



**LBC Presidents' Call Meeting Notes**  
**Conference Call for LBC Presidents regarding COVID-19**  
**April 17, 2020**

Call commenced at 1:03 p.m. (Mountain Time) with 22 LBC Leaders in attendance, along with the following USA Boxing staff members: Mike McAtee, Lynette Smith, Mike Campbell, Ethan Figge and Stacy Arredondo.

**Welcome:** Mike McAtee, Executive Director, thanked all for being on the call and mentioned that at some point we may do a video conference call.

**COVID-19 Updates:** President Trump has rolled out a 3 phase guide to opening the economy, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/>. USA Boxing and gyms will need to follow local and state restrictions as the governors adopt these phases. The USOPC is working on generic "Return to Training" protocols and we will consult with our Medical and Coaches Commissions to make specific for boxing. Basically, there are 21 states that can enter into phase 1 within the next 14 days. McAtee is hopeful that some states will be back training at the gym by mid-May, but competitions won't take place until phase 3, which could be 6 weeks from the start of phase 1. McAtee recommends the LBCs reach out to their involved doctors about their concerns. He would like to gather the input so can share with our Medical Commission.

McAtee recommends that the LBCs and gyms start stocking up on cleaning products and hand sanitizer and keep this in mind when adjusting budgets. We will need to wipe down gloves, bags etc. more than before.

McAtee hopes to get the USOPC "Return to Training" guidelines and be able to share next week.

**Meeting Notes:** Some LBCs are doing a good job sending out Stacy's notes and hopes that all will share the information. Please send the minutes out and also let members know that the minutes are posted on the USA Boxing website.

**Regional Calls:** We have done 4 super-region LBC calls so far, which have been great to learn what is happening in the different areas. Mike Campbell stated that it is interesting how each area is different. Campbell encouraged all to look over the phases in the White House document and to please send in any regional questions beforehand.

**Questions:**



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**Arthur Johnson (Ozark)** is concerned about boxers crossing the Missouri River to come box if Illinois is still not allowing boxing. McAtee responded that we are concerned with the spread as well and working on “Return to Competition” guidelines that will be based on the doctors’ recommendations and will probably include that only boxers from the LBC can compete. We will work with the R/J Commission to have COOs make sure boxers from other LBCs don’t participate.

**Richard Gutierrez (West Texas)** asked if there was a change in the sanction cancellation date. McAtee responded that as of right now it is still April 30, 2020. We will give more information as received.

**Shaun Tallon (Illinois)** had questions about gym square footage restrictions, but McAtee doesn’t know yet but following local rules will be important.

**Jake Smith (South Atlantic)** asked what is considered a big show and what is a small show. State restrictions will decide and bouts may need to be staggered and fans limited. Clean-up between bouts will need to happen. The White House phases are: Phase 1 – groups of 10; Phase 2 – groups of 50; and Phase 3 – bigger events. Shows will also be subject to venue rules.

**Arthur Johnson (Ozark)** stressed the challenge of people following the rules. McAtee stated that boxers, coaches, officials and parents will all need to be educated and more security might be necessary.

**Ricky Womack (Potomac Valley)** suggested having a set time schedule as to when boxers will box. He asked if there is a rule about boxers wearing their own gloves. McAtee responded that at local shows it’s okay but the COO needs to approve the gloves and the opponent needs to wear the same gloves.

**Ricky Womack (Potomac Valley)** asked about financing for LBCs since money has been lost with fundraiser shows cancelled. McAtee clarified that there is not additional money for LBCs but many LBCs have funds in their bank account. Collectively all LBCs have around \$800,000. USA Boxing is not giving \$800,000 to the LBCs. However, since LBCs are non-profits, there are some federal \$10,000 grants available; unfortunately, since LBCs don’t have employees they don’t qualify for the federal stimulus loans.

**Ricky Womack (Potomac Valley)** also asked about the LBC Workshop. McAtee stated that although the workshop is cancelled, we are looking at other ways to train. There is a Treasurer Training series starting on April 23. We are looking at governance training for Presidents; and encourage COOs to engage with the R/J Commission and training pathway.

**Frank Aleman (Central California)** stated that California is unique and there might be some different jurisdictions by county within the state.

**Brad Winslow (Adirondack)** was late to the call and asked about announcements earlier. McAtee will call him separately to update.

**Jake Smith (South Atlantic)** wondered if minutes would be sent out, which they will be.



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**Shaun Tallon (Illinois)** asked if the number of people exceeds local limit, if the sanction will be shut down. McAtee suggested to meet with sanction holders to make sure they follow the local guidelines of number of people, and if it is not safe, then the COO can end the show.

McAtee thanked all for being on the call. Please send any questions to membership or Mike Campbell, communicate with your members, and forward the meeting minutes.

Meeting ended at 1:56 pm.



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