



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Boxing and Wrestling Commission

October 20, 2015
Minutes

The District of Columbia Boxing and Wrestling Commission held its scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 1100 4th Street SW, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Washington, D.C. 20024.

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The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Timothy Thomas at 7:04pm EST and attendance was taken.

Commission Members Present: **Timothy Thomas** and **Sean Ponder**

Commission Members Absent: **Bryan Irving**

Staff Members Present: **S. Skip Brown, Deputy Commissioner; Andrew Jackson, Commission Administrator; Clifford Cooks, Program Manager** of the Occupational and Professional Licensing Division and **Kia Winston, Legal Advisor** to the Commission.

Staff Members Absent: None.

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Agenda Item: Comments from the Public and Guest Introductions:

1. Henry Jones provided follow up comments on the 5th Annual Dr. McKnight Event. Official Jones gave support to the event by stating it was an “absolute success”. Jones stressed the importance of growth for the Dr. McKnight Event by mentioning the establishment of a committee in the next couple of months, planning early and communicating the event through various media outlets which will help draw out more politicians to be in attendance.
2. S. Skip Brown provided an advance update on the 6th Annual Dr. McKnight Event. Deputy Commissioner Brown mentioned that the two proposed locations to host Dr. McKnight in 2016 are Fort Stanton and Fort Davis. Fort Davis is undergoing renovations in November. Both sites are expected to be inspected within the coming months by Deputy Commissioner Brown and Commission Administrator Jackson.

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3. Commission Member Timothy Thomas provided insight as well to the Dr. McKnight Event by expressing Deanwood Recreation Center’s concerns over the boxing ring and possible damages to the hardwood floor. A recommendation was made by Commission Member Thomas to provide a mat under the ring to help alleviate any recreation center’s concerns in the future.

4. PVA Representative Ricky Womack recommended that Commission looked into hosting the Dr. McKnight Event in each quadrant of the District of Columbia for future events.

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Agenda Item: Minutes:

- Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Thomas and properly seconded by Commissioner Ponder, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the September 8, 2015 minutes.

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Agenda Item: Upcoming Events:

Commissioner Ponder announced the following upcoming events:

1. **October 22, 2015** Pro-Boxing Event: Ollie Dunlap – Mini Fight Night at the Mayflower Hotel: 1127 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

2. **November 5, 2015** Pro-Boxing Event: Ollie Dunlap – Fight for Children – Fight Night at the Washington Hilton Hotel: 1919 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, D.C. 20009

3. **November 28, 2015** Pro Boxing Event: Marshall Kaufman-Kings Promotions at the DC Armory: 2001 E. Capitol St SE, Washington, D.C. 20003

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Agenda Item: Old Business:

1. Program Manager Clifford Cooks addressed the topic of Officials Compensation which was brought to the Commission as a topic of discussion on the September 8th 2015 meeting. Mr. Cooks presented a detailed breakdown and comparison of Official's pay between DC, MD, and VA. The proposed changes were to raise the compensation of Judges, Referees, Inspectors and Time Keeper. Mr. Cooks maintained the importance of balancing pay increases with monitoring the overall costs which comes from the promoter. Officials Compensation is an ongoing process and will be discussed further in the upcoming November 10th meeting.
2. Deputy Commissioner S. Skip Brown addressed Official's Dress Code for upcoming events. White Button up Shirts and Black Slacks will be required attire for Ollie Dunlap Mini Fight Night to be held on 10/22. Referees are required to wear Grey Button up Shirts for all events. Due to the appointment of Mayor Muriel Bowser and a new DC Government Logo, Black Polo Shirts and Blue Button up Shirts will no longer be worn at future events.

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Agenda Item: New Business:

1. Deputy Commissioner S. Skip Brown addressed Officials Training. Inspectors training will be an area of emphasis in the new fiscal year. Commission Member Timothy Thomas wanted to look at additional ways to bring training to all Commission Officials within the city guidelines such as a possible Workforce Development Program. Mr. Leonard Hudson also mentioned applying the various expertise within the Commission into possible training of Officials.
2. PVA Representative Ricky Womack announced the following upcoming amateur events:
 - **November 13, 2015** – PVA Invitational feat. PVA All-stars at Rosecroft Raceway: 6336 Rosecroft Dr, Fort Washington, MD 20744.
 - **November 14, 2015** – The Baltimore Ravens NFL Hall of Famer Jonathan Ogden Presents the First Annual Boxing Show in memory of John F. Sneed, Jr. at the Bald Eagle Recreation Center: 100 Joliet St SW, Washington, DC 20010.
 - **November 21, 2015** – Keystone Boxing Event at Oxon Hill Staff Development Center: 7711 Livingston Rd, Oxon Hill, MD 20745.
3. Commission Official Paul Wallace was recognized by the Commission for his participation in judging an IBF bout in Canada in August.

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Agenda Item: Adjournment:

Upon a motion made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Ponder, the Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Irving, Chairperson

Date

Recorder: Andrew L. Jackson, III
Commission Administrator

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