



BOXING PROMOTERS ASSOCIATION OF GHANA

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**RE: THE GHANA BOXING AUTHORITY (GBA) MEETS PROMOTERS IN AN EXTRAORDINARY
MEETING AND SMOKE THE PEACE PIPE**

The Boxing Promoters Association of Ghana (BPA-Gh) wishes to inform all boxing stakeholders in Ghana that members of the association who actively promote boxing in Ghana did not meet the GBA and its president as communicated in the GBA press statement. The press release is a well-crafted propagandist statement laced with falsehoods and inaccuracies intended to deceive boxing stakeholders and also sideline promoters who are raising concerns and attempting to hold the current GBA administration headed by Mr. Abraham Kotei NeeQuaye accountable.

The fact are that several of our members received calls to a meeting with the GBA as individual promoters less than 24 hours to the time communicated but we insisted through our president that we get an official invitation to the association, which is in line with what we have resolved to do as an association in order to demand accountability and as envisaged by the GBA constitution. We never received such a letter.

Furthermore, the press statement indicated that the GBA has refused to acknowledge the association because it is reliably informed that only three persons were at the meeting held to reconstitute the association. This is a complete falsehood as the GBA was served with an official list of all promotions and their representatives present at the said meeting.

We have cause to believe that this meeting of some promoters without the major promoters in the country is intended to pitch promoters against each other and give the false impression that the actions of the president is supported by promoters.

Our resolve has been civil but the president of the GBA and his communications director are engaged in disinformation tactics that only hurts Ghana boxing. In one vein they are calling for dialogue outside the limelight and in another breath they are putting out falsehoods to discredit the members of the association and the BPA. We will in due cause respond and throw light on these concerns and set the records straight.

This misinformation, deceit, and blatant disregard for the laws and constitution of the GBA has brought the BPAS on a collusion cause with the president Mr. Abraham Kotei Neequaye.



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It is only proper that the GBA under the leadership of Mr. Abraham Neequaye recognize the need to engage and communicate facts rather than misinforming the public by way of active propaganda in the best interest of Ghana boxing. We believe the office of communication has been turned into a propaganda office which will not help the image of the GBA. It is of grave concern that the Director of Communication of the GBA would be captured on air (Joy sports news) suggesting that it was ok for leadership to breach the constitution of the GBA and also question the authenticity of a license issued by the GBA when he had every opportunity to verify it without haste. He again was heard on same program making pronouncements that sought to discredit the leadership and integrity of the former GBA president Peter Zwennes. Any expectations that the BPA will ignore such conduct is unfortunate. It seems to us that the vigilant role of the BPA does not sit well with the current GBA president and rather than soberly reflecting on ways of working with the stakeholders to build Ghana boxing, attempts are being made to punish, discredit and intimidate the stakeholders with the intention of frustrating them out of business.

The BPA once again call on all boxing stakeholders and the media to take a keen interest in boxing and in particular the concerns raised by the BPA and the GBA so they can better inform the general public. Thank you.

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