



**LBC Presidents' Call Meeting Notes**  
**Thursday, September 24, 2020**

Call commenced at 3:04 pm Mountain Time.

LBCs represented on the call: Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Inland Northwest Lake Erie, Metropolitan, Michigan, Middle Atlantic, Minnesota, NCBA Collegiate Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, North California, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Ozark, Potomac Valley, South Texas, Southwestern, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

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

**Welcome:** Mike Campbell, Boxing Operations & Events Manager welcomed the presidents to the call and let it be known that Mike McAtee is finishing up a meeting and will be joining the call in a few minutes.

**National Office Update:** Campbell reported that after six months, he is very excited that we are headed towards a national tournament in December. Membership services is constantly on the phones helping members. High Performance is extremely busy with camps and getting ready for international competition ahead of the Americas qualifiers. Ethan Figge has been working on an updated chart that will be sent to all the LBC presidents after this call. USA Boxing is happy to report that every state is open for gym participation is some capacity. This is a good illustration that we are headed towards more training, test events, and local shows.

**National Championships:** The change from Lake Charles to Shreveport has really set back the timeline USA Boxing had in place for the national championships, but we are committed to catch up and get everything ready. USA Boxing is doing a site visit next week that will include a live stream press conference. It is important to reiterate that this National Championships will be different than anything we have ever gone to or encountered before. We will take the successes and improvements from the test events, and apply them to a 4 ring, potentially 1000 boxer event. We are creating Covid rules and protocols for this National Championships and those will be strictly enforced with zero tolerance. It is expected that if you are participating or attending this event that you want to be part of #BacktoBoxing.

**Tournament Check-in / Brackets:** At the National Championships, we will have a rolling check-in because we cannot have a large crowd at Sunday check-in. For this event we will wave the mandatory Sunday check-in and boxers will need to check-in the day before their first bout. To achieve this, we must put limits on the brackets. Once the bracket is full, we will have a standby list and Events Staff will confirm participation to free up slots if need be. The number of people in the bracket determines the first and last day of competition. Therefore, it determines what day they must check-in. Please emphasize to coaches and boxers to look at the Check-In Schedule posted on the website. The goal here is to alleviate crowds at check-in, as well as hotel and travel costs. There will be check-in and a draw each day. Organizations around the world have taken notice of our protocols, which have been derived from test events, and now we will have an opportunity to show that we can run a large four ring



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tournament. This is a testament to all the work LBC leaders have been doing with the test events and the work that Ethan Figge has done collecting the numbers.

**Membership Update:** Lynette Smith, Membership Director reported that the membership services team has been sending out notices to those who were registered for the Western Qualifier (WQ) in Reno to transfer the event fee to the National Championships. We are hoping to get these done by the end of the week so please be patient if one of your boxers has received a notice and another hasn't. Membership services is excited to open event registration on October 1<sup>st</sup>, but please remember to have WQ boxers check their email and accept if they are coming, because there are a limited number of slots available. This notice is for the event not each weight class, so after you accept you may still change your weight. To change weights, please call 719-866-2323 or reply to your email.

**LBC Fee Structure Changes:** If your LBC is planning on changing your LBC fee structure, the process to do that is by having a vote by your board of governors and submitting the minutes to USA Boxing before November the 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Tom Lindsey (South Texas)** wanted to check if he could do the vote via Zoom, which Lynette confirmed meetings and votes can be done virtually.

**Ricky Williams (Potomac Valley)** asked if the Western Qualifier and the Nationals are the same or if they are two different dates. Campbell answered that the 2020 Western Qualifier that was scheduled in March was cancelled. USA Boxing had over 500 boxers registered for that event and those boxers will be sent notices to transfer their registration to the 2020 National Championships. Campbell added that registration for current members will open on October 1<sup>st</sup> to fill the remaining slots not taken by members who would have attended the Western Qualifier.

**Ricky Williams (Potomac Valley)** asked if there will be official's certifications at Nationals this year. Angel Villarreal, R/J Chairperson, responded that we will have a Chief of Officials seminar and Level 3 testing, but as far official certifications do not take place at National events.

**Ricky Williams (Potomac Valley)** asked if USA Boxing was still going to pay officials to come work at Nationals because he has a new Chief of Officials that he would like to get the most experience as possible. Angel Villarreal, R/J Chairperson responded that he knows that USA Boxing invests heavily to invite the best officials to work National events and quality will not be compromised. He suggested that the LBC do to the overall officiating within the LBC.

**Unsanctioned Events and Refunds / Non-athlete and Club Proposed Discounts:** Campbell discussed that on October 7<sup>th</sup> there is a board of directors meeting and we are submitting for their approval a discount schedule for non-athletes and clubs for 2021 early registration. We are also seeing a lot of unsanctioned events, possibly due to Covid. Please report these back to USA Boxing so we can inform our members, state commissions, and the Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC).

**Mike McAtee Executive Director** joined the meeting at 3:36 pm and Campbell filled him in on discussed topics. McAtee apologized for being late to the meeting as he was on a USOPC monthly meeting of all the National Governing Bodies.

**Gym Grants:** McAtee stated that we had 114 gyms apply for the grant so far and the grant committee will be working on that so we can get some support for those gyms.

**Angel Villarreal (R/J Chairperson)** updated on the officials' quiz as we have had a number of officials that are challenging themselves and keeping themselves up to date. Our main focus at events is official safety in the field of



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play and making sure our officials are comfortable. He also stated that the USA Boxing Board of Directors has two positions that represent the LBC presidents and to forward concerns to them.

**Town Hall Meetings:** McAtee stated that we will be doing town hall meetings with coaches and officials who are planning on coming to the Nationals. Please have your members who are planning on attending send us questions beforehand so we can address them.

**Shaun Tallon (Illinois)** suggested sending out an email to all the coaches letting them know that it does not cost any more to become an official. Angel Villarreal, R/J Chairperson responded by saying that is a great idea and he will mention it to the R/J Commission.

**Jamil Ali (Middle Atlantic)** stated that he recruits coaches with a high degree of success. He also wanted to thank all the LBC leaders who have done test events and shared what went well and any problems. He said this really helped him have a successful event.

**Test Event Stats:** Campbell shared some stats on test events, thanked Ethan Figge in Membership for collecting the numbers and reminded the LBC leaders to continue to forward the data to Ethan after the test events. There has been 30 test events (so far), 120 sparring matches, 360 official bouts, 950 boxers, 650 coaches, 240 officials, and 28 doctors.

**Cindy Schumacher (Minnesota)** asked if someone who has a fitness membership can register as an athlete on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Lynette responded that she is not sure, but she will get an answer and follow up with Cindy.

**Joe Castely (Michigan)** said his governor is requiring youth sports to wear a mask during competition and asked for suggestions of what to do. McAtee suggested applying for a variance and setting up a Zoom call with the Michigan board to discuss options. Let USA Boxing know how we can help.

**Cindy Schumacher (Minnesota)** had a question about a director and officer insurance policy and how she goes about getting it. Lynette responded that the LBC board of directors already has D&O insurance paid for by USA Boxing. A copy of the D&O insurance document is attached to the minutes.

**Closing:** We appreciate everyone being on the call. Please reach out with questions regarding test events, membership renewals or anything else we might be able to help with. We look forward to seeing all of you in December in Shreveport. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.



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