



## **Champions & Veterans Committee Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021, Zoom**

### **Attendees to the meeting**

<b>Chair</b>	Mery Kom
<b>Attendees</b>	Joseph Ayeni Viktar Zuyeu Patrick Barnes Ismail Karwi Nidal Abukhadijah Farhad Ajalov Kenneth Minimah
<b>Apologies</b>	Yermakhan Ibraimov Svatopluk Zacek

1. Welcoming remarks by the Chairperson – *MeryKom*
2. Working criteria of the Champions & Veterans Committee
3. Presenting of the Committee members
4. Main objectives of the Committee
  - Promoting boxing around the world;
  - Supporting Boxing Champions;
  - Inspiring young boxers around the world;
  - Establishing closer relations within international boxing family at different levels.

### **5. Gender equality**

It was noted that one of the priorities of the Committee is promoting gender equality among boxing family members for the female boxers to be involved more in the championships of different levels. It was pointed out that close cooperation with the AIBA Women's Committee is needed in this regard and with other committees if needed. The Chairperson stressed that one of the key objectives at this moment is the increasing of female weight categories.

### **6. Free and fair judging**

It was emphasized that it is essential to implement initiatives to promote fair and transparent judging for the athletes to have equal opportunities. In this regard, special educational courses to train R&Js to be impartial



and professional should be organized in different championships to eradicate any mistakes made by unfair judging from national to international level.

### **7. Development and coaching for grass root boxing fraternity**

The Chairperson pointed out that boxing is becoming more popular all over the world, especially among young people attending youth championships who show high results. That is why it is crucial to provide talented boxers an appropriate training and with all the opportunities for personal constant development.

### **8. Remarks by the Committee members**

All the committee members agreed on the importance of female boxing promotion around the world and noted that the priority at the moment is to increase the amounts of events for female boxing representatives to equal the number of men's and women's projects. It was agreed that beside of female athletes' inclusion of more female coaches and R&Js in the boxing family is also needed. In this regard, it was emphasized that closer cooperation among all the AIBA Committees is of vital importance to share ideas and practices for different categories of people working in boxing.

### **9. Closing remarks by the Chairperson**

The Chairperson thanked everyone for sharing their experience and ideas and said that the work of current champions is crucial in order to promote fair boxing around the world. She is ready for cooperation and open to dialogues among committee members and pointed out that sharing experience from different countries in order to understand better needs of the boxer all over the world. It was decided to share the ideas after the meeting to see what good practices are implemented in different regions of the world as the committee representation is very diverse. The Chairperson thanked AIBA and the President Mr Umar Kremlev for supporting the champions and veterans and thanked again the colleagues for working together to develop boxing and inspiring young boxers and current champions around the world.

**Chairperson of the AIBA Champions & Veterans Committee**

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**MeryKom**

**AIBA President Office Manager**

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**Anna Utkina**