



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Boxing and Wrestling Commission

October 26, 2017
Minutes

The District of Columbia Boxing and Wrestling Commission held its scheduled meeting on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 1100 4th Street SW, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Washington, D.C. 20024.

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Weers at 7:08 pm EST and attendance was taken.

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

Commission Members Absent: **None**

Staff Members Present: **Andrew Jackson, Commission Administrator, S. Skip Brown, Deputy Commissioner, Cynthia Briggs, Commission Executive and Kia Winston, Legal Advisor to the Commission**

Staff Members Absent: **None**

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Agenda Item: Comments from the Public:

1. Lorenzo Edward, Commissioner Lockett guest and Ulysses Cooper, coach at Ferebee Hope Recreation Center both introduced themselves. .
2. Chairman Weers announced the funeral service for Mr. Bernard Roach, who recently passed away unexpectedly. The Chairman emphasized that Mr. Roach's passing is a real lost to the boxing community and that he was a great human being. Also, he stated that the Commission will be in attendance to support the family and will be sending a letter of sympathy as well. The Chairman shared a personal story about one of his dealings with Bernard Roach in particular. Mr. Weers indicated that when he was competing at the Ringside World Championship in 2016 and did not have anyone to work his corner, upon relaying this fact to Mr. Roach, Mr. Roach without hesitation offered to work his corner. Mr. Weers indicated that Bernard taught him more about boxing in the 10 minutes before his fight than his 10 years of boxing.
3. Commission Official Brent Bovell indicated that while he was attending an Eastern Elite qualifier tournament in Chattanooga, TN, Bernard Roach was given a tremendous acknowledgement about his career and of his impact in boxing nation-wide.
4. Deputy Commissioner Brown offered that Bernard was an international presence as well. He is well known in Ireland and parts of Europe. Additionally, Bernard had fighters that signed with Golden Boy Promotions and are competing currently, such as Lamont Roach, Demetrius Ballard and a fighter that came from Texas just to train with Mr. Roach.

Mr. Brown also indicated that the Commission officials will assemble in the lobby at approximately 10:30 am in support of the family and to perform the honorary 10 Count. Finally, Deputy Commissioner Brown asked for a moment of silent in the passing Bernard Roach.

Agenda Item: Minutes:

- Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Huff and properly seconded by Chairman Weers, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the **September 21, 2017** minutes with corrections.

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Agenda Item: Correspondence:

- TAC Promotions Proposed Event Fees Waiver: Action was tabled.

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Agenda Item: Old Business:

- MMA Emergency Rule Making: Chairman Weers stated that the Commission is in the process of its emergency rule making. It is undergoing this process, to adopt the Association of Boxing Commission and Combative Sports amendments to its Unified Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) rules, especially since the Commission has the Pro-MMA Event for Fight Night this year. He expressed optimism that the emergency rule making will be passed in time for the November 2, 2017 Fight Night Event.
- Strategic Plan: Chairman Weers indicated that it is done, but with some minor clean-up items. The Commission will look at how to disseminate it to the public and we should speak about it further at a future Commission meeting as well.
- NOVA Pro Wrestling: Commissioner Huff stated that legislation is being drafted/introduced by Councilmember Todd, which includes giving grant making authority to the Commission among other items included in the proposed bill. If that occurs, it will allow the Commission to assist small local promoters and local gyms/groups.
- Review of Alarm.com Mini Fight Night **Thursday October 19th, 2017**: It was the consensus that it was a very good event and very good match-ups.

Agenda Item: New Business:

A. Upcoming Professional Events

- i. Fight for Children **Thursday November 2nd, 2017**: Deputy Commissioner Brown stated that the event is looking good, officials have been assigned and the Yamasaki Brothers will be refereeing. The documents have been submitted. The Weigh-In will be a revolving weigh-in between 9:00 am to 11:00 am; face-offs will be at a later time just before the fighters' interviews. Professional Fighters League is the promoter for Fight Night 2017. They have been in the newspaper, because of the principals behind the promotions company, that they are making a sizable investment in MMA, and are looking to be a major player in the nation.

B. Approval of Professional Event

- i. TAC Promotions Professional Boxing **Saturday November 18th, 2017:**
Commission Administrator stated that Promoter Anthony "Tony" Hamilton has proposed a Pro-Boxing Event with a decent card. He is waiting for the event to be approved.
 - Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Huff and properly seconded by Commissioner Lockett, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the **November 18, 2017 Pro-Boxing event**, contingent on submitting all required documentation by November 9th.
 - Promoter Hamilton attended the meeting and he thanked the Commission for its consideration and that he is looking to host a series of events in the District.

C. Upcoming Amateur Events

- i. Mr. Bovell announced that USA Boxing is composing a preliminary team for a December 2017 date for an event to take place in Salt Lake City, Utah. The team will look to compete in the upcoming Olympics.
- ii. Mr. Brown state that the Silver Gloves and Golden gloves will kick-off their respectively tournaments late 2017 and/or early 2018.


D. 2017 DC Boxing and Wrestling Commission Holiday Party: The date is during the December meeting. Options are to have the Holiday Party to take place at the Station 4 Restaurant or maybe potluck. Further discussion was deferred until next meeting.

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Agenda Item: Adjournment:

Upon a motion made by Chairman Weers and seconded by Commissioner Kim Lockett, the Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm EST.

Respectfully submitted,



Adam Weers, Chairperson

11.16.17
Date

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