

## LBC Presidents' Call Meeting Notes Thursday, August 20, 2020

Call commenced at 3:04 pm Mountain Time.

LBCs represented on the call: Adirondack, Allegheny Mountain, Central California, Colorado, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Inland Northwest, Lake Erie, Minnesota, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Ozark, Potomac Valley, South Texas, Southwestern, and Wyoming.

Staff: Mike McAtee, Lynette Smith, Mike Campbell, Stacy Arredondo, and Ethan Figge.

**Welcome:** Mike McAtee, Executive Director thanked the LBC presidents for being on the call. McAtee stated that if it wasn't for the leaders, there wouldn't be boxing in this country. Think about this if get you start to get frustrated. Each little win is a step toward #Backtoboxing. We've heard of boxing gyms closing because of the riots and looting so thank you for trying to keep kids safe.

**Background checks**: We changed background screening companies. Lynette did a lot of work on this and the new company is already giving us great service. We got one screening back within 51 minutes where it usually took 4-5 days.

**Social Media:** Beware of misinformation and USA Boxing continues to hold our National Championships in Lake Charles, Louisiana in December.

**Olympic & Paralympic Training Center** is moving into phase 3 at the beginning of September, which means that we will get the Qualification Team into the USA Boxing gym to train. The athletes will stay off the complex though.

**#Backtoboxing Protocols** along with LBC's test events helped get the USOPTC open. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) is planning for boxing in the Olympics and is distributing the protocols we developed to other countries. Andrew in Membership translated the protocols into Spanish to help other countries.

**Lynette Smith, Membership Director** reported that membership is busy, getting calls, and doing background screenings and appeals.

**Mike Campbell, Boxing Operations & Events Manager** stated that it was good to see everyone and thanks for their leadership. Campbell reported there have been successful test events. There were no reports of COVID from the Buffalo Bill tournament, which is important as it sets a good example for all following boxing events. Please continue to plan and learn from the test events. The question was asked when a regular event can happen once an LBC has completed their test event. Campbell responded that it is up to the LBCs. We just want to make sure officials and boxers are safe. He reminded that if LBC leaders have questions about test events to reach out to Ethan. San Diego wanted one in 6-8 weeks, and we scheduled it even if it ends up getting postponed.



Lake Charles is ready for us and the National Championships in December. We are working on registration, fact sheet and logos.

This week we posted an event calendar on social media. The Sugar Bert tournament entries are doing well but they don't want it to be too big. **Debbie Holmes (Southwestern)** stated that there are 335 boxers and that no walk-ups will be allowed. There will be mandatory coaches and boxers' meetings to help explain the protocols. **Jeanne DePriest (Colorado)** asked if Sugar Bert will be live-streamed, and it will not.

McAtee reiterated to follow the procedures and to let Campbell know afterwards the number of boxers, officials and doctors in attendance. Ethan has updated the states status into a table and Stacy will attach to the minutes (see below). We have not had one COVID case tracked back to a gym or event.



McAtee also mentioned to let us know if you have any questions, you don't have to wait until the Thursday meeting to ask them. If you send in advance, we will answer during the LBC President's call.

**Eiichi Jumawan (Hawaii)** asked if the state does not allow gyms to be open then how will they be ready for the National Championships. McAtee answered that unfortunately they won't be. The Coaches Commission feels that the boxers should train 6-8 weeks prior to a competition of this level. Jumawan said there are some private gyms





training even though the state doesn't allow; McAtee stated that we are not the COVID police. If a coach/family are able to train, then those boxers could compete; but it's up to the coaches to keep the boxers safe. Mike knows of a dad in New York has built a gym in his garage so son can continue to train.

**Shaun Tallon (Illinois)** asked about officials as he'd like to get coaches certified so they can officiate. McAtee said that is a great idea and said that Coach Lugo said he learned more about coaching when he took the officials test.

**Official Quizzes:** Shawn Reese, R/J Chairperson and Andrew in Membership Services are working on refresher quizzes to get officials reengaged.

**Eiichi Jumawan (Hawaii)** asked about an email about pending bronze coaches certification. Lynette will take a look at it. At the National Championships, there will be bronze and silver level clinics and testing, including bronze level in Spanish.

**Jeanne DePriest (Colorado)** asked about boxers coming from other states. McAtee answered that the LBC decides (using the local restrictions) since it is a local event. McAtee and Campbell can help advise and just because someone wants to come doesn't mean you have to take them. Ideally the events should be kept to regional participation.

**Tom Lindsey (South Texas)** asked about his LBC budget approval process and annual and if there was anything the national office was going to restrict. McAtee answered that they could talk offline.

**Joe Zanders (Southern California)** asked about Silver Gloves. Campbell responded that we are committed to helping communicate their plans to our members. Zanders thinks they will know more about the plans in September. McAtee stated that we will also have information about Golden Gloves in the upcoming months as USA Boxing has been communicating with them.

**Eiichi Jumawan (Hawaii)** asked if Lake Charles had 14-day quarantine restrictions, but they do not.

**Brad Winslow (Adirondack)** would like another Region 1 call since they are getting ready to open up. McAtee stated we would get that set up and reminded everyone to send in any questions before the next meeting so we can have the answers. He stated we will hold some more regional meetings and suggested that the LBCs do a Zoom call with their LBC membership.

**Closing:** McAtee again thanked all and expressed appreciation for the LBC leaders' hard work. Keep in mind that it's not if someone will test positive but it is when, so following protocols is important. LBC leaders are the authority when it comes to health and safety. We have 3 test events and 3 single day sanctions this weekend.

Meeting ended at 3:59 pm.

