



**LBC Presidents' Call Meeting Notes**  
**Conference Call for LBC Presidents regarding COVID-19**  
**March 27, 2020**

Call commenced at 1:06 p.m. (Mountain Time) with 28 LBC Leaders in attendance, along with the following USA Boxing staff members: Mike McAtee, Mike Campbell, Lynette Smith, Betsy McCallister and Stacy Arredondo.

**Welcome & Thank You:** Mike McAtee, Executive Director thanked everyone for their time and was impressed with the participation at each meeting. He let all know that there was a national Board of Directors meeting on Thursday and that they appreciate the local leaders. Mike thanked all on the Board's behalf.

**Olympics Update:** The Olympic Games have been postponed to no later than summer 2021, possibly even in Spring. They are re-doing contracts including for venues; one issue is that Olympic Village apartments have been rented to Japanese citizens, starting in September. Our 13 boxers will remain our Qualification Team unless they decide to turn pro. The OTC is closed and will hopefully open May 1.

**Membership Figures:** In March 2019 there were 30,832 members and currently there is 29,927. There are 45 sanctions less than last year and 50 less club memberships than last year. This could be because we are experiencing an increase in background screening flags; Claudia is using this time to catch those members up.

**Sanctions:** We are working with Audit Committee and Finance on how to handle the credits/refunds for the March and April sanctions that need re-scheduling. If we have to issue refunds for sanctions, then LBCs will take a financial hit for their portion. Mike would like LBC leaders to reach out to their boards and let him know their opinion on refunds/credits one way or another.

**Events:** Mike is 99% sure that we will only have 2 national events: Junior Olympics and National Championships. Both will probably be open events. We will try to make an announcement of dates/locations by Tuesday as we are working on contracts with host cities. We are looking to transfer Western Qualifier registrations to either.

**Boxing Financial Survival Guide** will be coming out. Please encourage gym owners and coaches to read it. There is not a provision for NGBs in the government stimulus package but the USOPC is



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letting Congress know the economic damage. We will be forwarding a survey which ascertains the economic damage that has taken place to our sport. LBC leaders are encouraged to complete the survey. The national office will have a \$400,000 impact for March and April.

**Staffing:** the national office is reducing staff hours to save membership dollars, but they are working from home. Don't hesitate to call or send questions to [Membership@usaboxing.org](mailto:Membership@usaboxing.org) and staff will get back to you. Carol is retiring in April, so if you know her, you may want to send her a message.

### **Questions:**

**Arthur Johnson (Ozark)** asked for clarification on what it means that LBCs will be taking a financial hit if refunds are given. Mike explained that if refunds are given, then the portion that the LBC adds to sanctions will also be refunded so the LBCs will lose that.

**Alex Gutierrez (West Texas)** asked if JOs will be an open tournament. Mike Campbell said yes since we aren't returning to boxing until May 1, there isn't time for advancing tournaments. Both JOs and the National Championships will be open.

**Treasurer Compliance:** McAtee stated that we are focusing on communication. We are working on conference calls with Treasurers to help with compliance paperwork. We are hoping that some experienced treasurers will help on the calls. Starting next year, each Olympic National Governing Body has to be "certified" instead of "recognized" by Congress so there will be more stringent auditing procedures.

**Shaun Tallon (Illinois)** asked if other board members can be on the call. McAtee answered probably just the Treasurer and President since our phone bridge only allows for 50 callers.

**Mark Allegheny (AMA)** stated a thank you for help with the Team Ireland event and for what staff is doing during this crisis. Mike stated he was blessed with the USA Boxing staff.

**Closing:** Mike stated that we will continue the Tuesday and Friday calls through the coronavirus to keep all informed. He wants all to take care of themselves and their families.

Meeting ended at 1:38 pm.



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