

LBC Presidents' Call Meeting Notes Conference Call for LBC Presidents regarding COVID-19 May 8, 2020

Call commenced at 1:01 p.m. (Mountain Time) with 20 LBC Leaders in attendance, along with the following USA Boxing staff members: Mike McAtee, Lynette Smith, Mike Campbell, and Stacy Arredondo.

LBCs that let Stacy know they were on the call: Georgia, Arkansas, Adirondack, Nevada, Oregon, New England, Minnesota and Ohio.

Welcome: Mike McAtee, Executive Director thanked all for taking the time and jumping on the call. He wished everyone's families well. He asked that during the COVID-19 Pandemic, to please keep lost members of our boxing family in your thoughts and prayers. He encouraged others to reach out to neighboring LBCs and communicate what is happening in your area.

Regional Calls: We will be doing another round of regional calls. The regions will be grouped by location and phase of restrictions/opening up. Stacy will send out video call information next week to the first regions scheduled.

Return to Training: You will get calls from coaches asking if they may begin sparring when the state opens up for training. McAtee recommends that coaches gradually return to practicing/training and to follow local guidelines. Sparring should not happen right away. Please email clubs about posters and the procedures available for download on the website. This information will help with a safe return to training.

Treasurer's Trainings went very, very well. There was great participation and lots of good information shared. LBCs should revisit 2020 budgets with reallocations according to new priorities.

Core Principles: We will continue to follow our 3 core principles to make the best decisions, which benefit all of our members:

- 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

Phase 1: May 18 seems to be a date many states have chosen to re-open and enter into the White House's Phase 1. So, we will be able to tentatively re-schedule sanctions after a specific date, hopefully by the end



of next week. Please email with your questions or suggestions regarding your specific area and we will address on our next President's call and during the regional calls.

Unofficial Survey: In the next couple of days, please send Mike McAtee your LBC Board's opinions about when we should return to competition in your area.

Officials: We are studying our officials' pool as we may have officials that might be hesitant to work events, which will affect the competitions.

Ouestions / Comments:

Steve Garcia (New Mexico) had a coach ask about holding his event with only boxers, coaches, and officials from his area and livestreaming instead of fans. McAtee responded that when we are able to have competition, this type of "outside the box" thinking is excellent. Staggering the number of people coming in, livestreaming, etc. are all great ideas, which will be put to use across the country as state restrictions dictate. Mike McAtee will reach out to Brian Taylor, our Communications Manager, to develop a "how to" on livestreaming to pass along to LBCs.

Jose Banales (Nevada) stated that they have been exploring livestreaming and are meeting with the Board of Governors tomorrow to discuss. Facebook Messenger is coming out with new technology to be able to offer livestreaming. Another idea is to charge a small fee to viewers, which help our organizations a little bit.

Frank Aleman (Northern California) is not sure how long it will be before boxing returns in California. Their LBC is financially well, so may pay for sanction and ambulance fees for local clubs. Aleman believes boxing should be within the LBC only. There is a call-in CSAC meeting on Monday, which Mike McAtee will be on.

Grant Manual: Staff has created a grant / non-profit manual, which will be put out next week.

Encourage Membership: It is recommended that as boxing opens up, the LBCs encourage officials and coaches to join/renew with USAB so their background screenings can be processed, and trainings completed.

Staffing: We do have some staff in the office now (allowed up to 50% at one time) so all are invited to email or call the office.

Closing: Have a great weekend, please stay safe and keep an eye out for regional call notifications from Stacy.

Meeting ended 1:31 pm MT.

