

The 50th OPBF Meeting Minutes

Place: Commanders Room, the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino, Las Vegas, USA

Date: December 13, 2011

Time: 4:30 p.m.~ 5:30 p.m.

Attendees (representatives from member countries);

Australia: Frank Quill, Frank Hadley, Brian McMahon, Bernie Mc Mahon, Malcolm Bulner, Samantha Bulner, **China:** Liu Gang, **Hawaii:** Hubert Minn, **Japan:** Ken Morita, Nobuaki Uratani, Yuji Fukuchi, Takashi Uchida, Koji Ishizuka, **Korea:** Major Lee, Jae-Bong Kim, Shin-Kyoun Ha, Bo-Young Han, Jung-Bae Lim, Don-Ahn Park, Chan-Soo Kim, **New Zealand:** Douglas Belton, Gregory Burgess, John Gillett, **Philippines:** Juan Ramon Guanzon, Nasser Cruz, Bruce McTavish, **Mongolia:** Zanashir Taznaa

1. Opening of the Meeting by Mr. Ken Morita

Introduced himself as the new OPBF executive secretary and apology for the cancellation of the Tokyo convention, followed by the selection of Mr. Frank Quill to chair the meeting.

2. Matters arising from the last meeting minutes

Mr. Frank Hadley suggested recommending the WBC to take the success of OPBF champions into account when making the WBC ratings as suggested at the last OPBF meeting.

Mr. Frank Quill, who is also the chairman of the WBC ratings committee, explained that the ratings are decided solely on individual merit and the OPBF champions are already given high evaluations, especially in lighter divisions. The OPBF resolved to keep recommending the promotion of OPBF champions in the WBC ratings.

A motion was passed to skip the review of the rest of the previous meeting's minutes, the president's report and the vice-president's report.

3. Financial report

The members accepted the OPBF financial report showing income of \$30,778 and a credit balance of \$9,163 at November 3, 2011.

4. Confirmation of the term length of the current OPBF administration

Mr. Ken Morita re-confirmed whether the extension of the JBC's term as administrators of the OPBF from 2012 to 2014 is acceptable or anyone has any opinions.

It was confirmed that all members agree with the JBC's administration until the end of 2014.

5. Implementation of a 4 ring official panel

Mr. Ken Morita suggested implementation of a four (4) ring official panel for all OPBF title fights because the current rule to use a scoring referee is not in accordance with the world standard.

The motion was accepted without objection.

From January 1, 2012, the panels for the OPBF title fights consist of the following ring officials;

- a. OPBF male title fights between home country boxer and traveling boxer: home country referee, 1 home country judge, 1 neutral country judge and 1 judge from the country of traveling boxer
- b. OPBF female title fights and OPBF male title fights between 2 home country boxers: 1 referee and 3 judges, all local.

The motion was made to update the OPBF rules to the world standard and also to aid the referees' concentration during the fight.

6. Reduction of the number of rounds for Female title fights(10 to 8 rounds)

Mr. Ken Morita suggested reducing the number of rounds for OPBF female title fight

from 10 rounds to 8 rounds.

The motion was accepted without objection.

From 2012, all OPBF female title fights will be 2 minutes x 8 rounds

The objective of this change is to give more opportunities to female boxers who are finding difficulty furthering their career because of the lack of female boxers in the OPBF zone, and to avoid the situation where less experienced boxers fight 10 rounds.

7. Any other business

◆Mr. Zanasir Taznaa suggested holding OPBF meetings once every 2 years and OPBF subsidizing half the cost of travel expenses for every country's representative. At the moment, the OPBF is financially unable to afford to do it but will consider holding an OPBF convention in Japan or other member countries.

◆Mr. Juan Ramon Guanzon requested the OPBF to explain the procedure of the OPBF Ratings Committee. It was explained by Mr. Morita through Mr. Koji Ishizuka that the OPBF head office in Tokyo makes a draft of ratings at the end of every month, and then sends them to Ratings Committee members consisting of Australia, Philippines, Korea and Japan.

The OPBF office then amends them according the suggestions provided by the committee members, then officially announces the ratings via email and the OPBF web-site.

