



**Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration  
District of Columbia Combat Sports Commission**

**September 11, 2019  
Minutes**

The District of Columbia Combat Sports Commission held its scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Conference Room 300 A-B, Washington, D.C. 20024. The Commission held its Executive Session prior to the Commission public meeting.

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The public meeting was called to order by Chairman Weers at 1:16 pm and attendance was taken.

Commission Members Present: **Adam Weers, (Andrew Huff and Kim Lockett via phone)**

Commission Members Absent: **None**

Staff Members Present: **S. Skip Brown, Deputy Commissioner, Nicole McClendon, Program Manager, Kia Winston, Attorney for the Commission, Jocelyn Reyes, Program Support Specialist and Chanda Kearney, Program Support Specialist**

Staff Members Absent: **None**

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**Agenda Item: Comments from the Public:**

- Commissioner Huff expressed thanks to Deputy Commissioner Brown for working with the Wrestling Promoters to make the many Wrestling events happen. He also stated that Primetime Pro Wrestling plans on doing eight additional shows in the new fiscal year. The Deanwood Recreation Center may be one of the venues. Capital Combat Wrestling is looking to do shows in the city as well; and he indicated that All Elite Wrestling will be doing a show at the Capital One Arena, which will be their first television deal with TNT. Chairman Weers also thanked Commissioner Huff for his work in ushering in the era of Wrestling in the city.
- Deputy Commissioner Brown stated that the WWE event July 6<sup>th</sup> was a success with good turnout. They are looking to come back in the new fiscal year as well. He also indicated that the Mayor's Cup took place at Burr Gymnasium on August 24<sup>th</sup>. There were very competitive bouts, nice tee-shirts and food was sold. Commissioner Lockett concurred.



Burr Gymnasium will be the site for the foreseeable future and while there were some logistical challenges but they will work to improve and to grow the event. Chairman Weers thanked Deputy Commissioner Brown for coordinating efforts and working with the Department and Recreation on behalf of the Commission.

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**Agenda Item: Correspondence:**

- Correspondence: The Steven Marrocco of MMAjunkie.com inquiry into Weight Classification for Aspen Ladd was acknowledge and a decision will be made in the future.

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**Agenda Item: Minutes:**

- Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Lockett and properly seconded by Commissioner Huff, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the June 20, 2019 minutes.

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**Agenda Item: Old Business:**

- Officials Training: Tabled
- Promoters Workshop: Tabled
- Association of Boxing Commissions and Combat Sports Convention Update: The Chairman stated that the main theme was the potential for full unification of all ABC Commissions in the decisions it makes. In particular, the updating of the Unified Rules of MMA in 2017 caused a split within the group. But this year's proposed changes have the potential of unifying all Commissions. The main issues were the safety of the fighter and the definition of a down fighter. The issues were addressed and a compromise was made, which should result in full unification.

The Deputy Commissioner announced the new elected officers for the ABC, highlighted utilizing the Weigh-In for health and safety issues and other education campaigns, housekeeping items for conduct in the locker room and corner and a code of conduct for officials. There was additional discussion and Commissioners offer their own insights, associated with the code of conduct. Finally, he stated that the Fighters Fund raised \$7,500 and there was a match of \$7,500 by the World Boxing Organization (WBO). The total raised was \$15,000 for the night's charity event.





- Small Show Boxing/Wrestling Criteria: Chairman Weers indicate that for some time there have been requests of a tiered approach for the fees for small independent promoters compared to larger promoters. The criterion developed is for a 500 seat capacity (Wrestling Event) and 750 seat capacity (Boxing Event).

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Huff and properly seconded by Commissioner Lockett, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the small show fee schedule for Wrestling and Boxing criterion.

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**Agenda Item: New Business:**

- Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards - Mandatory Training (Oct. 22nd): Mr. Brown reminded the Commission that this training is mandatory for all Board members and Commissioners to attend.
- Events to Approve Deputy Commissioner announced the following Events:
  - Nick Capezza Pro-Wrestling Event, Saturday, September 28th @ the DC Brau Brewery.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Huff and properly seconded by Commissioner Lockett, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the event, conditional upon the submission of required items.

- Christopher Harrington Pro-Wrestling Event, Wednesday, October 2nd @ the Capital One Area

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Huff and properly seconded by Commissioner Lockett, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the event, conditional upon the submission of required items.

- Fight For Children Fight Night, Thursday, November 14th @ Washington Hilton Hotel

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Lockett and properly seconded by Commissioner Huff, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the event, conditional upon the submission of additional items and the reduced number of rounds.



- Upcoming Commission Events Deputy Commissioner announced the following Event:
  - Alarm.com Pro-Boxing Event. Thursday, October 24th @ the Capital Hilton Hotel (DATE CORRECTION not the October 17th)
- Upcoming Commission Event Deputy Commissioner announced the following Event:
  - Haymakers for Hope: Amateur Boxing the Beltway Brawl, September 19<sup>th</sup> @ The Anthem
  - Nomis Youth Network Amateur Boxing, Saturday, September 21st @ Merrick Recreation Center

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- **NEXT COMMISSION MEETING – October 9, 2019**

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**Agenda Item: Adjournment:**

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Lockett and properly seconded by Commissioner Huff, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn at 1:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Weers, Chairperson

10.16.19

Date

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