

The Directors of the CBC held their Annual General Meeting at the Commonwealth Secretariat, Marlborough House, Pall Mall, London on 27th and 28th November 2012. Among the matters considered and decisions made were the following :-

ACCREDITATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT

The Directors of the CBC were informed by Mr Nabeel Goheer, Director, Strategic Planning and Evaluation Division that the organization is now formally accredited as a recognized Commonwealth 'Civil Society Organization' by the Commonwealth Secretariat.

Whilst the obligations and benefits applicable to the CBC as a consequence may not be onerous and may be varied it is of some significance that the work of the Directors of the CBC, after 58 years of its' existence, is now formally recognized by the institution of the Commonwealth itself.

FORMATION OF CBC MEDICAL COMMITTEE

The CBC does not lay down medical requirements applicable to contestants for its' Championships nor does it have the structure and funding enabling it to do so. That is specifically a matter for the CBC Member Federation supervising the Championship or the Host Federation when a Championship takes place outside a Commonwealth country.

From time to time the attention of the Directors is drawn to an advised medical condition pertaining to a boxer who wishes to compete for a Commonwealth Championship. In such circumstances the Directors feel it incumbent on them to ensure any possible problem is resolved before permission can be given for that boxer to take part in a Commonwealth Championship . In consideration of a proposal from Dr Calvin Inalsingh of Trinidad and Tobago the Directors have agreed on the formation of a Medical Committee to consider specialist reports in such cases and advise the them accordingly.

The inaugural Committee will be comprised of Dr Inalsingh, Dr Peter Ngatane of South Africa and Dr Godwin Kanu of Nigeria.

FILM – 'THE ART OF BOXING'

Following consideration of a proposal from online video content producer, Red Sky Vision, the CBC will support and endorse a film, provisionally titled as above, to be produced about the sport of boxing which will feature significant boxing figures worldwide and will be available online to showcase the all that makes this sport one of the most exciting and appealing, able to generate huge revenue sums globally from the major contests.

A sample film short, a 'sizzler' should be available online next March. Red Sky Vision has extensive experience in music video biographies on the likes of Tupac Shakur, Notorious B.I.G, 50 Cent and Pete Docherty, which was a best seller, and also has and is currently undertaking projects for major concerns such as Coca Cola, City and Guilds and business and property development in Phuket, Thailand.

CHAMPIONSHIP DECISIONS

A list of current Champions, contenders and defence obligations is in preparation and will be circulated within the next few days.

The following is a brief guide to the major decisions made :-

Cruiserweight

This Title is currently vacant following the failure of former CHAMPION SHANE CAMERON of New Zealand to defend as required. The first match between 2 approved contenders and complying with CBC requirements will be recognized as being for the vacant Title.

Lighthweight

A copy of the report of REFEREE IAN JOHN LEWIS to the BBB of C was considered, concerning his stoppage of the contest on 9th November between CHAMPION OVILL MCKENZIE of Jamaica and ENZO MACCARINELLI of Wales, who was stopped in Round 2, as well as a copy of the letter from BBB of C GENERAL SECRETARY ROBERT SMITH to Mr John Lewis. It was noted that the BBB of C did not proceed with any formal disciplinary process although Mr John Lewis has been the subject of informal advice.

It was also noted that PROMOTER FRANK WARREN has already arranged a return contest and in consequence, the Directors of the CBC have endorsed the return for which a date and venue is currently awaited.

Lightmiddleweight

A letter from CHAMPION JAMIE COX has been received, relinquishing this Championship as a result of inactivity due to injury.

Mandatory contender OBODAI SAI of Ghana is currently not able to compete for the vacant Title before the end of the year, while the new CBC Medical Committee await a report on a minor medical condition. Rather than permit this weight division to remain dormant any longer sanction will be granted to PROMOTER FRANK WARREN to promote the vacant Title contest between STEVE O'MEARA and LIAM SMITH on DECEMBER 15TH at the EXCEL, LONDON as part of a historic 3 Commonwealth Championship bill featuring defences of the Supermiddleweight and Middleweight Championships as well.

The winner of O'Meara v Smith will be required to defend against Sai, once cleared, within 90 days of that contest.

Lightwelterweight

The CBC is anticipating confirmation shortly from CHAMPION LEE MCALLISTER of Scotland about his future

Lightweight

This Title was declared vacant after CHAMPION GEORGE ASHIE of Ghana took part in a WBA Interim Championship contest against fellow Ghanaian Emmanuel Tagoe and was defeated.

Sanction was granted to PROMOTER EDDIE HEARN to promote the vacant Title contest between JOHN MURRAY of England and GAVIN REES of Wales, a match subsequently called off arising from a medical query on Murray.

Superfeatherweight

Purse bids for the mandatory defence by CHAMPION LIAM WALSH of England and Canada's LOGAN MCGUINNESS were opened by the Chairman on 27th November and the winning bid was submitted by FRANK WARREN who will promote the contest in LONDON on 16TH MARCH 2013.

Flyweight

No bids were received in respect of the defence by CHAMPION KEVIN SATCHELL of England and ABMERK SHIDJUU of Namibia, due to be opened on 27th November.

Accordingly that proposed defence is negated and Champion Satchell will be required to defend against another approved contender by 31st March 2013.

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