



**LBC Presidents Call Meeting Notes  
Thursday, April 8, 2021**

Call commenced at 3:03 pm Mountain Time.

**LBC Leaders Present:** Jamil Ali – Middle Atlantic, Eric Rieckers – Inland Northwest, Rose Fain - Nevada, Jeanne DePriest - Colorado, Larry Bright - Southeastern, Robyn Jumawan - Hawaii, Shaun Tallon - Illinois, Jennifer Fletcher – West Virginia, Leslie Washington – Lake Erie, Ansel Stewart - Michigan, David Figueroa - Florida, Jason Marquoit - Oregon, Gene Campbell - Ohio, Cindy Schumacher - Minnesota, Diana/Alex Leon - Gulf, Tom Lindsey – South Texas, Israel Villa – Middle Atlantic, Brad Winslow - Adirondack, Ray Kerwick – Inland Northwest, Debbie Holmes – Southwestern.

*Staff Present:* Mike McAtee, Mike Campbell, Lynette Smith, Ethan Figge

**2020 Nationals in Shreveport**

Mike McAtee welcomed everyone to the Zoom call. He then reported that the recently concluded 2020 National's event in Shreveport went exceptionally well. Mike gave shout outs to the Shreveport Sports Commission and its employees, The Shreveport CVB, USA Boxing doctors, officials, clinicians, coaches...and thanked all those that held test events. The after-action reports submitted by test event holders helped us have a safe and successful national event in Shreveport.

This event is one for the history books.....it goes down as the largest ever USA Boxing event with the smallest number of people in the venue at any one time. An event recap article is being written and will soon be published.

After action surveys will be sent out soon, please ask all of your members that attended to complete the survey. The feedback is essential to continuing improvement. Lubbock promises to be bigger and better.

Mike Campbell stated he is most proud that we were able to hold a 4-ring event with participant flow that did not have bottlenecks or crossover of those arriving and those leaving. The finals included special effects and music which were very well received. The extra effort felt like a great way to honor the competitors. The streaming for this event was exceptional including commentary and interviews with some of the boxers.

McAtee commended all participants on having the required covid test 72 hours prior to checking in. This coupled with the 500 on-site covid tests conducted on officials and some of the competitors resulting very, very few positive results. The additional offering of free covid vaccinations at the tournament venue was of great benefit to the 100+ members that received them. These shots will help many folks protect



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themselves, their families, communities and USAB members.

All eyes were on USA Boxing to see how a large event could be safely run. From local boxing clubs to Olympic Sport organizations around the country, we successfully conducted over 1,000 bouts in a 9-day period. We are hopeful that the participants present for the event take home the information to help with shows there. Shawn Reese and Angel Villarreal went well above and beyond to ensure the event was managed efficiently and run smoothly.

The check-in process went very well, much in part to everyone working to get their documents uploaded into Webpoint. This streamlined the check-in process so there were relatively short lines that allowed social distancing as boxers that did not begin boxing until later in the week could arrive and check-in later as well.

Thirty-five plus additional local Shreveport volunteers joined our volunteer members and staff to make this event pleasant and safe for all participants. Several local restaurants streamed the event which helped publicize it within the region.

### **Junior Olympics in Lubbock, Texas**

Campbell then went on to say that around April 19th we will provide much more information about 2021 Junior Olympic National Championships taking place in Lubbock, Texas. The overall dates are July 7-17 but, like Shreveport, we will publicize dates/days for different ages and divisions to check-in, weigh-in and begin competition. We will include the elite division to round out this summer festival event.

We will be finalizing the registration process soon, and because many LBC's prefer not to pick a JO team to send, we will continue to take feedback from LBC leaders. We will likely leave as open registration and assign boxers to their pertinent region. We will come up with other ways to balance that, point standings, JO parade, etc.

Many of the safety practices will carry over to the Lubbock event. USA Boxing will continue to use #BacktoBoxing protocols which means that masks will continue to be required except by boxers in the ring. McAtee added, please explain to your members that masks are not political statements and the focus needs to be on the kids and keeping everyone safe. We take the steps necessary to hold events. Please check opinions at the door because here is what we need to do. Take the time to explain the why to folks so they understand why protocols are in place and encourage them to follow the precautions so we can allow athletes back in the ring.

We are considering adding a 5<sup>th</sup> ring to allow more boxers opportunity to participate, however, this will require more officials. We are asking all LBCs to fund one official as a walk-up to the event. Mike McAtee stated that every bout is a gold medal bout for the two boxers and their coaches. Because the tournament is longer in duration, officials need to be fresh and able to focus. The official evaluation program helps develop officials to return to the LBC and bring their expertise.

As we have not had a lot of boxing for a year now, it is important for COOs to ensure folks are certified at LBC clinics, and are encouraged to go to boxing gyms and help with sparring to knock off "ring rust". Referees can work inside the ring and judges can unofficially judge sparring matches to keep skills updated



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and fresh.

**Mike McAtee opened the floor for questions.**

Ansel Stewart, Michigan, stated he received a couple of text messages about a boxer stating the solution used to clean the gloves caused eye irritation. Mike Campbell answered that one boxer reported red spots on his face, so the ringside doctor examined and said no verification that chemicals caused the red marks. PH neutral solution utilized. Gloves were cleaned with same Clorox wipes we use at every tournament and brought extra gloves, so they were used less often.

Shaun Tallon, Illinois asked about one boxer that got taken out of the tournament due to a medical reason relating to where will the boxing passbook be sent back to? McAtee answered: It will be sent back to the registration chair. All books left behind at the tournament will be mailed to the LBC Registration Chair. McAtee added that passbooks were returned right after the bout to eliminate a crowd of folks trying to retrieve them at one time.

Debbie Holmes, Southwestern asked about the ESS System and some scoring issues that arose during the Shreveport event. Campbell stated we were working with David Llauro of the IOC Boxing Task Force to expand our relationship with Swiss Timing to ensure better function in Lubbock. We will have to make a capital expenditure to purchase additional systems. Will open up to LBCs who want to purchase a scoring system of their own and hold a training session in Lubbock. These scoring systems need are run on laptops so the LBC would have to either have or purchase one.

Jamil Ali, Middle Atlantic asked, is the LBC required to send a team JO's. Campbell responded that, no, LBCs do not have to send a team, we do want them to send officials and a team manager. No LBC rosters. Will arrange athletes into regions.

Israel Villa, Missouri Valley asked: If no LBC or regional teams, how will USA Boxing figure out the numbers allowed into the tournament, will it be first come, first served? Campbell answered saying we will have quota numbers but I am proud to say we were able to get everyone into the Shreveport event. Israel also asked, can a regional director officiate? Generally, the answer is no, but may have to expand that discussion. We will address further in the near future. JO Coordinators are very helpful in making the tournament great. Israel is having a problem getting officials re-certified. He has 4 clinicians and none are available to give a clinic and is working with Shawn for assistance. McAtee interjected that we can talk offline, maybe a designee for the JO, Israel can work the tournament and appoint a designee to take on the coordinator role (likely his wife).

Jeanne DePriest, Colorado asked if the LBC wishes to hold a state tournament and consider funding (lodging, per diem, etc.) for everyone who wins state tournament, may they get a free sanction for that? The answer is definitely YES. Jeanne asked about the age determination date? Same as normal, 2021 (minus year of birth) calendar year.

Larry Bright, Southeastern indicated their LBC would sponsor athletes similar to Colorado, holding an internal box off to determine who gets financial assistance.

Debbie Holmes, Southwestern commented that a 10-day national tournament is pretty long to commit to.



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McAtee said we will be reevaluating staffing and perhaps consider a rotation for folks that can commit to a portion of the event. This will be considered for ringside doctors as well.

Debbie Holmes, Southwestern asked if ranking points starting new? Bill Wells is finishing up this project and we will start publishing next week. Results from Lake Charles constitute ½ and Shreveport ½ to make up rankings.

Jamil Ali, Middle Atlantic asked if there is an update on Silver Gloves. Mike Campbell spoke to Michael Rodgers and the 2020 National Silver Gloves tournament will be held in Independence, MO over the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> weekend of August. The exact dates should be known around mid-May. Campbell will set a call with Mike Rodgers and will send an update as soon new information is received. McAtee will be talking to Bobby Russo next week to get an update on Golden Gloves. Aaron Sloan is still planning on Nationals taking place in Tulsa.

Israel Villa, Middle Atlantic stated that some LBCs need help with officials, so please consider travelling a little bit to help out neighboring LBCs with events.

Patrick Finklin, North Carolina reported that a recent official's clinic in his LBC recertified several officials and certified 20 new officials.

Larry Bright, Southeastern reported he had a great conversation with Jeff Hood of National PAL. Larry said he is encouraging each club in his LBC to reach out and start a PAL program. Nashville is in the process of reestablishing a program that has not been effect for 20 years. Larry also asked the average cost of holding a bronze coaching clinic as Southeastern would like plan to schedule one. McAtee stated he will get that information. It is approximately \$100 per attending coach and some LBCs offer to pay half the cost. Some LBCs join together to put on a bronze clinic.

### **Closing**

McAtee mentioned that many states are opening up and he is working with CA, NV, MA now. Even if a state says there is not a mask mandate, the #backtoboxing protocols still apply for USA Boxing events. For the mental health for our boxers and all of us, we need to focus on the boxing, creative ways for parents to be able to see through live stream, etc. Good ventilation is key as well.

Campbell reported that USA Boxing suffered a tremendous loss as Gary Toney, long time member, president of USAB, LBC leader for decades passed, and Steve Sodeman from IA, passed away as well after complications from surgery.

McAtee mentioned that we finally broke 20,000 members for 2021 and screening appeals are being processed very quickly and most people are able to participate.

Zoom call ended at 4:05 p.m.



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