



**Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Boxing and Wrestling Commission**

**June 21, 2018
Minutes**

The District of Columbia Boxing and Wrestling Commission held its scheduled meeting on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 1100 4th Street SW, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Washington, D.C. 20024.

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The public meeting was called to order by Chairman Weers at 7:05 pm and attendance was taken.

Commission Members Present: **Adam Weers, and Andrew Huff**

Commission Members Absent: **Kim Lockett**

Staff Members Present: **Kia Winston, Attorney for the Commission and S. J. Brown, Deputy Commissioner.**

Staff Members Absent: **None**

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Agenda Item: Comments from the Public:

- Frank Wiswell a resident, encouraged the Commission to do whatever it can to bring independent wrestling to Washington, DC. He stressed the fact that city residents have to travel far into Virginia to attend NOVA Pro-Wrestling events. He reiterated that bringing independent wrestling to Washington, DC would be beneficial.
- Robert Simon of NOMIS Gym indicated that he is submitting his permit for his gym's fundraiser event, which is an Amateur Boxing Event. The date is September 15, 2018 and the location is the Thurgood Marshall Center.
- Debra Seals stated that she is a new Potomac Valley Association official and is looking to become a professional official in the future.



- Tony Lyons also encouraged the Commission to do what it can to bring independent wrestling to Washington, DC.
- Gene Del Bianco, stated that the IBF held its 2018 convention in St Vincent, Italy. He stressed that the trend in the number of boxing events is declining in the world but the number of events have been increasing in China. He also indicated that China looks to be the next frontier for boxing and Macau in particular. Potentially, the 2019 IBF convention location will be China.

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Correspondence:

- Center Stage Entertainment – Extreme Dwarffanators Wrestling Petition: Requested that the Commission provide a letter of support to bring the wrestlers into the country. However, no permit has been submitted nor has there been an application for a promoter’s license. The Commission tabled action on the request.

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Agenda Item: Minutes:

- Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Huff and properly seconded by Commissioner Weers, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the May 17, 2018 minutes.

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Agenda Item: Applications (Reinstatement):

- Deputy Commissioner Brown stated that both Mario Yamasaki and Fernando Yamasaki applications are in order.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Huff and properly seconded by Commissioner Weers, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the Referee Reinstatement applications for Mario Yamasaki and Fernando Yamasaki.

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Agenda Item: Old Business:

- NOVA Pro Wrestling: The Commission is reviewing its processes and requirements to see how it can attract independent wrestling to the District of Columbia.
- Promoter Checklist Notification: The Commission is finalizing a promoter checklist notice to communicate it to all promoters the requirements and the time frames when documents need to be submitted. This notice will be helpful because the requirements will be communicated upfront in one accessible document.
- Officials Security Procedures Recommendations: The recommendations were provided to officials and feedback on the recommendations is encouraged. Deputy Commissioner Brown will follow back-up with officials for their thoughts.
- Officials Pay: Commissioner Huff indicates that Mr. Brown is in the process of compiling the data and will look to have further discussion at the September 2018 meeting.

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Agenda Item: New Business:

- Upcoming Events Mr. Brown announced the following events.
 - Putney Promotions Pro-Boxing Event, **Saturday, June 30, 2018, The Sphinx Club**

Promoter Lawrence Brown thanked the Commission and stated he will follow-up regarding submitting the required documents. He also indicated his willingness to assist with parking for the event. The Chairman thanked Promoter Brown for addressing the Commission's concerns and questions at its last meeting and being very responsive.

- PFL Pro-MMA Tournament Event, **Thursday, July 5, 2018, G.W. University**
- NuEra Amateur Muay Thai Event, **Saturday, July 7, 2018, (Postponed)**
- Josef Pearson Pro-Muay Thai Event, **Saturday, July 21, 2018, (Postponed)**
- Dr. Arnold McKnight Event, **Saturday, September 8, 2018, Kenilworth Recreation Center**
- Fight For Children Fight Night, **Thursday, November 1, 2018, Washington Hilton Hotel**



- Upcoming Amateur Boxing Events: Mr. Brown announced the following events:
 - The Joe Louis Award Ceremony & Amateur Boxing Event, **Saturday, June 23, 2018, Catholic University**
 - Cease Fire Don't Smoke the Brothers and Sister Event, **Saturday, August 25, Upshur Recreation Center**

Deputy Commissioner Brown also raised the notion of sponsorship to support amateur boxing events in the city, especially since there has been a decline in the number of amateur events. The Commissioners also indicated that the Commission continues to seek support for amateur boxing and amateur events in general by communicating working with sister agencies. The goal is to identify ways that can help bring more amateur and professional events to the city, while encouraging and supporting amateur boxers in the various tournaments across the country.

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Agenda Item: Adjournment:

Upon a motion made by Chairman Weers adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adam Weers", written over a horizontal line.

Adam Weers, Chairperson

9.20.18

Date

Recorder & Minutes prepared by: S. Skip Brown, Deputy Commissioner