

A quorum of Directors met on 24th and 25th April 2014 at the Headquarters of the Commonwealth Secretariat, Marlborough House in London's Pall Mall, courtesy of Commonwealth Secretary-General, Kamallesh Sharma, to review progress since last October's AGM and decide on any matters requiring Board consideration.

PAUL BUTLER RELINQUISHES SUPERFLYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

With an IBF World Championship challenge against fellow former Commonwealth Champion Stuart Hall coming up in June, Paul has voluntarily relinquished the Commonwealth Championship as he will be unable to meet any extended defence deadline set for him by the CBC.

The Final Eliminator between former Champion YAQUB KAREEM and KAL YAFAI, postponed from March and re-scheduled to May 21st in Leeds has been upgraded and will now be for the vacant Championship (see FORTHCOMING CHAMPIONSHIPS).

SANCTION FEE INCREASES

Having frozen the Sanction Fees for a number of years, aware as the Directors are of economic restraints on many promoters throughout the Commonwealth, the CBC is now compelled to raise these, the cost of manufacture of the magnificent Commonwealth Championship Belt, second only in our opinion to the Lonsdale Belt, having risen steadily, as well as the costs of our twice yearly meetings. The Fee for Eliminators and Final Eliminators remains the same :-

OFFICIAL ELIMINATOR	£250 sterling net.
FINAL ELIMINATOR	£750 " "
VACANT TITLE	£2500 " "
VOLUNTARY DEFENCE	£2000 " "
MANDATORY DEFENCE	£1750 " "

TO BE EFFECTIVE FROM 1ST AUGUST 2014

The fee for CBC ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (Africa, Caribbean/Americas, Australasia) remains the same at £300 sterling net.

COMMONWEALTH CHAMPIONSHIP PURSE OFFERS

The Directors decided it would be appropriate to amend the wording of the terms of purse bid notices to include their right to reject a winning bid if the sum offered was below what they considered was appropriate for both boxers to take part in a 12 round major Championship contest. No lower limit was to be set, each relevant contest to be judged on its merits.

Although this had not been an issue in the past the Directors felt it prudent to ensure they were not bound to accept any bid, however derisory, the terms for the bidding being necessarily strict and binding on all parties including the CBC.

When considering a low winning bid the Directors would be bound to exercise reasonable judgement which may include soliciting the views of the 2 boxers concerned, or their authorized representatives.

AUSTRALIAN HEAVYWEIGHT HISTORY

A little bit of Commonwealth history was made the night following the last meeting when, in Sheffield in a contest supervised by the CBC Hon Secretary, Australia's LUCAS BROWNE stopped Canadian ERIC MARTEL BAHOELEI in the 5th round of an exciting, event-filled 'punch-up', for the vacant Commonwealth Heavyweight Championship (see RESULTS).

Browne becomes the first Australian Heavyweight Champion since the great PETER JACKSON (once described by World Champion 'Gentleman Jim' Corbett as 'the greatest fighter I have ever fought') in 1889 to win this Title.

FORTHCOMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

BANTAMWEIGHT (Official Eliminator)

JASON CUNNINGHAM (England) v ISAAC OWUSU (Ghana)

10th May 2014. The Dome, Doncaster. Promoter Andrew Bulcroft

SUPERBANTAMWEIGHT (Vacant Title)

KID GALAHAD (England) v FRED MUNDRABY (Australia)

10th May 2014. Ponds Forge Arena, Sheffield. Promoter Hennessey Sports

LIGHTWEIGHT (Vacant Title)

RICHARD COMMEY (Ghana) v BENJAMIN ASHLEY (Ghana)

17th May 2014. York Hall, Bethnal Green. Promoter Steve Goodwin.

FLYWEIGHT (Vacant Title)

KHALID YAFI (England) v YAQUB KAREEM (Nigeria)

21st May 2014. First Direct Arena, Leeds. Promoter Eddie Hearn.

FEATHERWEIGHT (Mandatory, to be confirmed)

JOSH WARRINGTON (Champion, England) v MARTIN LINDSAY (N.Ireland)

21st May 2014. First Direct Arena, Leeds. Promoter Eddie Hearn.

LIGHTWELTERWEIGHT (Mandatory defence)

WILLIE LIMOND (Champion, Scotland) v CURTIS WOODHOUSE (England)

27th June 2014. Braehead Arena, Glasgow. Promoter Eddie Hearn

SUPERMIDDLEWEIGHT (Vacant Title)

ISAAC EKPO (Nigeria) v Opponent to be advised and approved

28th June 2014. Ghana. Landmark Promotions and Management

RESULTS Since 16 March 2014

WELTERWEIGHT (Mandatory defence)

FRANKIE GAVIN (Champion, England) 10st 7lb WPTS12 (118/109,117/111,118/109) SACKY

SHIKUKUTU (Namibia) 10st 7lb

29th March 2014. Metro Radio Arena, Newcastle. Queensberry Promotions

FEATHERWEIGHT (Voluntary defence)

JOSH WARRINGTON (Champion, England) 8st 13lb W RET7 RENDALL MUNROE (England) 8st 13lb

19th April 2014. Phones 4 U Arena, Manchester. Promoter Eddie Hearn

HEAVYWEIGHT (Vacant Title)

LUCAS BROWNE (Australia) 19st 7lb WCO5 (1.26) ERIC MARTEL BAHOEI (Canada) 17st 11lb

26th April 2014. Ponds Forge Arena, Sheffield. Hatton Promotions

