



**LBC Presidents' Call Meeting Notes**  
**Conference Call for LBC Presidents regarding COVID-19 and Back to Boxing**  
**Thursday, July 9, 2020**

Call commenced at 3:01 pm Mountain Time.

LBCs represented on the call: Adirondack, Allegheny Mountain, Arkansas, Central California, Colorado, Georgia, Gulf, Hawaii, Illinois, Inland Northwest, Lake Erie, Michigan, Middle Atlantic, Minnesota, NCBA, Nevada, New England, New Jersey, North Carolina, Northern California, Ohio, Oregon, Ozark, South Texas, Southwestern, USIBA, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Staff: Mike McAtee, Mike Campbell, Lynette Smith, Stacy Arredondo, Taryn Cass & Ethan Figge.

**Welcome:** Mike McAtee, Executive Director welcomed everyone to the call and hoped that all had a wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> of July. McAtee acknowledged that there are changes going on and some states are moving back as opposed to opening up. One thing to remember is that we are not the COVID police. Even in Colorado Springs and El Paso County there have been some discrepancies for using the Olympic Training Center and following the local rules. It makes it challenging.

**Getting Back to Boxing:** We are seeing memberships start to increase with 549 last month and so far as of today 193 in July. Getting back to boxing slowly and safely is working. The LBC President's leadership is definitely helping.

**Meetings:** If you can't be on the Thursday meeting, please designate someone on your board to attend. If you would like a call with just your LBC, please let us know.

**Test Events:** the first one is happening this weekend in Nebraska. It will be slow and safe, but Texas had to cancel their event so that was a step back. We are trying to meet with the LBCs before hosting their test events.

**Mike Campbell, Boxing Operations & Events Manger** screen-shared the dashboard survey results from the doctor and officials. Below are the links to the results:

USA Boxing R/J #ReturnToBoxing Questionnaire Responses  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/stories/SM-DQYPFRRD/>

Physician's #ReturnToBoxing Dashboard  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/stories/SM-8DYT5YRD/>



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**Campbell** also reported to please send Ethan [efigge@usaboxing.org](mailto:efigge@usaboxing.org) test event and rescheduled event sanction dates. We've had two test event meetings, which have been successful. We want to work with the LBCs and learn from you. For example, Colorado is having a virtual walk-through meeting on the Thursday before the event, which is a great idea.

**Shaun Tallon (Illinois)** asked if Colorado's walk-through can be recorded and shared so others can learn from it. Jeanne DePriest (Colorado) said they can try. She added that they are making it mandatory for coaches to be part of the walk-through.

**Taryn Cass, Event Coordinator** reported that we are doing an order of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and will share with the LBCs so we can order gloves, masks, hand sanitizer etc. in bulk for lower prices. Cleaning products are also hard to find so we are using Pure & Clean, which is also used by the USOPC and USA Wrestling. Pure & Clean is not part of the bulk order but we will get the LBCs their contact information. McAtee reiterated that buying in bulk saves money and that LBCs will order through the national office and we will bill the LBC.

**Ansel Stewart (Michigan)** asked how to disinfect inside boxing gloves. McAtee stated that there no reports of COVID being transmitted through sweat. He suggested that Pure & Clean can be sprayed inside.

**Lynette Smith, Membership Director** stated that the membership department is keeping track of rescheduling all sanctions. We are having a board meeting at the end of the month, so will know about credits and refunds after that.

**Jeanne DePriest (Colorado)** asked if there is a specific time period for rescheduling. We understand that there can be problems with venues etc. so rescheduling can happen through next year. We don't need exact dates just need to know that the event will be rescheduled in 2021.

**Ansel Stewart (Michigan)** asked what if a club is not open anymore, if they can transfer the sanction to someone else. Lynette said yes and to talk with membership.

**Shaun Tallon (Illinois)** asked if it's okay to reschedule even if shows aren't happening at capacity. McAtee answered yes and to get a hold of Ethan.

**Frank Aleman (Central California)** stated that clubs asking if they are allowed to spar. McAtee answered to have them check the map. Our phases are 2 weeks open, 2 weeks contact, 2 weeks sparring then planning of test event. Since some states are moving back, the answer is not black and white, so please look at local rules. Ethan Figge, Membership Coordinator stated that the California governor is rolling things back including dine-in restaurants so it's not a good idea to be sparring.

**Gene Campbell (Ohio)** asked that since they are in the same state as the Lake Erie LBC, if they can participate in each other's events. McAtee reasoned that if both LBCs leaders agree and their conditions are similar then it's okay. Leslie Washington from Lake Erie thinks it's great that they can work together.



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**Leslie Washington (Lake Erie)** asked if reusable masks will be available in the PPE offerings to purchase. We also have plain color masks with USAB logo. She also asked if officials can use paper towels to pick up mouthpieces if they are spit out. It's best to follow protocol and change gloves (keep spare pair in the back pocket).

**Ansel Stewart (Michigan)** thinks the PPE could be a political issue. Facemasks should be basic medical masks, not advertising for something or distracting in pattern.

**Patrick Finklin (North Carolina)** asked if there will be any clinics online or in Zoom format. Angel Villarreal, R/J Commission Chairperson, stated that it is a possibility for officials. Coaches are handled by another commission. Officials certification is grandfathered until December 31, 2020 but we will consider this question as we put together future plans. McAtee mentioned also having a scoring course for athletes to help them learn what judges are looking for from them in the ring.

**Angel Villarreal, R/J Commission Chairperson**, discussed official's clinics, using test events to train how to do weigh-ins, working in and around the ring, etc. He suggests bringing folks in to observe how the test event goes so they can see the safety measures in place. Safety is key and we are not going to compromise in this area.

**Alex Leon (Gulf)** asked about the equipment online sale and if other equipment that we have will be discounted. McAtee responded that all is on sale but we only sell training equipment. We do not sell competition equipment at this time.

**Boxing Equipment Sale:** McAtee reported that we do have a lot of equipment in stock and any profits go back into USAB general fund. We had over 690 orders to fulfill this week and the sale is being extended through July 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Patrick Finklin (North Carolina)** asked how to access the sale. Go to the website under the SHOP tab. The prices have already been cut.

**Closing:** McAtee closed the meeting saying to feel free to steal other's ideas when it comes to the test events and reach out to those that will have already had one. Our staff is still at 50% in the office, but we are bulking up with membership staff, so if you have questions please reach out to us. Also please encourage coaches to re-join. Should a coach have concerns about the background screening, please let them know we will work with them regarding appeals and answering any questions they may have. The meeting ended at 4:03 pm



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