

# The 49th OPBF Meeting Minutes

Place: Executive Board Room, The Royal Hotel, Cancun, Mexico

Date: November 3, 2010

Time: 3:00 p.m.~ 5:00 p.m.

The 49th OPBF meeting was held in the Royal Hotel, Cancun, Mexico alongside the WBC convention. This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting since the OPBF headquarters moved to Japan. Though the numbers of attending members was fewer than previous meeting due to the great distance, we were still able to organize a worthwhile meeting, inviting such guests such as former world champion Mr. Jeff Fenech, applicant for the OPBF title Mr. Chauncy Weliver, and matchmakers and journalists.

Sadly, we had attendees from just five member countries, fewer than half of last year's eleven countries. We are working hard and keeping in contact with the other OPBF members so that as many members as possible can attend the next OPBF convention in Tokyo in May, 2011.

## 【Part 1】 Private Meeting

Attendees: 15 persons + Guests

◆ Silent Prayer for Giseok Bae (Korea) and Hirokazu Yamaki (Japan), boxers who passed away after their last fights this year.

### ◆ Self-introduction of attendees

The new chairman of the GAB (Games and Amusement Board), Hon. Juan Ramon Guanzon (Philippines) was introduced to everyone by Mr. Yasukochi.

Main attendees (In alphabetical order of country)

**Australia:** Frank Quill, Frank Hadley, Malcolm Bulner, Samantha Bulner, **Japan:** Tsuyoshi Yasukochi, Takashi Uchida, Koji Ishizuka, **Korea:** Major Lee, Jae-Bong Kim, Shin-Kyoun Ha, **New Zealand:** Douglas Belton, **Philippines:** Juan Ramon Guanzon, Nasser Cruz,

### ◆ Reports

A motion was passed to skip the review of the previous meeting's minutes which was followed by the reading and discussion of the following reports:

1. President's report, read by Mr. Yasukochi
2. Vice-President's report, read by Mr. Frank Quill
3. Financial report, read by Mr. Frank Quill

◆Extension of the OPBF administration by the JBC

Mr. Frank Quill proposed a motion that the JBC should remain as administrators until 2014, not the 31 of December 2012 as decided last year. The motion was accepted without objection.

Mr. Quill made this suggestion because the OPBF has been steadily improving recently thanks to the JBC's administration and it seems better not to change while it is improving.

◆Selection of the chairman of the OPBF rating committee

Mr. Frank Quill was recommended by Mr. Tsuyoshi Yasukochi as the new chairman of the OPBF ratings committee. This recommendation was approved by a majority vote.

◆Amendments of rules

1, Challenge to a world title by an OPBF Female champion

Though the OPBF rules stipulate that an OPBF title becomes automatically vacant when the OPBF champion makes a world title challenge, this rule can be waived in the case of OPBF female champions at the discretion of the OPBF. This is in order to keep the OPBF female title fights active and develop female boxing in the OPBF zone.

2, Consideration of boxer's activity relating the OPBF ratings

Current rule

"a boxer shall be considered inactive if he has had no contest 60 days to 90 days from the date of his last fight."

Suggested rule

"a boxer shall be considered inactive if he has had no contest for more than 1 year from the date of his last fight."

This suggestion was made because current rule seems difficult and unclear.

However, this will be discussed further because of the difference in each country's promotion situations.

◆OPBF Heavyweight

The OPBF Heavyweight title was declared officially vacant at the meeting due to the inactivity of ex-champion Solomon Haumono. He had not defended his title for more than 1 year since he won it on September 18, 2009.

◆OPBF convention 2011

The suggestion to hold an OPBF convention in Tokyo, Japan was discussed again. Originally, the OPBF had been holding its convention once every 2 years in the

administrative country. If the convention is held within the OPBF zone, the maximum numbers of members will be able to attend the meeting. We will work hard and keep in contact with the other OPBF members so that we can hold the next OPBF convention in Tokyo in May, 2011.

Opinions of attendees are as follows;

\*It would be very helpful if the OPBF covers travel expenses of at least half the cost of the airfare for one representative of each country.

\*It is better to hold the OPBF meeting during the WBC meeting because it is economically difficult to travel overseas twice a year.

\*If we could hold this meeting twice a year, it would help our communication, which would assist the OPBF administration.

◆Mr. Jungkyo Shin to be an honorary vice president of the OPBF

Mr. Jungkyo Shin (Korea) was recommended by Mr. Major Lee to be made honorary vice president of the OPBF. This recommendation was approved by a majority vote.

As a result, Mr. Shin was presented with the position at the awards presentation section.

◆Awards presentations

\*OPBF ratings chairman

The position of the OPBF ratings chairman was given to Mr. Frank Quill (Australia).

\*Lifetime achievement

The lifetime achievement award was given to Mr. Bobby Lee (Hawaii) as a token of our respect for his contribution to our sport.

\*Honorary vice president of the OPBF

The position of honorary vice president of the OPBF was given to Mr. Jungkyo Shin (Korea) as a mark of our thanks for his contribution to our sports.

\*Honorary lifetime OPBF champion

The honorary lifetime OPBF champion award was given to Mr. Jeff Fenech (Australia) to show our deepest appreciation for his contribution to our sports.

◆Proposal made by matchmakers

The OPBF should make stronger recommendations to the WBC in order to rate OPBF champions higher in the WBC ratings.