



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Boxing and Wrestling Commission
September 21, 2017
Minutes

The District of Columbia Boxing and Wrestling Commission held its scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 1100 4th Street SW, 3rd Floor Conference Room # E300, Washington, D.C. 20024.

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The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Andrew Huff at 7:19pm EST and attendance was taken.

Commission Members Present: **Andrew Huff and Kim Lockett**

Commission Members Absent: **Adam Weers**

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

Staff Members Absent: **none**

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Agenda Item: Comments from the Public:

1. Ulysses Cooper introduced himself to the Commission. Mr. Cooper is a Coach at Ferebee Hope Recreation Center as well as a PVA Official.
2. Chief Referee Malik Waleed was in attendance. Mr. Waleed stated that he was looking forward to learning about what the Commission has in store for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2018.
3. Announcer Henry Jones was in attendance and offered condolences for the families of Benjamin "Benny" Alperstein who passed away at 102 years of age as well as Jake LaMotta who passed away at age 95. A silent 10-count was given for both legends.
4. Henry Jones also recognized Malik Waleed for his accomplishments as a referee throughout the years.
5. Skip Brown also recognized Announcer Henry Jones for being nominated as a potential inductee into the International Boxing Hall of Fame.
6. Commissioner Andrew Huff offered condolences for the family of Bobby the Brain Heenan. Commissioner Huff also provided an update and offered prayers on The Nature Boy Ric Flair stating that he is out of his comma and trying to rehabilitate and recover.
7. Terry Smith introduced herself to the Commission. Ms. Smith is an amateur official who is looking to get involved in more professional events.

Agenda Item: Minutes and Recommendations:

- Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Huff and properly seconded by Commissioner Lockett, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the **June 15, 2017** minutes.

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Agenda Item: Budget:

- No budget items were discussed at this meeting.

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Agenda Item: Correspondence:

- There was no correspondence at this meeting.

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Agenda Item: Old Business:

- Executive Director Cynthia Briggs offered comments on the **ABC Conference** held on **July 24th-26th** at the Mohegan Sun, CT. Ms. Briggs stated that the event was well attended and very informative. Ms. Briggs stated that a detailed report of ABC Conference will be provided at the October Commission meeting.
- Henry Jones reviewed the **GQ Promotions July 15th** event at UDC. Announcer Jones stated the bouts were very competitive. Commissioner Andrew Huff praised the Promoter Jeff Gatling for putting on solid events.
- Commissioner Andrew Huff offered a review of the **WWE Monday Night Raw** event held on **July 24th** at the Verizon Center. Commissioner Huff praised WWE on their organization and enthusiasm that is brought to every show.
- Commissioner Huff also provided updates on the **Capitol Promotions Boxing Event** held on **August 12th** at the Howard Theater. Commissioner Huff stated that the overall card was pretty entertaining and the Commission looks forward to working with the Promoter for future events.
- Commission Administrator Andrew Jackson provided comments on the **7th Annual Dr. McKnight Event** held on **September 9th** at Kenilworth Recreation Center. Administrator Jackson stated that the overall event turned out to be pretty good despite starting late. Mr. Jackson also expressed concerns over there construction of the ring.

Agenda Item: New Business:

1. Upcoming Professional Events
 - A. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Huff and properly seconded by Commissioner Lockett the Commission unanimously voted to deny the **Sean McGruder Pro-Am** event scheduled to take place on **Saturday October 7, 2017**.
 - B. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Huff and properly seconded by Commissioner Lockett the Commission unanimously voted to approve the **GQ Promotions** event scheduled to take place on **Saturday October 14, 2017**.

- C. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Huff and properly seconded by Commissioner Lockett the Commission unanimously voted to approve and make a friendly amendment to reduce rounds for the **Alarm.com Mini Fight** event scheduled to take place on **Thursday October 19, 2017**.
 - D. Upon a motion made Commissioner Huff and properly seconded by Commissioner Lockett the Commission unanimously voted to approve and make a friendly amendment to reduce rounds for the **Fight for Children Fight Night** to take place on **Thursday November 2, 2017**.
- 2. Skip Brown announced that Chairman Adam Weers will conduct a review of all questionable bouts for upcoming events.
 - 3. Upcoming Amateur Events
 - A. **Boxing Not Bullets September 30th** at Randall Recreation Center
 - 4. Commissioner Huff announced that NOVA Pro Wrestling will not be holding an event in the DC area for the month of October. Commissioner Huff is hopeful the Commission can assist in hosting a November show.
 - 5. Commissioner Administrator Andrew Jackson announced that meeting date for October will need to be rescheduled due to a conflict with the Alarm.com Mini Fight Night event on Thursday October 19th. Meeting date to be discussed and determined within the next couple of weeks.

Next meeting **TBD**.

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Agenda Item: Adjournment:

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Andrew Huff and seconded by Commissioner Kim Lockett, the Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm EST.

Respectfully submitted,


Adam Weers, Chairperson

10-26-17
Date

Recorder: Andrew L. Jackson, III, Commission Administrator
Minutes prepared by Andrew L. Jackson, III, Commission Administrator