



LBC Presidents' Call Meeting Notes
Thursday, September 10, 2020

Call commenced at 3:02 pm Mountain Time.

LBCs represented on the call: Adirondack, California Border, Central California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Gulf, Hawaii, Idaho Snake River, Illinois, Indiana, Lake Erie, Metropolitan, Mid-Atlantic, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New England, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Oregon, Potomac Valley, South Carolina, South Texas, Southeastern, Southern California, Southwestern, USIBA, Utah, West Texas, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

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

Welcome: Mike Campbell, Boxing Operations & Events Manager, welcomed everyone to the call and informed all that Mike McAtee, Executive Director is traveling and that he and Lynette Smith will run the meeting. Campbell hoped that the meeting would be interactive.

In Our Thoughts: Campbell stated that Gary Tony of West Virginia, former USA Boxing BOD President and founder of Hometown Heroes one of our biggest events is battling COVID so our thoughts are with him. Lynette added that Ronald "Woodie" Woodward, who was a long-time member had passed away today, so prayers for his family as well.

New General Membership Board of Director: Campbell informed that we had over 20 amazing applications for the General Membership Director and Jonathan Prin an official out of New York was selected. We are on-boarding him next week.

High Performance: Campbell stated that our Elite Athletes are in camp in Colorado Springs and we are excited to return to the Olympic Training Center. They are getting ready for international competition in October and will compete in qualifiers in early 2021.

#backtoboxing: Ethan will be sending out state phase changes. Please let us know if the information is correct as we want to display the most up to date information. Currently only Oregon and California are not open.

Membership Update: Lynette Smith, Membership Director reported that Membership Services has received a lot of calls about Nationals and grassroots grant applications. We are updating the restriction affidavit form and sending out a supply to each LBC. Once received, please dispose of old ones. Campbell complimented the membership staff for all the calls they take and all the help they provide.

Memorial Form: Smith announced that there is now a Memorial Form which will help in recognizing members at the end of the year "Final Ten Count" video which will be shown at Nationals and available on the website after. Attached is the form to use.



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Grants for Clubs: the information is on the website and please encourage clubs to apply. We are seeking more funds to help more clubs.

Scholarships: There are not as many applicants this year, so reach out to athletes and have them apply. Shaun Tallon (Illinois) asked if the limited bouts requirement was being waived; yes, due to COVID it is.

Feel Good Stories: We'd like to hear "feel good stories" of clubs to help seek additional funding for grants. Please send them in to Cam Thompson at cthompson@usaboxing.org

Merchandise sale has been extended for another week.

Coaching Education: The Silver Clinic will be rolled out at National Championships. Let us know if you'd like to host a Bronze Clinic. We are happy for Chad's new coaching position with the Marines because of the importance of military boxing, our loss is their gain.

Test Event Sanctions: Ethan Figge with Membership Services thanked the LBCs who have already had or are planning their test events. 20 LBCs have completed test events which is about 1/3 and there are 28 actual events planned through October 18. After action reports is important as we look over them and make changes accordingly.

High Performance continues to work on selection procedures. Plan should be released in next couple weeks.

National Events Update: Campbell updated that revenue took a tremendous hit because of COVID, so we are going to change our 2021 National event calendar. We are looking to do more with less. Campbell and staff continue to be saddened about *Hurricane Laura* hitting Lake Charles as the city is destroyed. The roof of the Civic Center we were in last December was destroyed and hotels are at 60% capacity; plus, it will be 6-8 weeks before power is restored. Campbell's objective is to do a benefit for them as they were great partners and helped us economically.

National Championships in December: Campbell stated that we are already in talks with various cities to host the 2020 National Championships. Our goal is to have the National Championship during the same week in December in close proximity to Lake Charles (warmer climate). Our guiding principle is to keep costs down for hotels, transportation, and catering. We also try to determine a variety of activities in the area, so it can also be a vacation for our boxing families. We hope to know the location in the upcoming weeks. The event will be a bit different this year as we will be following the COVID protocols and have rolling check-in (meaning that if the boxer doesn't have a bout until later in the week, you won't check-in until later, so please hold off on travel plans for now.)

Regional Events: We are committed to growing regional competition too. We hope to support them administratively and with officials. Campbell reported that we had a great meeting with Golden Gloves and re looking to support their events as well.

Membership Registration & Boxing Day in America: Early registration will begin November 1. "Boxing day in America" is scheduled for the first Saturday in November (November 7, 2020). LBCs should consider hosting as it's a free sanction for sparring competition that introduces the sport of boxing to your community and celebrates boxing. It's also a great time to hold clinics.



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Rafael Davila (South Texas) asked if the Sugar Bert Tournament is still happening in October. Although we are giving Bert time after the last event to decompress, he is committed to Louisiana, but participation will be limited.

Ernesto Flores (Utah) asked if there are free sanctions this year. Campbell responded that he is working on it. There is a gap between test event and single day sanctions. Campbell stated that McAtee is considering a sanction discount because we know there are expenses. Flores asked if an LBC can help pay for sanctions and use funds that are normally spent to send boxers to a tournament.

Debbie Holmes (Southwestern) asked when the "About Us" staff information on the website is going to be updated. Campbell responded that staff has actually updated bios so it should be up soon.

Shaun Tallon (Illinois) asked about the discount for membership. Campbell responded that it is a large amount of money and is being part of a board member decision Tallon suggested giving the funds to the LBCS for more sanctions.

Closing: Campbell thanked everyone again and encouraged them to please continue utilizing national staff.

The meeting ended at 3:47pm.



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