



# 2012-2013 ANNUAL REPORT

England **Boxing**

## ENGLAND BOXING

England Boxing (formerly ABAE) is the sport's national governing body. It was formed in 1880 and is responsible for the administration, development and promotion of Olympic-style boxing throughout England. It also represents England as a member of the International Boxing Association (AIBA) and the European Boxing Council (EUBC) and is a shareholder in the British Amateur Boxing Association (BABA).

England Boxing is funded by Sport England and, within this funding, is responsible for delivery of the Whole Sport Plan 2009-13 for boxing. This aims to grow and sustain participation in the sport and create opportunities and pathways for the most talented athletes to progress to the elite level.

England Boxing is a non-profit organisation and is overseen by a board of directors. It oversees a network of affiliated boxing clubs and is responsible for the national schools, junior, youth and senior championships. It is also responsible for the delivery of community work and boxing fitness programmes both within boxing clubs, schools, sports venues and community settings.

## MISSION

England Boxing continually strives to develop the sport through effective governance and strong leadership ensuring that all members can personally develop through boxing. At the heart of England Boxing's business and operations lies the principle of treating everyone fairly and ethically and ensuring that boxing is a sport for all.

## VISION

To be a world leader in the sport of boxing and enable English boxers to excel and win medals at the Olympic Games and in other international competitions.

To drive and sustain participation in amateur boxing through the development and provision of a club and venue network that delivers a high quality experience.





Dear Members

It is my great privilege to have been elected Chairman of England Boxing (formerly the ABA) a little over a month ago.

As you may be aware, despite being one of the fastest growing sports in the country and having had enormous success at the Olympics and in other tournaments the Amateur Boxing Association has had some challenges over the past years. Most recently, during 2013, there was a threatened exclusion by the International Boxing Association and a threat also to cancel boxing funding by Sport England if we failed to change the way in which the sport was governed.

We have come through that difficult period. The Board has a very new shape to it. I took over as Chairman in March, I have appointed three new Non-Executive Directors, each of whom bring a very professional and relevant set of skills to the Board. Additionally there are nine excellent Board members running sub committees of the governing body and supporting the Chief Executive Officer as well as a dedicated staff at our HQ in Sheffield. We are now set up as we should be. So, what about the future?

I am determined that we as a governing body must be there to help in any way we can, to grow participation, to grow funding and the financial strength of boxing, to lobby on behalf of the clubs and regions, to seize opportunities and see off threats and to listen to you. Boxing is successful because of you, the clubs, the volunteers and coaches who give up so much time to support the greatest sport in the world and of course the boxers themselves who need and should expect our support.

I am also determined that we will interact with you more, improve our operations, modernise many elements of the sport, while never forgetting the history and the tradition of boxing. We will look for commercial opportunities to put funds back into the grass roots. We will improve our technology our processes and our communications.

I look forward to working with you and meeting as many of you as I can. I am beginning my tour of clubs which is very informal; what I really want is to hear your ideas. Of course with over 900 clubs now registered it may take a long time to get around all of them so here is a suggestion. England Boxing holds its AGM on Saturday 10th May at the Marriott Worsley Park Golf Club, Walkden Rd, Manchester M28 2QT at 11:00 a.m. It would be fantastic to see as many of you there as possible. Remember, all clubs of over 20 now have a vote so please come along and use it.

It just so happens that the GB Youth 3 Nations competition is on that same weekend in Manchester. At the Walkden 6<sup>th</sup> Form College, which is why we have chosen the location, so there will be some excellent boxing to watch and some clubs already in town. If you are able, please do turn up. It would be excellent to meet you there.

Yours faithfully

**Caspar Hobbs**  
**Chairman, England Boxing**





# CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ANNUAL REPORT 2012-2013

Whilst the London 2012 Olympics seem a distant memory, and one covered within the General Meeting of that year, they remain a valuable point of reflection for the sport and one that, in many ways, has been the catalyst for much change within the organisation.

The year under review was the year that the organisation committed itself to a process of structural reform; initiated by a wide ranging consultation with our members. This process has been an extensive and ongoing one that continues within the organisation today, but the progress that the organisation has been making is very much down to the work that was initiated during this period.

It has also been a year that marked the end of one public money funding cycle and the start of the 2013 – 2017 funding provision. Boxing as a sport continues to demonstrate growth in participation and success for boxers representing England on the international stage. This success has enabled the organisation to secure and further develop its Sport England funding, and our ambition must now be for this money to create a meaningful legacy from the London Games.

Legacy is perhaps a most overused and misunderstood word, but what it surely means for boxing is that we support the lifeblood of the sport - our clubs and the boxers, coaches, officials and volunteers within them – to ensure that boxing has a bright and secure future.

It is encouraging that through this process, more focus and resource will be targeted towards our clubs, into supporting them and

making them sustainable for the future.

The sport continues to grow, but this development can only continue if our club network and the many valuable volunteers within it continue to be recognised and supported. As this growth continues we should recognise both the valuable input of Sport England funding and the extensive work of everyone who gives up so much time, dedication and energy.

There have been numerous successes within our grassroots clubs and in Team England's performances, as well as across the organisation as a whole. We must congratulate everyone on their personal achievements and contributions.

The strategic focus of the organisation is now on becoming closer to the clubs and supporting their needs. As we move forward, Club Support Officers will be in place to work directly with our clubs in supporting the work that they do, and there will be a move to further develop competitive opportunities for all boxers at all levels - from novice to international.

We will continue to work around educational settings, with partner organisations and other sports, as well as to focus on the development of newer markets,

such as women's boxing and boxing as a fitness sport. The opportunities are exciting and we also have the Commonwealth Games in 2014 to look forward to.

It would be amiss not to mention the challenges and changes that have taken place within the organisation since the year under review. It has been a period of considerable challenge and change, at times one of critical moments and conflict, but we are in a much stronger position for it, and I hope that we can now, as a collective membership and a unified organisation, create a bright future for all our boxers, and a secure environment for our clubs as we continue to celebrate this great sport.

**Mark Abberley**  
**Chief Executive Officer,**  
**England Boxing**



# THE AMATEUR BOXING ASSOCIATION OF ENGLAND LIMITED

## ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2013

	Notes	2013		2012 as restated	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	2		16,795		5,001
Investments	2		<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>
			16,796		5,002
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors		218,921		240,275	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>650,675</u>		<u>392,882</u>	
		869,596		633,157	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>					
		<u>(467,417)</u>		<u>(425,643)</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>					
			<u>402,179</u>		<u>207,514</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>					
			418,975		212,516
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>					
			<u>(14,213)</u>		<u>(4,352)</u>
			<u>404,762</u>		<u>208,164</u>
<b>Reserves</b>					
Income and expenditure account			<u>404,762</u>		<u>208,164</u>
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These abbreviated accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006

Approved by the Board for issue on 18 December 2013



F McKelvie  
Director

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