

The Directors of the CBC met at the Commonwealth Secretariat, Marlborough House, London last week, the first full meeting under the Presidency of DR MALEFETSANE (PETER) NGATANE of Boxing South Africa. PHILIP BROOK SMITH QC of Fountain Court Chambers, The Temple, chaired the meetings in his capacity as permanent Chairman.

#### TRIBUTES

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the CBC Advisor, AL HAMILTON MBE spoke in tribute of his friend, and friend of Commonwealth boxing, the late DEAN POWELL and all the Directors stood in silence for one minute as mark of respect to Dean, as well as the late former South African Champion ENOCK 'SCHOOLBOY' NHLAPO and the late WBC Heavyweight Champion KEN NORTON who had also passed away since the Spring/Interim Meeting.

#### CHAMPIONSHIP DEFENCE DEADLINES

Heavyweight DAVID PRICE, Superfeatherweight LIAM WALSH, Superbantamweight CARL FRAMPTON and Superflyweight PAUL BUTLER are all under strict deadlines to defend their respective Championships, failure to comply with which will lead to the relevant Title being declared vacant. David Price is required to defend against mandatory contender LUCAS BROWNE, the winner of a Final Eliminator on 2<sup>nd</sup> November by the end of March 2014. Carl Frampton has been granted a 2 month extension but must defend his Title or be contracted to defend by the end of 2013, a possibility which may be affected by his ability to finalize a World Championship challenge before then.

Both Paul Butler and Liam Walsh must make their mandatories by the end of March 2014.

All other Champions are obliged to fulfil their mandatory requirements by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014 apart from the following mandatories already ordered or made.

#### MANDATORY DEFENCES

New Supermiddleweight Champion ROCKY FIELDING of England makes a quick mandatory when he defends against Guyanan LENNOX ALLEN on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2013.

Scotlands Lightwelterweight Champion WILLIE LIMOND defends against Ghanaian EBENEZER LANTEI LAMPTEY on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

DERRY MATTHEWS of England, the Lightweight Champion defends against Final Eliminator winner RICHARD COMMEY of Ghana on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

#### VACANT TITLE CONTESTS

The CRUISERWEIGHT Championship, vacant since 2012 when New Zealander Shane Cameron was stripped for failure to defend will get a new Champion when former WBO Champion NATHAN CLEVERLEY of Wales boxes DANIEL AMMANN of Australia on 30<sup>th</sup> November or 21<sup>st</sup> December 2013. Former Champion OBODAI SAI of Ghana gets his long awaited chance when he challenges STEVE O'MEARA of England on 1<sup>st</sup> February for the vacant Lightmiddleweight Title.

Mandatory Bantamweight contender GABRIEL ODOI LARYEA challenges Englishman MARTIN WARD for the vacant Title on 7<sup>th</sup> March.

CLIVE ALLEN will be the second Guyanan boxer to challenge for a Commonwealth Title in within a matter of months when he challenges new Featherweight Champion JOSH WARRINGTON of England after the 6 month grace period expires in May of 2014 following Warringtons win earlier this month for the vacant Title.

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