



LBC Presidents' Call Meeting Notes
Thursday, July 30, 2020

Call commenced at 3:03 pm Mountain Time.

LBCs represented on the call: Adirondack, Central California, Colorado, Georgia, Gulf, Hawaii, Illinois, Lake Erie, Metro, Mid-Atlantic, Nevada, New Jersey, Oregon, Ohio, South Texas, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

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

Welcome: Mike McAtee, Executive Director welcomed the presidents to the call. He let all know that there was a very productive 2 hours and 45 minutes board meeting the night before.

Board Decision on Sanction Refunds/Credits: McAtee reported that as promised the Board of Directors discussed refunds/credits for sanctions affected by COVID-19. He stated that so far 58 sanctions had been rescheduled; 7 sanctions were purchased by LBCS; 2 sanction holders asked for credit towards boxing equipment; 29 requested refunds and 218 sanctions that were undecided. Should all sanction holders request a refund, the USA Boxing budget would be affected by \$47,000, of which \$21,000 would affect LBC budgets. The Board unanimously decided to issue sanction refunds for those not wanting to reschedule or exchange for equipment purchase. Sanction holders can re-schedule for 2021 even without a specific date. The membership department will be sending out a memo to all sanction holders as well as LBC presidents in case questions arise. The 29 requested refunds will be processed tomorrow and please note that the last date to request a refund is October 31, 2020.

Shaun Tallon (Illinois) asked if the national office will be sending the refund information out, and yes, the membership department will do so.

Frank Aleman (Central California) asked about Western Qualifier refunds. McAtee stated that Mike Campbell will be covering that in his report shortly.

Jamil Ali (Mid-Atlantic) asked if it is okay to hold the sanction next year. McAtee clarified that yes, sanctions can be in held in 2021 and to let Ethan in membership know if the rescheduled date is not yet known.

#Backtoboxing procedures: McAtee reported that the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and American Boxing Confederation (AMBC) requested our COVID-19 back to boxing policies and procedures. Ray Silvas, our AIBA representative, is working Andrew Banuet in Membership to translate them for the Spanish speaking countries. We are the first country to return to competition and this is in great part because of the LBC's help developing and adhering to #Back to Boxing protocols and policies. We are grateful to our LBC leadership for their "all in" participation during COVID-19.



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Mike Campbell, Boxing Operations & Events Manger reported that we've had nine test events within seven LBCs. They were successful so thank you to those LBCs. The most important result of the test event is to gain confidence that the sanctioned event will be safe. Nebraska has had 2 events in preparation for the Buffalo Bill event, which is this weekend. We didn't want to encourage travel from far way due to COVID so Nebraska LBC had a list of the LBCs that could participate. 100 boxers were registered. Florida has had 2 test events for the Sugar Bert event, which is being held at the end of August. This tournament also has a limited list of states that can participate. Ethan will send a list of the states that are allowed to participate in Sugar Bert. Tournament organizers need to check participant's home states since Webpoint does not have that capability. The process is in the *Back to Boxing Event Guide*, including signage, pre-event check list and after-action report. Campbell also reiterated to let Ethan know of any sanctions or any requests to re-schedule sanctions.

Western Qualifier Credits / Refunds: We will refund (or give credit for boxing equipment) for the Masters' event registration that was supposed to be held during the Western Qualifier. Regular Western Qualifier registration fees will automatically be converted to registration for National Championships. If a boxer is not going to the National Championships, they may request a refund.

Jeanne DePriest (Colorado) asked the difference between test event and first sanction and if they are allowed to have more bouts after they complete a test event. LBCs need to set the policy (including the number of bouts) based on venue rules and local and state guidelines. The test events should act as a guide to determine the number of bouts etc., so yes, more bouts can occur at subsequent sanctioned events.

COVID exposure: McAtee feels limiting exposure to COVID is important. It is better to have two smaller shows than one large show. He reminded that LBCs must help trace contacts if someone is exposed.

Lynette Smith, Membership Director reported that we've had over 700 members sign-up or renew in July. Most have come from areas of test events. We have found that events drive membership.

Foundation Meeting: McAtee reported that the Foundation had a meeting on Wednesday and approved funding for scholarships, high performance and grants for gyms. A grant committee is being formed to determine the criteria. The committee will be made of up representatives from the Foundation, Board, LBCs, Coaches Commission and staff. Cam Thompson will take on the lead staff representative role. LBC Presidents should email Stacy and Mike if interested in being on the committee.

Giving Games: McAtee reminded everyone that the Giving Games is going on and to please forward information to your contacts outside of boxing friends. Campbell let it be known that McAtee is one of our largest donors so far and the board has been challenged to give.

High Performance: McAtee reported that we had a successful camp with the Qualification Team and alternates, and competition plans are underway for the Fall.

Angel Villareal (R/J Chairperson) stated that Ray Silvas is conducting a zoom meeting with AIBA officials on Saturday, August 1. He stressed that it is important for officials to keep skills fresh and revisit the rules. Having trainings at events will keep volunteers coming back.

Diana Leon (Gulf) stated that while doing pre-work for Gulf's test event that she discovered that she was no longer able to look up boxers outside of her LBC on Webpoint. McAtee explained that the access was removed because of federal privacy regulations and laws. We are working with Webpoint to see how to



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facilitate greater access. Please contact the membership department in the meantime if you need help looking up members outside of your LBC.

Larry Bright (Southeastern) agreed that the limited Webpoint access is an issue.

Social Media Policy: Campbell answered Larry Bright's question about rival coaches posting on social media. This is a tricky issue because of the Constitution's First Amendment but negative social media postings and bullying can lead to grievances, which can lead to suspensions. Please try to be great leaders and coach those coaches that if it is considered a criminal act they won't be there for their kids.

Jeanne DePriest (Colorado) mentioned that officials are calling about membership credits. McAtee answered that this has not been determined yet because a refund of \$10-\$14 per member would result in about \$500,000 in lost revenue which would remove two national events next year. The Board wants to be reasonable and fair, so we are looking at options which may include a discount for next year. This will be a board decision with input from membership and committees. It should be noted that USA Boxing never shut down. The national office staff continued to perform job duties (remotely and in-house), work continued including on official clinics, coaches clinics, COVID responses, supporting gyms and insurance has been in full effect the entire time.

Frank Aleman (Central California) asked Angel if the clinic certifications earned in December will still be good. Angel answered yes, we are carrying them over because of COVID-19.

Eiichi Jumawan (Hawaii) is it true when events are being planned, they are supposed to include individuals only within that LBC? Yes and no. Test event is LBC then determine what are the local and state rules. Talk with LBCs in similar COVID opening situations. Regional participation may be allowed but ultimately the LBC's decision. IS it okay for Hawaii members to attend Sugar Bert? No, only states in same phase and regionally situation may attend. The main goal is to limit COVID exposure. A club in Hawaii raising is funds on Go Fund Me to attend the Sugar Bert event. Request Eiichi send this information to Mike Campbell.

Closing: Thank you for your time and work moving forward.

Meeting adjourned at 4:16 pm



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