Tobias’ entourage pays homage to State House

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WINDHOEK – Prominent local boxing promoter, manager and trainer Nestor “Sunshine” Tobias lead his entourage to pay a courtesy call to Namibia’s President Hifikepunye Pohamba at State House in Windhoek yesterday.

Tobias’ entourage consisted of the champion boxers he has mentored and nurtured through the years from humble beginnings to top echelon of world champions.

The Deputy Minister of Sport Pohamba Shifeta was also part of the high profile delegation representing his line ministry while giving guidance to the entire associates. The title holders and campaigners were Tobias' “Hitman” Moses, Bethuel “Tyson” Usushona, Vikapita “Hust Master” Meroro, Martin Haikali and Tobias “The Rock” Ambunda.

Tobias briefed the President about the achievements scored by boxing so far and the challenges that his boxing academy is encountered with. The boxing academy needs to expand to incorporate the youth in its boxing programme to groom the young ones.

To solve this problem, said Tobias, “we need to plot to expand our academy”, Namibia’s Head of State and Chairman of SADC comrade Pohamba said he has taken note of the problems encountered and expressed his sympathy with the academy.

Tobias also enlightened President Pohamba that the WBO Africa light heavyweight Meroro is now ranked number five in the continent and is ranked number five in the world. The international boxing award was bestowed on Ambunda and Tobias in absentia in Colombia last month. Ambunda has sustained injury to his right hand during last Thursday fight when he send his opponent from Zimbabwe four times before the referee stopped the fight for TKO in the eighth round scheduled for 10.

Namibia’s son of the soil, Tobias, the number one promoter of WBO in Africa was enlivened for staging, now, 17 WBO fights in Namibia out of 73 in the entire continent of Africa. This is no small feat for himself, the Land of the Braves and the nation at large.

The Terminator versus Shakeboy fight is on

By Namibia Professional Boxing Control Board (NPBWC) and promoted by Onkuwo Promotions. The 37-year-old Simon has an outstanding record of 25 fights without a loss. His opponent is 42-year-old and has 59 fights, 45 wins and 14 losses. Tickets to the fight are available in Windhoek at the NPBWC at RPI House on the fourth floor and go for N$250 normal price and N$400 for VIP.

NPL CLUBS OFFICIALS COMPLETE FUTURO III ADMINISTRATION COURSE

A weeklong FIFA FUTURO III administration and management course, was hosted for club secretaries of the NPL premier league from the 22 November to 2 December at the other registered sports facilities of the Namibia Football Association, at the Midguld Country lodge, outside Windhoek.

The weeklong course was aimed at equipping the participants from the twelve NPL Clubs with skills to be able to work with both the NPL Office but also to support the work of the league.

The officials represented were led by NPL Front Desk and Registration Officer Ms. Joanna Gowases alongside Ms. Jessica Mavat(Eleven Arrows FC), Ms. Beat Karamana (African Stars FC), Ms. Dinah Chikwanha (Civics FC), Ms. Hermina Caisse (Black Africa FC), Mr Knowledge Stiphing (Blu Water FCs), Mr Andre Gariel (Orlando Pirates FC), Mr George Hauvanga (Okahandja City FC) Mr Mark Immanuel (Tigers FC), Mr Dino Balato (SKW). Leg leaders Ramblers, and newly promoted PC Blue Boys and Mighty Gunners did not send representative.

“Our members can only move towards professionalization if individuals are equipped with the necessary skills to be able to reason with the members of their clubs. This course should be seen as another step that the NPL is taking towards making sure that the members are able to deal with various stakeholders in the business environment in a professional manner”, said NPL CEO Mathew Haikali.

The course was sponsored by FIFA and was facilitated by five potential regional instructors including NPL Secretary General, Barry Rakuro