



**LBC Presidents' Call Meeting Notes**  
**Conference Call for LBC Presidents regarding COVID-19**  
**April 24, 2020**

Call commenced at 1:02 p.m. (Mountain Time) with 32 LBC Leaders in attendance, along with the following USA Boxing staff members: Mike McAtee, Lynette Smith, Mike Campbell, Ethan Figge and Stacy Arredondo.

LBCs present that contacted Stacy: South Texas, West Texas, Ozark, Hawaii, Colorado, Central California, West Virginia, Inland Northwest, New England, Illinois, Minnesota, Ohio, Border, Arkansas, Oregon, Potomac Valley, and Nevada.

**Welcome:** Mike McAtee, Executive Director, thanked all for being on the call and mentioned that at some point we may do a video conference call. Mike asked everyone to email Stacy, so we would know which LBCs are represented.

**Three Principles:** McAtee informed that all decisions regarding COVID-19 will be made based on the following three principles:

1. For the health and safety of boxers, coaches and officials
2. For the health and safety of administrators and staff
3. To encourage good citizenship to help mitigate the pandemic

**Back to Boxing Document:** Mike referenced the document that was sent out earlier in the week to the LBC leaders and noted that the questions that we received were appreciated. McAtee stated that the items outlined are recommendations and we will change wording on the document accordingly. Please see the updated document at <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Boxing/Coronavirus> under Tier 1 - Return to Gym - Preparation and Phase 1.

- As stated before, gyms first and foremost need to follow local, state and federal restrictions.
- McAtee recommends that LBC leaders look at local rules, but we can only recommend not enforce best practices in gym use.
- The national office and LBCs are not responsible for purchasing facemasks, thermometers, cleaning supplies, etc.
- A few LBCs reached out regarding rules for competition and McAtee stated that we will have more control of this. We are starting to work on guidelines for returning to competition, but McAtee thinks this is about 6 weeks out from the entry into the White House's phase 1. The guidelines will



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be a combined effort with the R/J Commission, Medical Commission, Coaches Commission and staff. If you have any ideas, please forward to Stacy or Mike Campbell

**Membership has been or will be working on:**

- Keeping the COVID-19 tab on the website up to date
- Reaching out to those that haven't re-joined in 2020 so when boxing starts, they will have Safesport, background screenings, and certifications already in place.
- Creating and updating a list of states and where they fall in the White House phases and will be returning to boxing. McAtee requested that if LBC leaders see something in their area to please forward to us.

**Return to Boxing Task Force:** We have created a task force with coaches, athletes, officials, doctors and staff. McAtee reminded all that things have been changing daily.

**Questions / Comments from LBC Leaders:**

**Ken Cooper (NCBA in for Eric Buller)** asked about insurance coverage. McAtee explained that he and Lynette met with our insurance carrier and our insurance has remained in effect, since we are under one umbrella policy. So even if someone is hurt while gyms are supposed to be closed, they are covered. We have asked about discounts like with car insurance and we are in negotiations.

**Arthur Johnson (Ozark)** asked if there will be a membership discount since members aren't getting a full year. McAtee stated that it will be part of the board meeting next week and he will recommend that we re-evaluate in 60 days.

**Joe Ponce (Southwestern)** is a referee and asked if referees will be able to wear face masks. McAtee stated that it is part of the discussion with the Return to Boxing Task Force, which includes R/J and doctors, but it is likely since we will continue to base to all decisions on the 3 principles, unless it gives a boxer a competitive advantage.

**Joe Ponce (Southwestern)** asked if spectators will be allowed. McAtee stated that we are going to follow federal, state and local rules. If the rule is not more than 50 people, then our recommendation is not to have more than 50 people.

**Ricky Womack (Potomac Valley)** was late on the call and wanted to hear from beginning (he was joking), but McAtee said the minutes would be sent out to everyone.

**Treasurer's Trainings:** the first one was last night, and it was so nice to see faces. Although we had technical difficulties at the start, it went well. We have 2 more treasurer trainings coming up and please make sure your treasurer or representative attends.

**Shaun Tallon (Illinois)** said that "stay at home" is until the end of May for him; he liked video aspect of the treasurer training; and thanked national office.



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**Jose Banales (Nevada)** asked what the 60 days until competition was based on. McAtee clarified that it is 6 weeks of training needed before competition after the state says it can open it up. The statement of after 60 days, refers to when McAtee will review credits/refunds for sanctions and memberships fees.

**Jake Smith (South Atlantic)** asked if boxers from other LBCs can compete once there are shows. McAtee answered that is a question for the taskforce but thinks that it will be answered with the “Three Principles” in mind so events will probably only be boxers from within the LBC.

**Shaun Tallon (Illinois)** stated that it would be easier state to state, since some LBCs are in more than one state, and **Ricky Womack (Potomac Valley)** stated that training won’t be equal if it comes through at different times. McAtee asked for suggestions/comments to be sent to [membership@usaboxing.org](mailto:membership@usaboxing.org).

**Closing:** McAtee thanked everyone for their time and asked to please identify challenges and suggestions as he values the LBCs leaders’ opinions and experience. He also stated that the Back to Boxing document will be going out.

Meeting ended at 1:57 pm.



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