



LBC Presidents' Call Meeting Notes
Thursday, August 13, 2020

Call commenced at 3:03 pm Mountain Time.

LBCs represented on the call: Adirondack, Arkansas, California Border, Central California, Colorado, Georgia, Gulf, Illinois, Inland Northwest, Lake Erie, Metro, Michigan, Minnesota, Mid-Atlantic, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, Ohio, Oregon, Ozark, South Texas, Southeastern, Southwestern, Utah, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

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

Welcome: Mike McAtee, Executive Director welcomed the presidents to the call and expressed condolences for Jose Banales, Nevada LBC President who was on last week's call and passed later that day. We took a moment in silence to remember him.

Lynette Smith, Membership Director reported good news in that LBC leaders can now do everything in Webpoint for their own LBC and see information for other LBCs.

Mike Campbell, Boxing Operations & Events Manager reported that he and his family completed their move to Colorado. He asked Ethan Figge, Membership Coordinator to confirm that there have been 13 successful test events in 10 LBCs with 3 more scheduled. Nebraska had a successful event with 115 boxers and 45 matches; and passed the 14-day incubation period with no exposure. Campbell also reported that the officials' survey showed that 50% of the officials were not comfortable in returning, so LBCs should concentrate working with those that are comfortable. At the Gulf test event a boxer tested positive; however, we were able to use the #backtoboxing procedures and contact everyone and no one else contracted COVID. Campbell asked LBC leaders to please let us know when you are considering have a test event. Campbell also mentioned that there have been some questions about National Championships. He stated that Lake Charles is ready for us and we are planning for it.

Taryn Cass, Boxing Operations & Events Coordinator stated that the first shipment of the Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) orders is going out tomorrow except for the re-usable masks. Those will be coming UPS ground. Cass also stated that she got to see de-sanitizing process in Nebraska and the Pure & Clean Hypochlorous Acid worked great. She said that Amazon has a similar product, Enviro Cleanse that Tom Lindsey used in Texas.

Shaun Tallon (Illinois) asked the prediction for the National event. McAtee answered that we are hoping for it especially since it will have possible implications for the 2024 Olympic qualification team. He assured that we will host the event safely.

Angel Villarreal (Wisconsin) asked that we set a cut-off date for National Championships, since he is concerned about airfare, and hotel reservations. He stated that Wisconsin is going backwards so would appreciate having lead time if his LBC will not be allowed to attend the Nationals.



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High Performance update: McAtee reported that we had 2 camps for Olympic Qualifying Team with alternates. We are still not able to get into the OTC but looking at gym alternatives.

COVID-19: We have not had a case of the virus spreading within a boxing gym which shows the importance success of our #backtoboxing protocols. Coaches need a “pat on the back” for following the protocols and McAtee reminded that it’s not a matter of **if** someone gets COVID, it is **when** someone gets COVID so be sure to follow the protocols.

Ernesto Flores (Utah) stated that they have a sanctioned test event set for tomorrow and asked if could just be sparring. McAtee answered yes and the purpose is to give confidence on safety procedures. Plus, it is a good opportunity for officials to practice. Flores stated that they got everything from Ethan and are set for tomorrow night.

Cindy Schumacher (Minnesota) stated that she is sitting in for Aaron Resberg and asked if they be listed as “not open” McAtee stated that we are re-doing the map and that Ethan will reach out.

Cynthia Guerrero (California Border) said she feels confident to do a test event but Joe Zanders says the California Governor won’t allow it. McAtee responded that he’s meeting with is CSAC on Tuesday and would like to schedule a meeting for after that.

Staff Projects: McAtee reported that staff is working with the Silver Gloves, compliance for Golden Gloves and the 2021 budget.

Matt Meyers (Nebraska) stated that unfortunately he turned into the “mask police” at his LBC event, especially with coaches talking to their boxers. at his LBC’s event.

Jamil Ali (Mid-Atlantic) likes the idea of addressing masks since he also had issues with coaches who kept pulling masks down at his event.

Angel Villarreal (R/J Commission Chairperson) stated that masks should be addressed at the coaches meeting. He considers it a safety infraction and there should be zero exception and the bout should be stopped and coach replaced the first time it happens. McAtee agrees that it needs to be discussed and we will have a policy that is enforceable.

Ernesto Flores (Utah) asked how many coaches were allowed in corners in past test events, which is two. He will put it in the a “Know before you Go” information for his event.

Mike Campbell added that a walk through is a great idea as well as coaches meeting. He believes that communication is the key. Officials are already taxed so it is now more important than ever to have volunteers to help with cleaning, traffic flow, equipment etc.

Ethan Figge, Membership Coordinator is working on a guide to include all the best practices.

Jerrick Jones (Adirondack) asked if anyone had done a test show outside. McAtee encourages this, if possible, or at least to open doors for ventilation. Ethan added that there is a lot of data confirming good ventilation is very helpful in stopping/slowing the spread of COVID-19, therefore moving outside is ideal when possible.



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Background checks: McAtee encouraged that if coaches are concerned about background checks to please reach out to us. We are able to grant some waivers so please encourage those coaches, especially since “Boxing is a sport of redemption.” What people do after they make a bad choice is important.

Tom Lindsey (South Texas) suggested that as soon as coaches bring equipment (to an event) take it to a de-sanitization station set up for that purpose.

Campbell passed on from Ray Cuadrado (Metro) that it is helpful to appoint an official to be a “Sergeant of Arms” to watch for safety violations so the other officials can concentrate on the bouts.

Closing: We are moving forward and appreciate your time. Please reach out with questions. We are going to start doing some zoom town hall calls and we are working on other ways to communicate with members.

Meeting adjourned at 4:02 pm.



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