



# WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION

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## **Resolution No. 201706051412** **WBA Championships Committee** *Super Middleweight Division* *June 05, 2017*

### **I. BACKGROUND**

On June 1, 2017 the WBA Championship Committee issued resolution No. 201706011412 denying Tyron Zeuge (“Zeuge”) Special Permit Request to make a voluntary title defense against Paul Smith.

### **II. REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

On June 2, 2017, on behalf of Zeuge, and his promoter, Sauerland Event GmbH (“Sauerland”) filed a request for reconsideration arguing (1) that Sauerland had made a deal for a first voluntary defense versus Paul Smith, (2) Isaac Ekpo (“Ekpo”) got awarded a rematch by the WBA against the ruling of the Bout on site, where all three judges scored the bout in favor of Zeuge, (3) Sauerland had already booked the show to feature the Zeugue vs. Smith bout, including renting the venue, sold TV rights to Sat 1 in Germany and to Sky (UK) in the UK and the international into more than 50 countries. They sold ticket, booked the undercard, and all fighters started to prepare for the event, arguing that it is impossible to cancel the event without getting a tremendous economical and image damage.

### **III. ANALYSIS**

A. The WBA may modify the periods for mandatory defenses for good cause, either in response to a request for a Special Permit, or on its own initiative. WBA Rule C.16.

B. The WBA may modify or suspend the strict application of these rules when the WBA deems them justified in its sole discretion to accommodate special circumstances. WBA Rule C.46. Those reasons include to “engage in an optional title defense,” to “engage in a bout of recognized importance and significance for the boxing world,” or to “extend or otherwise modify a mandatory defense period,” or any other reason the Committee and President deem just. WBA Rule C.46.a, e and g.

C. The WBA may grant Special Permit Requests and require conditions. “The Committee and the President in their sole discretion shall consider the best interests of boxing, the purposes and policies of the Association, and such other factors that may be relevant, and shall make their best effort to balance competing interests.” WBA Rule C.47.

D. Boxers and promoters are obligated to “know and be familiar with all Association rules,” including those “for Special Permits.” WBA Rule C.14.

#### **IV. DECISION**

A. Based upon the above-mentioned Rules, Zeuge’s Special Permit Request is conditionally granted subject to compliance with the conditions in this resolution and all other applicable WBA rules and regulations. The only title in dispute shall be the WBA’s, as no other minor titles will be accepted by the WBA, a failure to fulfill this obligation the sanction may be withdrew.

B. The winner of Zeuge and Smith (or Zeuge if a draw) shall face Ekpo on or before September 16, 2017. No special permit for a different bout could be considered even if the fight ends in a draw.

C. If bout contracts for the winner of Zeuge/Smith v. Ekpo are not submitted to the WBA on or before August 16, 2017, a call for purse bid will be issued.

D. The terms regarding the resolution on the purse bid distribution are ratified as (50%) for the winner of Zeuge v. Smith and (50 %) for Isaac Ekpo.

Date: June 05, 2017



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Championship Committee Chairman