



WBO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

The present cause is heard upon the request of Zou Xuan Sports of China, on behalf of Zou Shiming against Sho Kimura regarding their July 28, 2017 WBO Flyweight Championship Bout contested in Shanghai, China. The WBO World Championship Committee having considered the Complaint submitted by the petitioner on August 12, 2017 and considering the WBO Supervisor's Report, Referee's Report, having reviewed thoroughly the video of the sanctioned match <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dZYjsSNr1hk>, having evaluated the press reports of the Championship contest, and having examined in detail all the evidence and supplementary documents offered, and being full advised in the premises, it is determined:

WHEREAS, the World Boxing Organization Championship Committee recognizes and considers Zou Shiming as a fighter with an extraordinary popularity, reputation and influence to the Chinese people as a whole, he is considered the most successful amateur Chinese boxer of all time. Zou Shiming is a two-time Olympic Gold medalist and a three-time world amateur champion. Shiming was the first Chinese Olympic medalist, winning a bronze medal at the 2004 Athens Olympics. In 2008, Zou won the Jr. Flyweight gold medal at the Beijing Olympic Games, joining Zhang Xiaoping as the first Chinese gold medalists in the sport of amateur boxing. Thereafter, on January 23, 2013 he became a professional boxer and signed contract with boxing promotional company, Top Rank Inc. and subsequently, was trained by International Hall of Fame Trainer, Freddie Roach. By July 19, 2014, Shiming won his first professional title, the WBO International Flyweight title and on November 5, 2016 won his second professional title, the vacant WBO World Flyweight Title, and has honored the World Boxing Organization as an ambassador of world-class fighting; his prominence and contributions to the sport exemplifies what every boxer should aspire; the accomplishments so far fulfilled, represent a promising legacy for future generations to come; and,

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2017, Zou Shiming was unsuccessful in his first WBO Flyweight Championship Title defense held at Shanghai, Republic of China against Sho Kimura, who won by a technical knockout victory on the eleventh (11) round, as the referee requested Zou Shiming to move forward and assessed his fitness to continue. Shiming responded by moving his head side-to-side and verbally stating "No" in regards to continuing the contest; consequently, the referee acted accordingly with the stoppage of the fight; and,

WHEREAS, Zou Shiming's mandatory defense was due on August 2017, the WBO granted a voluntary defense upon request by the petitioner against Sho Kimura for their July 28, 2017 title bout contingent, to defending his WBO Flyweight Title against his mandatory challenge within one hundred eighty days (180) counting from the date of the acquisition thereof pursuant to Section 5 of the WBO Championship Contests Regulations; and,



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WHEREAS, on August 12, 2017, the WBO Organization confirmed receipt of written communications stating numerous concerns and providing multiple exhibits **via email and fax** presented by the petitioner Zou Xuan Sports regarding the aforementioned fight and requesting a "Return Fight" pursuant to Rule 18 of WBO Regulations; and,

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2017 the WBO received via email written communication subscribed by WBO Asia-Pacific Chairman and supervisor of the sanctioned fight. Mr. Leon Panoncillo, who submitted the July 28, 2017 bout's "Supervision Report" for the WBO Flyweight Championship Title herein considered. Such documents certified the compliance and corrective application of WBO Rules and Regulations with regards to the sanctioned bout; and,

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2017, the WBO received written communication via email subscribed by Mr. Takashi Aoshima, manager of current WBO Flyweight Champion Sho Kimura, who abstained from comments about the execution of the title bout sanctioned, and referred such allegations to JBC representative, Mr. Tsuyoshi Yasukochi; and,

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2017, the WBO received written communication via email subscribed by Mr. Yingying Ran, Director of Huanpu Sports Bureau; and,

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2017, the WBO received written communication via email subscribed by Mr. Jim Yu of Zou Xuan Sports Promotions, providing supplementary documents supporting their request pursuant to WBO Rule 18; and,

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2017, the WBO received written communication via email subscribed by WBO assigned bout supervisor, Mr. Leon Panoncillo, providing a comprehensive Supplemental Supervisory Report with regards to the excellent regulatory and supervising duties performed by the Professional Boxing Chinese Commission and its respective appointed officials during pre-fight and fight contest; and,

WHEREAS, Rule 18 of WBO Regulations provides:

"The WBO shall not allow direct return fights, unless recommended by the World Championship Committee and authorized by the Executive Committee. A direct return fight is a fight between the new Champion and the former Champion from whom the new Champion won the title (or between a new Champion and the losing Contestant in a Vacant Title Fight), before the new Champion defends his title against any of the other fighters classified in his category. If the World Championship Committee determines either that the resolution of a Championship Contest was substantially irregular, or that there was a clear misapplication of the rules of boxing resulting in a manifest unfairness, such that in either case the World Championship Committee determines that the Championship was substantially unresolved, the World Championship Committee may, in its discretion, recommend a direct return fight, which may be authorized only by the majority vote of the Executive Committee. The World Championship



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Committee may recommend a direct return fight for any other circumstance; in that event a direct return fight shall only be authorized by the affirmative vote of not less than 75% of the Executive Committee"; and,

WHEREAS, all interested WBO Participants were given notice of this Petition and given opportunity to submit any information, documents, or arguments that they believe would assist the Committee in resolving the present matter; and,

WHEREAS, the WBO Championship Committee has full authority as per our WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests to resolve this matter with the following being within our powers and discretion, and shall be interpreted to include any or all powers necessary, helpful or convenient to accomplish the purposed, policies and the intent of these rules; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee performed an exhaustive analysis of all the facts alleged by the petitioner, examined thoroughly all the evidence submitted and considered their respective allegations on this highly competitive championship contest between Zou Shiming and Sho Kimura, that was cleanly fought by both contestants at the highest-level skill, was well-officiated and fairly resolved in accordance to the Rules of Boxing and in compliance with the WBO Regulations of World Championship Contests; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the WBO World Championship Committee according to our Regulations:

1. The Supervision and supplementary supervisory reports subject to the sanctioned titled fight aforementioned, were completed and submitted in compliance to the WBO Rules by the WBO bout supervisor, Mr. Leon Panoncillo.
2. The Professional Boxing Chinese Commission was created and founded in 2013 by current President Mr. Daniel Han Jianping along with General Secretary Maggie Wei Na of Beijing, China, and Executive Director Samson Lu Kin Hang of Macau. The **PBCC IS NOT OWNED NOR FUNDED BY THE WBO. The PBCC has supervised and regulated boxing events in China involving championship fights sanctioned by other boxing bodies, such as the WBA, WBC and IBF.**
3. **The Professional Boxing Chinese Commission (PBCC) is the only authorized entity that regulates professional boxing contests and has exclusive jurisdiction over all matters related with such functions. Such commission has hosted over 700 bouts and**



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numerous championship fights, which certifies their competence in the exercise of their duties. Boxrec.com recognizes the PBCC as the only registered boxing commission in China. **Therefore, the World Boxing Organization has no inderence whatsoever with regards to any issues subject to the powers of the Host commission (PBCC).**

4. The fighter Zou Shiming suffered a knocked down in the 11th round of the title bout and the assigned referee, Mr. Danrex Tapdasan, methodically executed the proper knockdown procedure. In fact, after completing the 8th count, the referee solicited Shiming to move forward and assessed his fitness to continue. Shiming responded by moving his head side-to-side and responded verbally "No" in regards to continuing the contest; consequently, the referee acted accordingly with the stoppage of the fight. With respect to the allegations of excessive water spillage on the Ring mat, the video examination reflected the assigned referee and corner inspectors taking precautionary measures by notifying Shimming's corner in numerous occasions. Such actions are accountable solely to Zou Shimming's corner.
5. Although the WBO World Championship Committee is honored to have a world-class fighter in Zou Shiming as their Flyweight champion, whose fights are viewed by millions of Chinese Citizens, whose purses are unprecedented by any Chinese professional boxer, the arguments outlined by the petitioner are not sufficient to grant an immediate rematch pursuant to our Championship Contests Regulations.
6. If granted, the WBO Championship Committee would be compelled to do so with all other contestants in contravention to our Championship Contests Regulations. The WBO Championship Contests Regulations preamble in relevant, states the following: "*A World Championship is not the property of any boxer. **The Championship is a trust, subject to the conditions defined herein, for the use and benefit of all boxers and boxing fans, who through their contribution of time, effort, risks and resources sustain the existence of the profession. The World Boxing Organization encourages each World Champion and Challenger to be an example of the highest ideals and spirit of sportsmanship***". Therefore, the enforcement of our WBO Champions Contests Regulations would be inconsequential.
7. Thus, the Committee does not recommend the WBO Executive Board the concession of a direct Return Fight pursuant to Rule 18. Nevertheless,



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considering the aforementioned accomplishments of the petitioner, we suggest the WBO Ratings Committee ranking Zou Shiming within the top four (4) contenders for a future championship title bout.

8. This is a final decision of the Championship Committee. The affected WBO participant may appeal such determination to the Complaint and Grievance Committee as per Rule 34, which as per Rule 3(e) of the WBO Appeals Regulation, must be submitted in writing to the WBO President within fourteen (14) days of this decision as its sole and exclusive remedy.

Dated in San Juan, Puerto Rico on this 18th day of September, 2017

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Luis Batista Salas", is written over a light blue grid background.

By: Luis Batista Salas, Esq.
Chairman

Cc Takashi Aoshima/Sho Kimura Representative
Akihido Honda/Teiken Promotions