LBC Presidents’ Call Meeting Notes
Thursday, November 19, 2020

Call commenced at 3:08 pm Mountain Time.

LBCs represented on the call: Adirondack, Allegheny Mountain, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Gulf, Hawaii, Illinois, Lake Erie, Middle Atlantic, Minnesota, NCBA, Nevada, Ohio, Oregon, Ozark, South Texas, Southern California, Southwestern, Utah, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Staff present: Mike McAtee (joined at 3:38 pm), Mike Campbell, Stacy Arredondo, and Ethan Figge. Board member, Eric Buller was also on the call.

Welcome: Mike Campbell, Boxing Operations & Events Manager welcomed everyone to the call and introduced Eric Buller, Group Membership Board of Director who also represents the NCBA LBC.

Board of Directors: Campbell reported that there was a Board of Directors meeting last night and staff is pleased that the relationship with the board members is great. Buller added that he feels that information and communication has improved and he has passed on the value of these meetings. Buller also expressed appreciation for everyone’s work at the LBC level. The highlights of the board meeting included:

- The LBC Bylaws were approved.
- The 2021 budget was approved.
- The Nominations & Governance committee approved the re-appointment of three board members, Tyson Lee, Ebony Haliburton and Hector Colon, for another term.

High Performance Update: Campbell reported that the high-performance team are preparing for a training camp in Chula Vista, CA and the first Silver Coaches Education took place. The silver level ensures the competency in education and training of our coaches and prepares athletes for the next level.

30 Days from Event Report: Ethan Figge, Membership Coordinator reported on the information that was released two weeks ago on what coaches should be doing before Nationals: making sure physicals are done prior to the event; taking vitamins to boost immunity; segregating gyms into who is going to Nationals and who is not; wearing masks; training outdoors if possible, following #backtoboxing protocols; not going to indoor bars or restaurants; washing hands; limiting travel outside your community; getting testing, and avoiding face to face contact outside of travel pods.

Town Hall Meetings: Campbell reported that the national office has conducted meetings for officials and coaches and will be doing one for the athletes. The meetings outline the Covid processes and all that will be required for the event.
Membership Services Update: Campbell reported that the membership department has been the busiest he's ever seen and complimented the staff. He also mentioned that they have been short-handed due to family emergencies and to please be graceful. In addition to early membership registration, membership staff have been making sure that event participants have physicals uploaded and that membership cards have photos, birthdate (green V) and citizen (American flag) verification on it. This will save time and congestion at Nationals.

Early registration continues with a 10% discount for 2020 renewing non-athlete and clubs until December 31-2020. Campbell recognized some LBCs that have given additional discounts including Minnesota, South Texas, Colorado and Gulf.

Officials Refresher Course: Angel Villarreal, R/J Chairperson announced that this weekend will be the last USA Boxing Officials Refresher Course before Nationals. They have been given via Zoom and offer an extension. Look on the website for the information.

Shaun Tallon (Illinois) complimented staff on response to an issue from the new background screening company. Campbell added that if anyone else has members getting flagged when they were approved before, they can be appealed. Claudia in membership handles this so reach out to her.

Boxing Day in America: Campbell announced that Gulf and Middle Atlantic LBCs both had successful BDA events and all should consider hosting one next year (it is usually held the first weekend in November).

Executive Director Report: Mike McAtee, Executive Director joined the call at 3:38 pm and mentioned that he agrees with Lynette on how great it is to connect. He stated that he and Campbell have a 4:00 pm call with the Louisiana Health Department about the National Championships. He stated that there will be a decision about Covid testing going out on Monday. There will be temperature checks and health surveys every day and we will be “podding up”. We will be following the same 3 principles listed in our #backtoboxing protocols to make any decisions; the health and safety of boxers, coaches and officials; the health and safety of administrative staff; and if we are acting as good citizens. McAtee also stated that we are committed depending on the local governments and will keep membership posted.

LBC Bylaws: McAtee added that we will be sending out individualized versions of the LBC bylaws that were approved at the board meeting and we will have Zoom meetings for explanation of changes.

Ted Stevens Sports Act Update was signed by President this past week. This gives more oversight for sports so will impact us, LBCs, and group members. One of the changes is having more athlete representation on both national and LBC boards.

Rafael Davila (South Texas) mentioned that he has had coaches expressing second thoughts of attending Nationals and was wondering if they need to let the national office know if they decide not to attend. Campbell stated yes because it helps the waitlist fill the bracket. Campbell said we have a waiting list of 300 boxers and McAtee stated that we will have something out next week about refunds.

High Performance Selection Procedures are posted on website, which shows the opportunities for Team USA.

AIBA Congress is scheduled for early December and a new AIBA president will be elected. We are vetting candidates by asking questions about their stance on issues. We are one small part of the boxing world and Villarreal stated that we need to determine who is going to be our best partner since we have the most AIBA officials in the world.
At 4:05 pm, McAtee left the meeting to jump on a call with Louisiana doctors. He wished all a Happy Thanksgiving and joked that all officials would be weighing in at the event.

**Shaun Tallon (Illinois)** asked about changes to the Ted Stevens Act. Campbell responded that they are to mainly reinforce authority especially with Safesport and to look on Google for details of what was passed in October.

**Jamil Ali (Mid-Atlantic)** stated that his LBC lost two members this week from Covid. Campbell responded to all take care of ourselves and to please email Stacy anyone who has passed so they can be part of our Final Count that is shown at Nationals. Please send name, LBC, and if they are a boxer, coach, official or LBC leader.

**Closing:** Campbell said good-bye and thank you for attending.

Call ended at 4:08 pm.