



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Boxing and Wrestling Commission

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO THE COMMISSION

March 10, 2015
Minutes

The District of Columbia Boxing and Wrestling Commission held its scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at 1100 4th Street, S.W., Conference Room 300 A-B, Washington, D.C. 20024. It held its Executive Session immediately after the meeting.

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The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Timothy Thomas at 7:15 p.m. and attendance was taken.

Commission Members Present: Timothy Thomas, Sean Ponder and Bryan Irving.

Commission Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: S. Skip Brown, Commission Administrator, 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: 10 Count in Honor of Alfred Grant

Commissioner Thomas asked all in attendance to observe the Honorary 10 Count in tribute to the passing of Alfred Grant. Immediately after, Commission Administrator Brown read expressions of sympathy and condolences from the Honorable Vincent Orange, Council Member At-Large of the District of Columbia City Council, Executive Director Patrick Pannella of the Maryland State Athletic Commission, Commissioner Larry Hazzard, Sr. of the New Jersey State Athletic Control Board and from Executive Director Gregory P. Sirb of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission.

Further, several officials expressed their fond memories of their dealings with Alfred Grant and reflections of his impact on the DC Boxing and Wrestling Commission, amateur boxing in the city and boxing in general. It was further stated that no one will be able to fill his shoes and he will be missed in a major way.

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Agenda Item: Comments from the Public and Guest Introductions

1. Official Wayne Smith expressed his pleasure with the March 7th Amateur Muay Thai event held at the Thurgood Marshall Center.
2. Commission Administrator Brown also stated that the promoter is looking to host professional Muay Thai events in the city. Mr. Brown stressed the fact that individuals outside of Thailand are being considered to become Muay Thai officials and Commission officials should consider the opportunity. He had a discussion with the promoter about Muay Thai officials doing a clinic or some kind of training in the future to prepare additional Commission officials to officiate Muay Thai events. Mr. Brown also stated that Manuel Vicens worked the March 7th event as a judge and did a tremendous job. Mr. encouraged him to be a part of any future training for the Commission.

Agenda Item: Upcoming Events

Commissioner Thomas announced the following upcoming event:

- March 14, 2015 Pro-Boxing Event: Gene Molovinsky-Keystone Boxing at the Sphinx Club-1315 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20005

Mr. Brown indicated that the Weigh-In will take place at the Holiday Inn, 550 C Street S.W. Washington, DC 20024; it is scheduled to state at 5:00 pm. He further stated that he will notify the officials that will be working.

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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 minutes.

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Agenda Item: Reinstatement Application

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Ponder and properly seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Commission unanimously voted to approve Wrestler James Gibson's Reinstatement Application.

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Agenda Item: Old Business

Commissioner Thomas announced the following items:

1. Uniforms: Mr. Brown displayed the red hood sweater with white letters and long sleeve white tee-shirt with red letters that will be provided to the amateur boxers. He announced that these items are available for order by Commission officials and boxing gloves will be added to the front of both items; see him after the meeting if interested.
2. Referee Training Reminder: Chief Referee Malik Waleed reminded everyone of the upcoming referee training offered by the Alexandria Boxing Club on March 21, 2015 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. He encouraged those interested in refereeing in particular to attend. The location for the training will be the Charles Houston Recreation Center in Alexandria, VA. Dr. Joseph Cooper, Mr. Malik Waleed and Mr. Brent Bovell will be the presenters. Topics include amateur refereeing, the transition from the amateur ranks to the professional ranks and championship assignments.
3. U.S. Junior Olympics: Marshall Cunningham reminder everyone that the U.S. Junior Olympics will be held May 14 through May 16, 2015. Bolling Air Force based will be the location. He encouraged all to attend, to help make it the best event, since the Potomac Valley Association (PVA) is hosting it in the District of Columbia.

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Agenda Item New Business:

Commissioner Ponder announced the following item:

1. Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC) Convention: July 25 – 29, 2015, Wyndham San Diego Bayside

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Thomas and properly seconded by Commissioner Ponder, the Commission unanimously voted to approve Commissioners and staff attending the ABC convention.

2. Upcoming Amateur Events: Mr. Womack reminder everyone that the there will be the Golden Gloves weekend and that the regional finals are scheduled April 4, 2015. He encouraged everyone to support the tournament.
3. Peterson vs. Garcia Bus Trip Sponsored by PVA: PVA Secretary Ricky Womack announced that PVA is sponsor a bus trip to see the Peterson vs. Garcia unification match at the Barclay Center New York City on April 11, 2015. Ring Announcer Jones stressed that the Nation’s Capitol be well represented by attending the match.

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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 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Bryan Irving, Chairperson



Date

Recorder: S. J. Brown
Commission Administrator