



LBC Presidents' Call Meeting Notes
Thursday, October 22, 2020

Call commenced at 3:03 pm Mountain Time.

LBCs represented on the call: Central California, Colorado, Illinois, Inland Northwest, Lake Erie, Metropolitan, Michigan, Middle Atlantic, Minnesota, Nevada, North Carolina, Oregon, South Texas, Southern, Southeastern, Southwestern, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Staff present: Mike McAtee, Mike Campbell, Lynette Smith, Stacy Arredondo, and Ethan Figge.

Welcome: Mike McAtee, Executive Director welcomed everyone on the call.

Grassroots Grant: Gym owners are being notified if they received a grant. McAtee thanked the LBC Presidents who were part of the selection committee and reported that since we didn't have enough funding for all applicants, we are soliciting more donations.

National Championships: McAtee stated that we are 99% full of spots for the National Championships. Angel Villareal, National Championships Supervisor, is leading the first town hall meeting for officials this evening. We are also going to have one for coaches too. McAtee stated that he is going to Iowa to observe a wrestling event that has over 2,200 participants to see what they are doing for COVID precautions. McAtee thanked all for holding test events and doing after-action reports as the information has been helpful in creating our COVID protocols.

Mike Campbell, Boxing Operations & Events Manager added that the tournament is pretty much full and has a long waitlist. He expressed concern about weight management and encouraged weight class changes sooner rather than later. Please let the national office know right away if a boxer isn't coming. Also be sure to tell coaches and boxers that check-in and weigh-ins, etc. will be different because of COVID procedures. Campbell stated that we will be announcing the 2021 tournament schedule soon with the goal of trying to keep costs down. Silver Gloves will have a tournament in June, JO's will be in July and Golden Gloves in August, so keep that in mind when sanctioning regional events.

Lynette Smith, Membership Director reported that November 1st starts early registration for 2021 membership. A 10% discount for non-athletes and clubs, who were members in 2020, will be offered during the early registration period (November 1 – December 31, 2020).

Jamil Ali (Middle Atlantic) asked for the Silver Gloves and Golden Gloves tournament dates to be repeated; Silver Gloves will be towards the end of June and Jeanne DePriest (Colorado) stated that Golden Gloves will be August 7-15 with competition August 9-15.



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Angel Villareal, R/J Officials Update asked to please conduct officials' clinics during the test events and to contact Shawn Reese, R/J Committee Chairperson if you don't have a clinician. He encouraged all to use the Officials Pathway to get more parents, previous boxers, etc. involved as officials. Villareal also stated that we are working on a refresher course that will maintain levels through 2021.

Patrick Finklin (North Carolina) asked if refresher clinics were "official" to which Villareal stated no, but they will be useful to keep official skills sharp.

Ansel Stewart (Michigan) stated that they have a test show on November 7 and wondering if they can use the refresher course to advance levels. Unfortunately, no, this is just a refresher for 2021.

Leslie Washington (Lake Erie) asked through the Zoom chat where JO's in July are going to be. Campbell answered Lubbock, Texas and details will be announced in the upcoming weeks.

Ricky Womack (Potomac Valley) asked how officials make it to nationals. Campbell stated that invitations will go out soon, but more Level 1 and 2 officials/volunteers are needed as walk ups (meaning that they pay their own travel/hotel with USA Boxing providing meals). Villareal thinks that the LBCs should consider paying for these officials' travel and hotels, because the experience is valuable to the LBCs.

Zoom Meetings: McAtee thinks that the best thing about COVID is these meetings and we are looking at doing more zoom classes with officials and coaches.

Larry Bright (Southeastern) stated he might need McAtee and Campbell's help with a situation and McAtee responded that they are here to help the LBC boards so don't be afraid to reach out.

Debbie Holmes (Southwestern) asked if we are still looking for officials for Shreveport and if it is still okay to come for part of the week. Villareal answered yes, and stated that we need a list of all officials planning to attend as we will utilize pods because of COVID. The officials will need to pay their own expenses, except meals, and wear an official's uniforms when working the event. Villareal heard that hotel rooms are tight so decide soon.

Leslie Washington (Lake Erie) stated a concern about female participation and McAtee encouraged her and other LBC leaders to recruit other women to be officials.

Ricky Womack (Potomac Valley) asked if there will be LBC President training at Nationals, which there will not be; however, there may be training on Zoom in the future. Womack expressed LBC concerns and McAtee stated that they will discuss offline and Campbell mentioned that he is available for the LBC meeting.

Closing: McAtee stated that we will be keeping the meetings every other week, so the next one is on November 5th. Please send your questions to Stacy beforehand at sarredondo@usaboxing.org. This will keep the meetings running efficiently. Thank you again to everyone for your leadership!

Meeting ended 3:52 pm.



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