



September 25, 2014

Mr. St. Claire Williams
Commissioner
Sports, Parks and Recreation
St. Thomas, VI 00802

Dear Commissioner Williams:

In regards to Mr. Abdulghani's email dated, September 23, 2014 we have decided to respond with information that will help to clarify issues stated in the letter. While some of Mr. Abdulghani's assertions are valid, there are inaccuracies that need to be clarified.

1. USVI Boxing is the only governing authority for boxing in the US Virgin Islands.
2. USVI Boxing works closely with Sports, Parks and Recreation to conduct amateur boxing activities.
3. Mr. Abdulghani is not a member of USVI Boxing and has no authority to act on behalf of USVI Boxing. We are enclosing communications from The Olympic Committee, AMBC and USA Boxing to verify that Mr. Abdulghani is not associated with AIBA, AMBC or the VI Olympic Committee and cannot act on our behalf and therefore is not knowledgeable of any ongoing efforts by USVI Boxing to revive boxing in St. Croix of which there have been many in recent years.
4. There have been several ongoing efforts to revive amateur boxing in St. Croix, including most recently a meeting with the Governor to secure a Recreation Coordinator for boxing through Sports, Parks and Recreation.
5. USVI Boxing is a separate entity from 340 Boxing. Boxing in Paradise events are separate and apart from USVI Boxing and are produced by 340 Boxing which is a private entity.
6. Mr. Abdulghani is not privy to any ongoing negotiations by USVI Boxing on behalf of the revitalization of boxing on St. Croix. Furthermore he has made no

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official inquiry with USVI Boxing to be informed of ongoing efforts to revive boxing in St. Croix.

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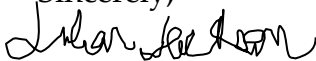
Ghazi Abdulghani

7. Mr. Abdulghani is currently using equipment purchased by USVI Boxing for St. Croix at no cost and he is currently operating in the building that was secured by USVI Boxing on behalf of the people of St. Croix.
8. We shared Mr. Abdulghani's concern for boxing to be active on St. Croix and have been lobbying for several years on how to ensure that the youths of St. Croix have equal opportunity as those in the St. Thomas/St. John District. However key to this happening is the placement of an experienced Boxing Coordinator in St. Croix. The Government of the USVI has not provided funding for this position in the St. Croix District. Efforts by USVI Boxing, to have this position filled, dates back to 2007 with the Virgin Islands very own Sugar Ray Seales. Several other qualified names have been offered to fill this position; however, due to limited funding it has not been filled. A recent meeting with the Governor has led to the assurance of this position being included in the 2015 fiscal year budget. Once this position is filled, it will ensure the operation of a program governed by the rules and regulations of AIBA (International Association of Boxing) and AMBC (North American Boxing Council) and USVI Olympic Committee which USVI Boxing is a currently a registered and approved member. No other entity in the US Virgin Islands is registered and approved of either body.

USVI Boxing is open to any official inquiries in regards to boxing on St. Croix made by Mr. Abdulghani but have never received such inquires. We have made efforts to meet with him to address his concerns; however, he has never attended any of the meetings so therefore he has not been apprised of efforts being made on behalf of the people of St. Croix.

We remain available to answer any questions or provide information to members of this Government in regards to boxing in St. Croix and have and will continue our ongoing dialogue with Sports, Parks and Recreation.

Sincerely,



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