



**LBC Presidents' Call Meeting Notes**  
**Thursday, September 3, 2020**

Call commenced at 3:04 pm Mountain Time.

LBCs represented on the call: Adirondack, Allegheny Mountain, Central California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Inland Northwest, Lake Erie, Metropolitan, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, North Carolina, Northern California, Ohio, Oregon, Potomac Valley, South Carolina, South Texas, Southeastern, Southern California, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Staff: Mike McAtee, Mike Campbell, and Stacy Arredondo.

**Welcome:** Mike McAtee, Executive Director welcomed the presidents to the call and let it be known that the #backtoboxing tab on the website is being updated as to states/LBCs opening up. We will send out draft and will post early next week so we are all on the same page.

**New York & Minnesota Areas:** we held some calls this week with Region 1 (New York area) and Minnesota as they are opening up. If you'd like a meeting with your region or LBC, please let us know. If you'd like a staff member to be on any calls with your members, coaches, etc., please let us know that as well. Several LBCs are having Town Hall Meetings with their membership to help keep them informed.

**Ukrainian call:** McAtee had a meeting with the Ukrainian Boxing Director and our policies are being shared in Europe so thank you to everyone.

**Mike Campbell, Boxing Operations and Events Manager** also thanked the presidents for their leadership and reiterated that we are always available for calls.

**National Championships:** Lake Charles lost 60% of their hotel inventory, and their Civic Center's roof blew off and there was extensive damage. We will not be going to Lake Charles for the National Championships this year and probably not next year. We are looking at other cities in the South and our intention is to keep the same time frame in December. We hope to have an announcement by next Thursday. The National Championships will be an open tournament (no qualifiers) which could mean more boxers. We are making adjustments because of COVID and will follow the safety protocols.

**Test Events:** There are more test events planned for this weekend. Ethan is compiling information and we are leading other sports and other countries in returning to boxing activity.

**Sugar Bert Tournament:** Campbell asked **David Figueroa (Florida LBC)** to report on the tournament. He stated that there were close to 300 boxers and their LBC is working on a report and didn't want to say too much until the



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report is complete. **Tom Lindsey (South Texas)** said he attended the Tournament and complimented Florida for a great event. We are going to learn from each event.

**Injury Affidavit Form:** We have new Injury Affidavit forms so please throw away the old forms. New form includes legal information from the insurance company so it is imperative to only use new forms.

**R/J Quizzes** were launched and there are giveaways as incentives.

**Grants for Gyms:** We will be awarding 50 grants to gyms to help with financial hardship from COVID-19. Information went out yesterday. **Shaun Tallon (Illinois)** who is on the grant committee assured everyone the grant program is really happening and that there are already 52 applicants. McAtee stated that we are going to try to do more fundraising to help more gyms.

**Scholarships:** The deadline for scholarship applications is September 15 and so far we only have 3 applicants. Scholarship award may be used for trade school and Associates Degrees, as well as 4-year college programs, so please encourage athletes to apply.

**Mask shipment:** The re-suable masks will ship tomorrow.

**Membership Report:** Lynette Smith is on vacation but McAtee reported that we cleared 48 coaches who had "yellow" on their background screening.

**Cindy Schumacher (Minnesota)** asked if they could schedule a bronze level coaches training or combine with LBC. McAtee reported that Derrick is taking over Coaches Education, since Chad got a coaching job with the Marine Corps. McAtee stated to email Derrick at [draedel@usaboxing.org](mailto:draedel@usaboxing.org) if you'd like to host a training.

**Ray Kerwick (Inland Northwest)** asked who got the Marine Corps coaching job, Joe Higgins got the Head Coach position and Chad Wigle, the assistant position. For now, the program is just at Camp Lejeune.

**Larry Bright (Southeastern)** asked about the quorum for virtual meetings. McAtee answered that virtual meetings are permitted, and updated LBC Bylaws will be available soon. Bright also asked about outreach to help those considering turning pro. McAtee stated that professional career development for our boxers is being discussed with the Coaches Commission.

**Shaun Tallon (Illinois)** agrees that giving amateurs considering turning pro the information is important.

**Jeanne DePriest (Colorado)** asked if LBCs can send information to the Board of Governors even if not at a virtual meeting. McAtee stated yes and that Stacy has specific language for email voting. Here is an example of an email vote: *Please respond to this email with your vote to me no later than midnight MST on Wednesday, May 6, 2020. Please be advised that under Colorado law, failure to respond by the time stated in the notice will have the same effect as (a) abstaining in writing by the time stated in the notice, and (b) failing to demand in writing by the time stated in the notice that action not be taken without a meeting. (This means that if you don't vote by Wednesday's deadline than your vote will be considered "abstain".)*



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**Mark Machi (Allegheny Mountain)** thanked staff for all the information and announced that they will be having a test event, and Andrew Mastacchio is going to hold an R/J clinic there.

**Ansel Stewart (Michigan)** asked how LBC leaders will know if a boxer is ready to compete at the National Championship. McAtee stated that it will be up to coach. USA Boxing will not restrict parts of the country as long as the government says it's okay to travel. The National Championships will be held in a state that permits travel and will be in a warmer climate (since we had weather issues with Salt Lake City in December).

**James Hankison, (VP of South Carolina)** apologized for not being on previous calls and stated that they will do better.

**Closing:** McAtee informed that he won't be on the call next week, since he's going to go see grand-daughter, but Mike Campbell and Lynette Smith will run the meeting.

The meeting ended at 4:04 pm.



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