

## COMMONWEALTH BOXING COUNCIL BULLETIN 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019

The CBC AGM took place over 2 days, 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> October chaired by PHILIP BROOK SMITH QC and presided over by newly elected President, FREDERICK R STURRUP of the Bahamas Boxing Commission, serving his second term of office in this role.

### CHANGE OF ROLES AT THE CBC

After 40 years in the job, and being only the 3<sup>rd</sup> 'Hon Sec' since the original British Empire and Commonwealth Championships Committee was set up by the BBB of C in 1954, SIMON BLOCK is stepping aside and taking on a new role as Championship Co-ordinator and CBC Representative to the WBC.

His last day in his present position will come after the Spring sub-committee meeting of the CBC in the early part of 2020, date to be confirmed.

In his place, DEBBIE DOWN has been appointed and will become the 4<sup>th</sup> 'Hon Sec' and the first woman in the job.

Ms Down, a married mother of 2 who lives in Kent, UK, has over 20 year's experience in the sport, starting with the BBB of C in 1997, and then going on to work in succession for Panix Promotions/Hennessey Sports 2001-2005, Lion Promotions (Lennox Lewis) 2005-2006 and then FTM Promotions 2008-2011.

Since 2014, Debbie has been Assistant Secretary of the CBC, making an invaluable contribution to the management of the organisation and with a number of ideas she has put to the Board of Directors, will undoubtedly make a number of significant changes and adaptations to guide the company into the modern world of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, so very different from the post-colonial era in which the original Committee was set up.

### APPOINTMENT OF NEW DIRECTOR - MS SHIVANA INALSINGH (TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO)

SHIVANA INALSINGH, special advisor to the CBC and a member of the CBC Women's Championship Committee has been appointed as a Director of the Company Ltd. by unanimous vote.

Ms Inalsingh, the daughter of 2-time CBC President, Dr Calvin Inalsingh, is a Director of the World Boxing Association Female Championship Committee and is by profession, a Clinical Integrative Reflexologist and a Lifestyle Medicine and Transformational Coach.

Ms Inalsingh is also the first woman Director of the CBC since the incorporation of the old committee into a limited liability, 'not for profit' company registered under the laws of England and Wales.

### SUPERFEATHERWEIGHT WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP DECLARED 'VACANT'

During the CBC AGM on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October the Directors very reluctantly declared the Women's SUPERFEATHERWEIGHT Title vacant.

SARA PUCEK of Canada made Commonwealth history by becoming the CBC's first female Champion in 2016, but has failed to make a defence since then.

### CHAMPIONS, CONTENDERS AND DEFENCE REQUIREMENTS

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#### INCREASE IN SANCTION FEES/INTRODUCTION OF SUPERVISORS FEES

Sanction Fees for Men's Championships only, have been increased as follows and will take effect from JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> 2020 :-

VACANT TITLES From £2500 to £3500

DEFENCES From £2500 to £3000

FINAL ELIMINATORS remain at £1000

OFFICIAL ELIMINATORS remain at £500

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS remain at £1000

From JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> 2020 Commonwealth Championship Supervisors appointed by the CBC in association with the host commission will receive a fee of £200.

#### CBC AND WBC TO HELP MAKE A RECORD AT ABBEY ROAD, 50 YEARS AFTER THE BEATLES !

Both the Directors of the CBC and PRESIDENT MAURICIO SULAIMAN SALDIVAR of the World Boxing Council are making a donation to assist in the cost of making a recording of the song, 'NEVER GIVE UP. NEVER GIVE IN', written by CBC Hon Sec SIMON BLOCK to aid and publicise the work of the RINGSIDE CHARITABLE TRUST.

The Trust, set up by a number of well-known boxing personnel, has the commendable and ambitious aim of purchasing, staffing and maintaining a respite care home for former boxers, and is now a registered Charity.

The famous ABBEY ROAD STUDIOS in London where the Beatles made their legendary album of the same name 50 years before, have been booked for SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> 2019, where over 20 current and former Champions will come and sing the chorus of the song, the verses of which has already been recorded at the Suffolk studio of the recording and publishing company, STUPID MUSIC.

Noted producer/engineer RICHARD FLACK, who has worked on the albums of multiple modern stars including ROBBIE WILLIAMS and KYLIE MINOGUE and the resultant record is expected to be released via CD and online next year.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO FORMER COMMONWEALTH CHAMPION, JOSH TAYLOR

The Directors of the CBC congratulate former Commonwealth Superlightweight Champion, JOSH TAYLOR of Scotland on his outstanding win over REGIS PROGRAIS last Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> October in the Final of the WORLD BOXING SUPER SERIES to become recognised worldwide as NO 1 at his weight. This is a truly superlative feat and comes a month after Josh was awarded the DENNIE MANCINI TROPHY by the CBC at the BBB of C Boxing Awards Dinner on 27<sup>th</sup> November.

Josh won the Commonwealth Title in 2016 in only his 7<sup>th</sup> professional contest and went on to defend it twice, relinquishing it as undefeated Champion when he moved on to further his World Title ambitions.

SIMON BLOCK  
Hon Secretary

