

COMMONWEALTH BOXING COUNCIL  
SPRING/INTERIM MEETING 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2011

A quorum of Directors met at the Commonwealth Secretariat, Marlborough House, Pall Mall, London to review matters since the AGM in October 2010, and make such decisions as deemed necessary, prior to the next AGM in the Autumn.

COMMONWEALTH SUPERMIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

In the most eagerly awaited domestic British matching for many years Commonwealth Champion George Groves defends against British Champion and former Olympic Gold medallist James Degale in a dual Championship contest, at the O2 Arena, London on May 21<sup>st</sup>

COMMONWEALTH LIGHTMIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

Following the failure of Champion Craig Watson to defend his Championship, despite taking part in a British Championship in February, which would have qualified for a Commonwealth Championship, and invoking new Regulations 2.10b and c, the Directors declared this Title vacant. Watsons subsequent loss in a further British Championship contest, prior to the formal announcement, rendered the Directors decision academic in any event.

The first match between to recognized contenders, in accordance with CBC Regulations, will be sanctioned for the vacant Title.

ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

An agreed set of Rules applicable to the CBC Zonal Championships was confirmed and will be posted on the CBC website.

Thus far, Miguel Antoine of Barbados, who won the inaugural CBC Caribbean/Americas Lightwelterweight Title in Guyana on February 25<sup>th</sup>, is the only Champion but further contests are anticipated across the three Zones, being :-

CARIBBEAN/AMERICAS ZONE, being the Commonwealth countries of the Caribbean and those of North, Central and South America

AFRICA ZONE, being the Commonwealth countries of the continent of Africa

OCEANEA ZONE, being Australia, New Zealand and the Commonwealth countries of the Pacific

Contests are fought for over 10x3 minute rounds and are open to Commonwealth boxers of the relevant Zones who have taken part in 5 or more contests, and who are not included on the latest list of recognized contenders for the full Championship, issued by the CBC twice yearly following its' Spring/Interim and Annual General Meetings.

Directors in each of the 3 regions are asked to form sub-committees to oversee the progress of these Championships

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#### TITLES TO BE DECLARED VACANT

Following a prolonged period of inactivity in a number of weight divisions a number of Champions face losing their Titles if they fail to defend within an extension to their defence deadlines granted exceptionally by the Directors.

The Directors are determined to see greater activity for the benefit of all contenders and are unlikely to allow such latitude in the future. The weight divisions in question are:-

Heavyweight

Cruiserweight

Middleweight

Lightwelterweight

Lightweight

Bantamweight

Superflyweight

Flyweight

#### NEW PRESIDENT ED PEARSON (CANADA)

Elected in December of last year, Ed Pearson sat for the first time in his capacity as President. Ed will serve a 2 year term from 2010 to 2012. Outgoing President, Frederick Sturup JP of the Bahamas served his last but one formal act by welcoming Ed to his new position, and presenting to him the CBC Presidents Pendant.

#### CHAMPIONS, CONTENDERS AND DEFENCE OBLIGATIONS

See the separate notice to be posted on the website

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#### THE LATE PRINCE OLAIDE ADEBOYE (NIGERIA)

In his final act as outgoing President, Frederick Sturup JP spoke some words of tribute in honour of former President, Olaide Adeboye who has also served as President of the Nigeria Boxing Board of Control and the African Boxing Union, as well as being a member of the Board of Governors of the World Boxing Council. The Directors the stood in silence for one minute as a mark of respect

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SIMON BLOCK

Hon Secretary

Commonwealth Boxing Council