



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Boxing and Wrestling Commission

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO THE COMMISSION

September 9, 2014
Minutes

The District of Columbia Boxing and Wrestling Commission held its scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at 1100 4th Street, S.W., 2nd Floor Conference Room, Washington, D.C. 20024.

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bryan Irving at 7:05 p.m. and attendance was taken.

Commission Members Present: Bryan Scottie Irving and Timothy Thomas

Commission Members Absent: Sean Ponder

Staff Present: Alfred Grant, Deputy Commissioner and S. Skip Brown, Commission Administrator, of the Occupational and Professional Licensing Division.

Staff Members Absent: Kia Winston, Legal Advisor to the Commission.

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Agenda Item: Comments from the Public and Guest Introductions

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone back from the summer recess.

Correspondence

Commissioner Administrator Brown read the correspondence:

1. Amy Jordan the wife of deceased Chief Official David Jordan sent a thank you card for the Commission's support during the funeral services and difficult time as a result of the lost of David Jordan.



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Chairman Irving also added that we should always pass information on about any official that is sick or shut-in so we can find ways to offer support during troubling times. He also thanked everyone for the support, time and contributions associated with the funeral. He also acknowledge a professional football player and professional boxer that passed on September 1, 2014 Charles Elvin Powell. He doubled as a boxer because at the time of his football career, salaries were not very high and warranted a second career to supplement your income. In one (1) game he had multiple sacks against and had a outstanding career as a football player. Mr. Powell boxed and even fought against Muhammed Ali.

2. BIC Request for Amateur Event Funding: The Commission will not be able to honor its full request but will look to support BIC as the Commission supports gyms and amateur events. However, the Commission will look to identify other agencies or entities to assist the BIC during its event.
3. Telmex Foundation Logo Referee Wearing WBC Request: The Commission can support and endorsement the request to allow referees to wear the Telmex logo during WBC bouts in the District of Columbia. This is a worthy cause, since the fund uses its proceeds to assist boxer, some former WBC champions and non-WBC champion, that have fallen on hard times, whether with mortgages or in other areas of their life that require financial assistance.

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Upcoming Events

Chairman Irving announced the following upcoming events: he initially stated that we need to do a better job of developing more of our kids at the Olympics and send emails on the accomplishments if our amateur boxers. We hit the pavement to find resources for the kids

Mr. Brown also noted that the Commission has been purchasing equipment, speed bags, double end bags, mouth pieces, ropes, headgear, a ring, heavy bags and recently purchased uniforms with District of Columbia on them, so when the kids go out of town, its know what city they are from.



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GFS Entertainment staff introduced themselves and spoke about their September 20th event. This Thursday, there will be a press conference at Ben's Chili Bowl, where Councilmember Marion Barry will be having a book signing; there will be DMV honors of past champion boxers, such as Sharmba Mitchell, Mark "Too Sharp" Johnson, William Joppy, Winky Wright, Keith Holmes and "Chop Chop" Corley. There will be a golf tournament Friday morning at Woodmore and that night at the Warner Theater is where there will be the actual awards presentation. The honorable mentions will be Darryl Coley, Darryl Tyson Melvin Foster and the list goes on. Of course, Saturday will be the actual boxing event.

- September 20, 2014 Pro/Am-Boxing Promoter GFS Entertainment Celebrity Weekend of Champions at the Washington Convention Center

Chairman Irving invited everyone to see an amateur event on September 27th at Georgetown University for all of the kids that received scholarship for boxing. This is great because the Commission is starting its "Box Your Way to College" program, so we ask for your support.

Also, there will be a Sports Symposium "Beyond the Ring" at the Walter E. Washington Convention on September 27th. Sharmba Mitchell will be hosting the event.

- September 27, 2014 Pro-Boxing Event Promoter All-In-Entertainment at the Constitution Hall (Postponed-waiting for new date)

Chairman Irving met with the chairman of Fight Night and discussed its lack of participation and why the Commission had not received any monies to help the youth in the city. It was stated that they were never asked but that will change now, if the Commission offers scholarships. As a result, Under Armour will look to support the youth and the Commission as well.

- November 13, 2014 Pro-Boxing: Promoter Ollie Dunlap Fight For Children Fight Night at the Washington Hilton Hotel

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Agenda Item: Minutes

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Thomas and properly seconded by Commissioner Irving, the Commission unanimously voted to be approved.

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Agenda Item: Reinstatement Application

- Gregory Banks, M.D.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Irving and properly seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Commission unanimously voted to approve Mr. Banks' Reinstatement Application.

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Agenda Item: Events to Approve

- October 23, 2014 Pro-Boxing Promoter Ollie Dunlap Charity Boxing at the Mayflower at the Mayflower Hotel

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Thomas and properly seconded by Commissioner Irving, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the event.

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Agenda Item: Old Business

Commissioner Thomas announced the following items:

1. 4th Annual Dr. Arnold McKnight Event: Marshall Cunningham, stated that all the feedback he received was great positive and outstanding. As a result, the community expressed an interest in have a boxing program in the King Greenleaf community. That Mark Johnson should start a boxing program.

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Michelle Hammond indicated that there was a great turn-out and that it was good that the event was held indoors because of the rain.

Chairman Irving gave kudos to Grant and Skip for working on that event night and day (with applause); although it was not east of the river, Mr. Irving stated that he accepted what he saw. It was a great outstanding event; the crowd was enormous, the food was good and looks forward to it next year. The competition was tremendous; the little kids fought great. The Mayor stated that he had a great time attending as well. He also thanked Skip Brown for handling the numerous requests to present; it worked out smoothly with no issues.

2. Draft Rulemaking: Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Thomas and properly seconded by Commissioner Irving, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the draft rule making, pending the change of language dealing with a referee's 1-year professional experience, and then the Commission can consider amateur experience as well. Mr. Brown stated that the important part of the draft is tiering. A referee can judge, and inspect and down the line. Also, codified is the that you can become a licensee with amateur experience and then take the exam when you do not have a professional license.

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Agenda Item: New Business

Commissioner Thomas read announced the following items:

1. Officials Training: The date plans to be November 1st and Fernando Yamasaki will do the training. But also, time will have to be set aside to go over the rules and let the Chief Officials do their presentations. And in the future, we will look to have Mrs. Melvina Lethine.
2. Video Replay: Per the ABC, it is encouraged to use, especially when a foul or accident occurs, the replay can be used to correct a decision or to get it right; the Commission can overrule a decision.



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3. Upcoming Amateur Events: the September 25th event will have amateur bouts.

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Agenda Item: Announcements

Henry Jones announced an Evening with Mr. Gilbert Ware invitation. Sunday, September 21, 2014 at 7:00 pm. Located at the Quball, 7945 Central Avenue, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.

Mr. Brown announced that Glenn Harris will be recognized at the September 20th GFS Pro-Am Boxing Event.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Irving, the Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Irving, Chairperson

Oct 21 2014
Date

Recorder: S. J. Brown
Commission Administrator