-K ☐ Transition Report on Form 20-F ☐ Transition Report on Form 11-K ☐ Transition Report on Form 10-Q
For the Transition Period Ended:
Nothing in this form shall be construed to imply that the Commission has verified any information contained herein.

If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the Item(s) to which the notification relates: N/A

### PART I - REGISTRANT INFORMATION

## THE ARENA GROUP HOLDINGS, INC.

Full Name of Registrant

**TheMaven, Inc.** Former Name, if Applicable

**200 Vesey Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor**Address of Principal Executive Office (Street and Number)

**New York, New York 10281** City, State and Zip Code

# PART II - RULES 12b-25(b) AND (c)

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate)

- (a) The reasons described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense;
- (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 11-K, Form N-CEN or Form N-CSR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q or subject distribution report on Form 10-D, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and
- (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

### PART III - NARRATIVE

State below in reasonable detail why Forms 10-K, 20-F, 11-K, 10-Q, 10-D, N-CEN, N-CSR, or the transition report or portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed time period.

The Arena Group Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") is engaged in active discussions regarding potential strategic and financing transactions. The Company's efforts related to negotiating these potential strategic and financing transactions and evaluating them, have required a significant amount of Company time and resources and the Company therefore requires additional time to complete and finalize the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2023 (the "Q2 2023 Form 10-Q"). The Company has determined that the filing of its Q2 2023 Form 10-Q will not be completed within the prescribed time frame without unreasonable effort or expense. The Company believes that it is in the best interest of the Company and its shareholders to postpone filing of the Q2 2023 Form 10-Q for a period of up to five calendar days. There can be no assurance that any strategic or financing transaction will be successful or that any such strategic or financing transaction will be available on terms acceptable to the Company. The Company expects to file the Q2 2023 Form 10-Q on August 14, 2023, within five calendar days following the prescribed filing date.

# PART IV - OTHER INFORMATION

Douglas B. Smith, Chief Financial Officer	(212)	321-5002
(Name)	(Area code)	(Telephone Number)
Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 mor	` '	xchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investme registrant was required to file such report(s) been file
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Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 mor	nths or for such shorter period that the	registrant was required to file such report(s) been file  ☑ Yes ☐ 1

If so, attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable

# **Forward-Looking Statements**

estimate of the results cannot be made.

Certain statements made herein are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of words and phrases such as "will", "may", "should", "future", "promptly", "expect", "estimate", "anticipate," "intends", "plans", "subject to", and "change" and other similar expressions that predict or indicate future events or trends or that are not statements of historical fact. Such statements may include, but are not limited to, statements regarding the Company's potential strategic and financing transactions or the successful completion thereof. These statements are based on current expectations on the date hereof and involve a number of risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ significantly. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, conditions or results, and involve a number of known and unknown risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other important factors, including, but not limited to, the risk that the Company is not able to complete its Q2 2023 Form 10-Q in the time period that it currently expects. Other important factors are discussed in detail in "Part I. Item 1A. – Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022, as updated by the Company's other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Many of these risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other important factors are outside the Company's control and could cause actual results or outcomes to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements. The Company does not assume any obligation to update or revise any such forward-looking statements, whether as the result of new developments or otherwise.

The Arena Group Holdings, Inc.
(Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 8, 2023 By: /s/ Douglas B. Smith

Douglas B. Smith Chief Financial Officer