



LBC Presidents' Call Meeting Notes
Thursday, August 28, 2020

Call commenced at 3:04 pm Mountain Time.

LBCs represented on the call: Adirondack, Central California, Colorado, Georgia, Gulf, Hawaii, Illinois, Lake Erie, Metropolitan, Middle Atlantic, Minnesota, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Ozark, Potomac Valley, South Texas, Southern California, Southwestern, and West Virginia.

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

Welcome: Mike McAtee, Executive Director welcomed the presidents to the call and expressed sympathies for those effected by the recent hurricane in the great boxing state of Louisiana. Mike encouraged all LBC leaders to reach out to friends and family in the area and let them know we are keeping them in our thoughts and prayers.

Lynette Smith, Membership Director reported that things in membership are starting to pick up. Over the last week we have seen a large number of people joining USA Boxing, as well as a large number of background check appeals. If anyone has any queries, or if they worried USA Boxing can help belay their fears and most likely can get them approved to join USA Boxing. If anybody has questions or needs help, the membership staff is available and love talking to you. We are not going to compromise the safety of our athletes, but we realize that sometimes people make bad choices and what they do after those choices is very important. The membership staff likes to stay busy so please keep calls coming.

Ricky Womack (Potomac Valley) asked a question about membership. He has a coach that falls under the master official who would like to get back into boxing to help out with all the great work we are doing. Lynette will reach out to Ricky tomorrow morning to discuss.

Rafael Davila (South Texas) said he has a few coaches that have expressed they can not print their membership cards because the system is saying they have not taken SafeSport. The coaches say they took SafeSport, but they don't have a confirmation that they actually took the course. He wanted to know how he should advise them. Lynette said to please call the national office and we will look into their full membership history to verify and clear up any confusion. Then USA Boxing can give them the proof they need as well as marking USA Boxing's records. Unfortunately, this has happened with a few members through the SafeSport system which is not managed by USA Boxing, so have them call the 719-866-2323 and we will be happy to help them out.

Mike Campbell, Boxing Operations & Events Manager thanked the LBC presidents for all the great leadership they provide to their members. Campbell said that today he has a heavy heart over the devastating news to see what happened in Lake Charles. He is a former Houston resident, so this hits home for him. Lake Charles treated USA Boxing really great last year. They opened their arms to us and it felt like family, so this feels more like a family member getting hit hard. USA Boxing has spent the morning monitoring the situation down there and talking with



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our partners in Louisiana. Campbell was hoping that today we would announce the opening of registration for nationals, but we will keep the LBC leaders updated as USA Boxing monitors the situation and plans accordingly. Campbell added that Mike McAtee always says that he says that “boxing is the sport of redemption” and one of our great grassroots programs in western Pennsylvania shared an outstanding video today they showed Paul Spatiforia giving back to boxing by giving back to the local club there. It’s an excellent story and shows what amateur boxing provides. This is why its critical for background checks and screening appeals to be processed because there are many other variations of this important story. With events, we are plugging forward trying to increase and maximize opportunities. There were six test events last weekend and three single day events. Ethan Figge and Campbell went up to Wyoming where they held 28 matches, and the level of competition was excellent. They had a great room with a lot of airflow and plexiglass shields for the judges. As we transition from test events to single day shows, it is important to keep these protocols to keep everyone safe. It is also important because the world is watching, and we want them to see all the hard work and tremendous examples of well-run events being done at the grassroots level.

Ricky Womack (Potomac Valley) noticed that the District of Columbia was left off the chart. Also wanted to know if USA Boxing has a rule about having an event outdoors. McAtee wants to set up a call to discuss with the Potomac Valley Board and Chief of Officials and work though some of these LBC specific issues. It also looks like the nation is moving forward as a whole and again work with your coaches and administrators, events can be scheduled. Shawn Reese and the R/J commission are working on some quizzes to help officials knock off some of their ring rust, so those will be coming out soon. We will also be sending out the chart to the LBC leaders to review before posting to the website. The next thing is please keep track of how many boxers, officials, staff, etc. are coming to your test events. This information is critical in our decision-making process. This data also supports that getting back to boxing is critical not only for competition, but for the mental health of our coaches and officials.

Shaun Tallon (Illinois) asked if USA Boxing has talked to the national board about Silver Gloves. McAtee thought Joe is on the call and as we all know Silver Gloves has been a long time running and maybe one of our best grassroots tournaments out there.

Joe Zanders (South California) stated that unfortunately there is nothing new at this time and as of our last Silver Gloves call, we are working towards making a decision closer to the end of September.

Shaun Tallon (Illinois) wanted to say you will see members, coaches, and other organizations throwing USA Boxing under the bus on Facebook. At the end of the day USA Boxing wants to get back to boxing more than anyone. So, when you see your members posting false information on Facebook about things USA Boxing has no control over, please do your best to educate them. McAtee stated that this is the beauty of our country. We have the right to free speech and to express our opinions. He agrees that we can be positive about this and we will be a better organization on the back end of Covid-19. He does think if someone does post something then it’s an opportunity to coach them.

Cindy Schumacher (Minnesota) wanted to follow up with what Shaun said about people blaming USA Boxing for Covid-19. On the same note, she knows our president has spoken with Mike Campbell and we are getting people blaming the LBC saying “USA Boxing says we are open” even though we are not. It would be nice to be on the same page. McAtee agreed stating that he totally understands. In places like Colorado we had some counties saying gyms are open and others saying they are not. So technically the gyms are open, but its not normal boxing gym protocols. Keeping in mind different counties have different restrictions. If we need to get on a call with you and your board, we can set up a time to do that. He thanked all again and knows its easy to get distracted by your own lives. He knows our members greatly appreciate what you are doing and keeping your members informed.



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Closing: McAtee stated that he could tell that all of us here at USA Boxing are committed to work. Again, please follow your state and local guidelines and keep your thoughts and prayers on our families down in Louisiana.

Meeting adjourned at 3:47 pm.



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