

A sub-committee of Directors met on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April at Marlborough House in London's Pall Mall for the CBC Spring/Interim Meeting .

Among the matters considered and decisions made were, as follows :

#### NEW COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY/GENERAL

HE Kamalesh Sharma, having served his four year term stood down as Secretary General of the Commonwealth and has been superceded for the next four by PATRICIA SCOTLAND, BARONESS SCOTLAND OF ASTHAL, PC, QC.

The Hon Secretary has sent a letter of greeting to Baroness Scotland on behalf of the CBC Directors who were represented at both her introductory reception at Marlborough House, and the retirement event for Mr Sharma, by STEPHEN HISCOCK, CBC Director on behalf of the Guyana Boxing Board of Control.

#### INDIAN BOXING COUNCIL

An application for affiliation to the CBC from the IBC was considered and unanimously recommended for acceptance. This being a review meeting only, affiliation could not be confirmed immediately but a voting request has been circulated to all Directors and the recommendation is expected to be confirmed within the next few days.

The President of the IBC, BRIGADIER RAJA will be invited to attend the AGM of the CBC in the Autumn, date to be confirmed, for his formal registration as a Director on behalf of the IBC, to be lodged with Companies House.

#### COMMONWEALTH SUPERLIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

The Directors were concerned to learn of the late cancellation of the proposed vacant Superlightweight Championship contest between mandatory contender DAVE RYAN of England and MARTIN HAIKALI of Namibia, Haikali having failed not only to make the weight (which would not in itself, lead to cancellation of the contest although he himself could not win the Title) but also the pre-contest medical examination, as a result of what has been reported as being a pre-existing skin condition. It left promoter Eddie Hearn with no prospect of arranging a substitute contest.

The Hon Secretary has written to Mr Kelly Nhixulifwa, CBC Director on behalf of the Namibia Professional Boxing and Wrestling Control, requesting they investigate the matter and report back.

#### BOXER DAVID HAYE

Although his not having been a Commonwealth Champion or challenger, the CBC Directors believe DAVID HAYE'S reported gesture in donating a portion of his next purse to injured former Commonwealth Title challenger, NICK BLACKWELL, reflected very well on the sport as a whole and was very worthy of being noted formally, during the course of the meeting.

#### FORMER COMMONWEALTH HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION DEREK WILLIAMS

DEREK WILIAMS was the guest of honour at the dinner for the CBC Directors and other guests on the evening of 28<sup>th</sup> April at the STRAND PALACE HOTEL and made a very favourable impression on his fellow diners, many of whom, had not previously met him.

#### CBC SANCTION FEES

Regrettably it is necessary to levy an increase on the Sanction Fees for Commonwealth Championships and Eliminators although the maximum fee has not been increased. These will be as follows, applicable from 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016 :-

ALL CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS £2500 sterling

FINAL ELIMINATORS £1000 sterling

ELIMINATOR £500 sterling.

CBC BULLETIN (cont'd.)

RESULTS (Since 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016)

LIGHTWEIGHT (Vacant Title)

LUKE CAMPBELL (England) W RSC2 (2.58)134lb 7oz GARY SYKES (England)134lb 2oz  
26<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Sheffield Arena. Promoter Eddie Hearn

SUPERFEATHERWEIGHT (Voluntary defence)

LIAM WALSH (Champion, England)129 1/4LB WRSC8(1.20) TROY JAMES (England) 129 1/4lb

SUPERFLYWEIGHT (Mandatory defence)

ANTHONY NELSON(Champion, England) 114lb8oz L CO8 JAMIE CONLAN (Northern Ireland) 114lb13oz  
Both the above-  
30<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Copperbox Arena, London. Promoter Queensberry/Frank Warren

FORTHCOMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

SUPERMIDDLEWEIGHT (Voluntary defence)

LUKE BLACKLEDGE (Champion, England) v ISHMAEL TETTEH (Ghana)  
13<sup>th</sup> May 2016. Macron Stadium, Bolton. Promoter Queensberry/Frank Warren

WELTERWEIGHT (Mandatory defence)

BRADLEY SKEETE (Champion, England) v CAMERON HAMMOND (Australia)  
4<sup>th</sup> June 2016. Echo Arena, Liverpool. Promoter Queensberry/Frank Warren

SIMON BLOCK  
Hon Secretary