



LBC Presidents' Call Meeting Notes
Conference Call for LBC Presidents regarding COVID-19
May 15, 2020

Call commenced at 1:05 p.m. (Mountain Time) with 20 LBC Leaders in attendance, along with the following USA Boxing staff members: Mike McAtee, Lynette Smith, Mike Campbell, Ethan Figge, and Stacy Arredondo.

LBCs that let Stacy know they were on the call: Georgia, Colorado, South Texas, Adirondack, Nevada, Potomac Valley, Minnesota, Illinois, Ohio, New Jersey, Hawaii, Ozark, Border, Oregon, North Carolina, Arkansas, Michigan, Metro, Central California and Inland Northwest.

Welcome: Mike McAtee, Executive Director thanked everyone for jumping on the call and for all the opinions and updates. Lynette Smith, Ethan Figge & Mike Campbell have been monitoring states restrictions. Another 10 states are supposed to be opening on Monday. McAtee informed that as we are getting back to boxing that we are moving slowly and safely.

Unofficial LBC Survey: McAtee thanked everyone for the unofficial survey response. Based on the response and research with physicians, it appears right now that once competition begins it will be limited to within LBCs, with a few approved exceptions.

Regional calls: We are setting up calls, but they will be groupings of LBCs opening in similar situations. We will be discussing the return to competition, which is estimated in about 6-8 weeks after the state opens. Please make sure someone from your LBC is on the call and RSVP to Stacy so we know.

Return to Competition Taskforce: Staff met with R/J Commission Chairperson, Shawn Reese and Angel Villarreal about a plan for returning to competition to gain the officials' perspective. After input from the USOPC and our Medical Commission, the plan will then be shared with LBC Presidents.

Gym Opening Concerns: As leaders we need to coach our coaches and gym owners to adhere to local and state rules, but we are NOT the COVID-19 police.

Information Distribution: If you need help getting the information out, please reach out to the national office or see if someone else on your board can forward it. We are sending an email out to inform members where the information is located on the website.



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Coaches Surveys: A survey for coaches regarding sanctions, rescheduling, refunds/credits etc. is being devised. Once we receive responses, we will share.

Grant / Non-profit Manual: Staff have created a guideline for applying for grants and non-profit status that will be coming out soon. Since the Treasurer Training and Coaches Clinics have been successful online, we will look into offering a virtual training on the subject.

Membership Update: Lynette Smith feels that “we are at the light at the end of tunnel” and is happy to be back in the office.

Events & Boxing Operations Update: Mike Campbell emphasized the importance of following state and local protocols and procedures when opening up, and he encouraged communication to your LBC membership.

Questions /Comments:

Arthur Johnson (Ozark) stated that Ozark had a meeting and feels that Missouri and Illinois are no way near re-opening. He asked if the LBC makes the decision as to when competition begins. McAtee responded that the LBCs set the schedule and the COO will have the responsibility of assigning competitions, so yes as the LBCs will decide.

Patrick Finklin (North Carolina) hopes to see what others are doing. McAtee stated that there will be guidelines in the “Return to Competition” document.

Hector Espinoza (Border) asked if the process including allowing fans will be out before the sanctions are authorized. McAtee responded that the document will be out prior and will include everything from setup to cleanup.

Shaun Tallon (Illinois) is concerned about getting doctors and officials, who will want to volunteer. Cleaning, protective wear, and other processes will be included in “Return to Competition” document to help ease volunteer concerns.

Hector Espinoza (Border) asked if the Medical Commission includes grass roots doctors, so their opinions could be heard. McAtee responded that the doctors on the Medical Commission also work local shows, but it will be helpful if the LBC Presidents reach out to their “Regular Docs” to ask their opinions and then forward the information to us.

Shaun Tallon (Illinois) agrees the LBCs Board should know the local docs better. McAtee suggested to invite the doctors to the regional calls. He reiterated that competition won’t begin until at least 6-8 weeks after getting back to the gym.

Ricky Womack (Potomac Valley) asked if there will be information available for doctors. McAtee stated that the document will be comprehensive including weigh-ins, seating, etc. McAtee suggested that maybe the Medical Commission can do Zoom trainings.



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Shaun Tallon (Illinois) asked about the Golden Gloves Tournament. McAtee said that he spoke with Bobby Russo & Dave Packer earlier, but a decision has not been made. Jeanne DePriest confirmed this. We will keep you posted.

Closing: Please let coaches and parents know about the information on the “Back to Boxing” tab on the website; please let Stacy know that you were on the call; and please take care of yourself and families as we have had losses within our boxing family.

Call ended at 1:58 pm.



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