



LBC Presidents' Call Meeting Notes
Thursday, December 17, 2020

Call commenced at 3:05 pm Mountain Time.

LBCs represented on the call: Allegheny Mountain, Arkansas Central California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Inland Northwest, Lake Erie, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, South Texas, Southwestern, and Wisconsin.

Staff present: Mike McAtee, Mike Campbell, Lynette Smith

Welcome / Regional LBC Calls: Mike McAtee, Executive Director welcomed all 20 participants to the call. Beginning in January, we will begin to schedule regional calls – if you would like a regional call within your area, please let us know. Also, we are available to schedule a town hall meeting with your coaches and officials...let us know of your interest. Shaun Tallon stated he would like to be notified of any calls taking place in nearby LBCs.

Nationals: With the re-scheduling of Nationals, we have given ourselves 6 weeks to assess numbers for nationals especially related to COVID-19 mitigation. As of now, we are planning for no spectators with current numbers being approximately how many will attend in March. We will be working with LSU medical school to determine best practices for the event to include testing, distancing and other strategies for keeping participants safe. McAtee added, “We will plan for the worst while hoping for the best.”

Ansel Stewart (Michigan) has been asked by officials, if USAB will require folks to take the vaccine in order to participate. McAtee responded that we do not know yet. There are several moving parts to consider. We will continue to work with our doctors and attorney to make these important decisions.

Leslie Washington (Lake Erie) said she learned that there will be folks that are unable to be vaccinated as well as the limited supply of vaccine.

Junior Olympics: Mike Campbell, Boxing Operations & Events Manager provided an update of the JO call that took place last week. Campbell thanked everyone that participated (about 75 folks called in). Please share the summary of the meeting which was sent out with your JO supporters. We want to start serious planning well in advance of the summer JO event. We want to build on the excellent momentum from the Madison, WI event last year. As we continue to analyze this event, we will add ancillary events (clinics, etc.) and announce as they are added to the schedule.



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Additional National Championship Information: All registrations from the postponed December 2020 Nationals have been moved to the March dates. We have very large numbers registered so there will be wait lists. Please encourage your coaches to handle the wait lists with patience and grace. Check-in has been moved up and boxing will begin earlier. Elite boxers will arrive on March 25th and compete beginning the 26th. All details are available on the website in the fact sheet. With move of nationals, we will not be able to hold a “back to boxing” event in March. For those of you who are still working on travel changes, most agencies compassionate and accommodating. Let us know if you encounter otherwise. Mike McAtee stated we did send letters to everyone stating the postponement was based upon COVID-19 safety constraints. This letter may be shared with travel agencies (airlines, hotels, car rental agencies, etc.).

Membership Update: Holiday office hours given and please let your members know about the background screening appeal process...we want to get ahead of it and help our members work through the process as quickly and as easily as possible.

Debbie Holmes (Southwestern) asked about office hours for the next two weeks. December 21-23 normal hours and then December 28, 29 and 30, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm Mountain Time. The office closed December 24, 25, 31 and January 1.

2021 LBC Meetings: We will continue bi-weekly Zoom calls for the first quarter of 2021 to discuss pertinent issues related to our organization.

Angel Villarreal, R/J Chairperson suggested that officials continue to move around the ring (or simulated ring) during this down time to keep your coordination and muscle memory sharp. Villarreal went on to thank national office staff for working hard through some very difficult decisions this year. The efforts and dedication of the national office staff. He said it really shows that they have love and compassion for the members and the sport.

Closing: McAtee closed by stating 2020 has been a challenging year full of opportunities and that we have come out a better organization for it. He stated that our (the national staff) jobs are easy, we love this sport and YOU make everything much easier for us....there have been tough times all around, but as we’ve all heard many times, “Tough times don’t last, tough people do.” Fortunately, we do have success stories through COVID-19, even as we mourn the losses. “USA Boxing will be better for years to come because of you on this call”. Happy Holidays and a Safe and Prosperous New Year. Campbell added that these meetings have been very beneficial to us to give us insights into your world and hopefully you have seen us in a new light as well. Kudos to this group and the work you completed this year.



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