



LBC Presidents' Call Meeting Notes
Conference Call for LBC Presidents regarding COVID-19 and Back to Boxing
May 22, 2020

Call commenced at 1:02 p.m. (Mountain Time) with 24 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: Colorado, Ozark, Georgia, Minnesota, Illinois, Arkansas, South Texas, NCBA, Wyoming, Nevada, Hawaii, Ohio, Adirondack, New England, Northern California, and Inland Northwest.

Welcome: Mike McAtee, Executive Director thanked everyone for being on the call and introduced the staff on the call. McAtee stated that Colorado now has “safer at home” policy, which has allowed for 50% of our staff to return to the office. Our membership staff is rotating in the office, so there is always someone available for membership call and emails. The USOPC has mandated safety measures for coming into the office, which we are following.

Website: Staff members, Ethan Figge and Brian Taylor have been keeping the website updated with states reopening and providing additional resources. Online information is now under the “Back to Boxing” website tab.

Regional calls – We are grouping regional calls based on areas plus when states are allowing gyms to open. McAtee stressed to follow state and local rules and encourage coaches to do the same. Many LBC leaders ask what they should do when gyms are operating outside of state regulations; please remember that we are not the COVID police but as local leaders to stress to follow local restrictions. Also stress USA Boxing’s three principles:

1. For the health and safety of boxers, coaches, and officials
2. For the health and safety of administrators and staff
3. To encourage good citizenship to help mitigate the pandemic

Gyms Reopening: As of Monday, 50% of states will have gyms open in some way. We are looking at dates for rescheduling sanctions but shows will not happen until at least 6 weeks after re-opening. McAtee had a conversation with Medical Commission chairpersons yesterday and informed them that staff is working on procedures for return to competition. Doctors and LBC leaders will have the opportunity for input prior to distribution to sanction holders. At that point, we will start with small limited club shows.



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Olympic Qualifying Team: The Olympic Training Center is still closed and could be closed for several months. We are bringing the Qualification Team back for training around June 7 but will have no more than 3 boxers with a coach at one time. We are looking for a temporary training facility.

USOPC Layoffs / USA Boxing Finances: The USOPC laid off, furloughed and eliminated 107 employees. They are anticipating 20% less revenue and will have 3 Olympic games in 4 years. They are also cutting services to NGBs, which affects USA Boxing. In our office, we had one furlough, one lay-off, one turn part-time, four staff become $\frac{3}{4}$ time, and one retirement. We planned our budget without boxing until the end of the year. The board gave staff 60 days to evaluate for sanction refunds/credits; Western Qualifier refunds/credits; and membership fees refunds/credits. Insurance is going to give a credit for next year, but there was no lapse in coverage.

Services Continued: USA Boxing services have continued throughout the pandemic. McAtee thanked the R/J Commission for continuing online certifications and many coaches completed their next level certifications.

Return to Competition Best Practices will come from R/J Commission, Medical Commission, staff, and LBC leaders. Protective gear, limiting of spectators etc. will all be part of the guidelines. McAtee asked LBC Leaders to get input from their ringside physicians.

Questions / Comments:

Shaun Talon (Illinois) asked if there will be a discount if fans are not allowed. Free sanctions might be provided to LBCs who then can give to gyms.

Dave Hartman (Nor California) stated that his LBC decided to refund the LBC's portion for all sanctions. McAtee asked that LBCs send an email of any decisions so the accounting can be determined. McAtee stated that the LBC Presidents will be part of a meeting to discuss refunding the LBC's portion. McAtee encouraged all to look at budgets as LBCs probably have less revenue from less membership and cancelled events.

Robin Jumawan (Hawaii) wondering as Registration Chairperson, if 2021 registration will still start November 1 or if it will be earlier. At this time, we are still planning on it starting on November 1, but it will be announced in the next couple of weeks.

Jake Smith (South Atlantic) asked about credit for 2021 registration. McAtee stated that we are still providing services like workouts; and not counting the LBCs portion, membership costs only 96 cents per week for boxers and \$1.44 for non-athletes for approximately 10 weeks. This is part of the 60-day refund/credit review but sending checks for less than \$15 is not cost effective. Plus, we need to make sure we can support our members and not fold like other NGBs.

Ray Kerwick (Inland Northwest) asked about the decision to have competitions only within an LBC. McAtee answered that the plan will mainly be within the LBC only; however, some LBCs cross state lines



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so those will be addressed individually. We will have a call to discuss, once we are at that point. McAtee stressed again that local rules will need to be followed.

Arthur Johnson (Ozark) asked how close we are to refunding. McAtee stated that we are reviewing and will make a recommendation to the board in 60 days after the last board meeting, so after June 29th.

Bryan Hurford (Arkansas) asked about the Golden Gloves national event. McAtee stated that he spoke with Bobby Russo, Golden Gloves President and a letter was sent out to Golden Glove franchise holders stating that they are still hoping to hold the tournament, but the timeframe is getting close to being too late. Jeanne DePriest (Colorado) added that a decision is supposed to be made around June 15 and regionals would need to happen by September 6.

Ricky Womack (Potomac Valley) suggested that all LBCs record and submit footage from the November 7th national sparring day (Boxing Day in America) and make a documentary.

Closing: McAtee thanked everyone for being a part of the weekly calls. He appreciates everyone's time and appreciates the regional video calls as well. Please make sure someone from your LBC board attends the regional call. Have a safe weekend and please honor the military this Memorial Day weekend.

Meeting ended 1:51 pm.



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