

## **MAUSA Boxing Board of Directors Meeting June 11, 2017**

The MAUSA Boxing Board of Directors meeting was held Sunday, June 11, 2017 at the office of Scott Dexter, in Lansing Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Cunningham at 1:05pm.

Board members present - Term

- a. President – Ron Cunningham December 31, 2020
- b. Vice President – Gary Richards December 31, 2020
- c. Treasurer – Betty Richards December 31, 2020
- d. Secretary – Cheri Szendre December 31, 2020
- e. Interim Registration Chairman – Betty Richards
- f. Athlete Representative – Jarrell Brackett December 31, 2020
- g. Chief of Officials - Scott Dexter December 31, 2020

Board members absent

- a. Athlete Rep – Burim Beqiri Dec. 31, 2020

USA Boxing Members Present

- a. Dave Packer
- b. Patrick Schmidt
- c. Barbara Quigley
- d. Jim Quigley
- e. Blake Williams – athlete

Mr. Cunningham proposed to accept the minutes from the conference call meeting on March 30. Mrs. Richards made a motion to accept, second by Scott Dexter, and passed unanimously by the BOD.

### **OFFICERS REPORTS**

1. Pres . Ron Cunningham addressed the board for the first time stating that previously there had been issues with the board that led to his becoming the new president, that he will finish out the 2.5 year term and would like to do as much as we can for the athletes in that timeframe. Stating that there is a lot of stuff that needs to get done and that everybody on the board needs to be working hard at their jobs, and that they need to work on their jobs and not worry about anyone else's job. Starting today, the board will have a job to do, that he will be outlining the expectations for what needs to be done by the next meeting in September and the full Board of Governors meeting in December. That he wants to show the BoG what we are doing.
2. VP Gary Richards brought up the fact that this past year Michigan has lost LBC clubs and members and it is hurting the program. He has received numerous phone calls regarding passbooks at tournaments that are incomplete, lacking a physical form, or the boxer doesn't have one at all.

The USOC under AIBA is hurting our program, the increasing costs and rule changes especially hurt the program. The EMGG tournament had so few entries the tournament was only 2 nights. Mr. Richards indicated that boxing was still having a positive impact or he wouldn't still be doing it. Pres. Cunningham indicated that some of the loss could be related to change in society, the impact of MMA on our sport, etc. Mr. Richards stated that East MI tournament lost money and sponsors this year and that many of the new costs being levied by USAB are prohibitive for clubs, coaches and boxers.

3. Secretary Cheri Szendre had nothing at this point to report, however reminded everyone to be sure that all their contact information was up to date on the USAB website (webpoint) as that is how information is communicated, email listings obtained, etc.
4. Treasurer Betty Richards gave a full report of the financial position of the LBC. More information will be available at the Board of Governors meeting in December. It was discussed that an alternate signer for the accounts should be put in place as currently Mrs. Richards and Mr. Gary Richards are the only signers. Pres. Cunningham will appoint someone else by the next meeting
5. Interim Registration Chair Betty Richards reported that she has been doing the job for 8 months, that she generally has a same day turnover when registrations are made. New registrations are a lot of work, have to go online, make sure they have all forms completed, issue everything. Mrs. Richards indicated there have been no complaints during the time she has been interim RC, in fact she has had calls thanking her for the prompt turnaround time. Mr. Dexter asked if there was still a registration committee. It was discussed that there was not an "official" committee but there were several members that issued passbooks including Ramos, Muniz, Scott Dexter, Ed Mosely, Ansel, to name a few. Mr. Dexter asked if anyone was reporting the books that were issued back to the chair? Mrs. Richards indicated she did not think so. It was further discussed that the new RC would need to clean up this mess and get a better handle on who can/can't, is/isn't, issuing books and how the information is communicated to the RC. Mr. Dexter indicated that Inspectors/Supervisors are responsible for making sure that all boxers have the books and credentials to compete. Not all Insp/Spvs will be responsible for issuing books however.
6. Chief of Officials Scott Dexter reported that a clinic needs to be done soon, there are officials in need of recertification. Ms. Szendre offered to do the clinic if needed on the west side of the state, Scott indicated that would be great and instructed her to get in touch with Jim Jakubowski. Scott stated he has received several calls from individuals who want to become officials, he instructs them to go to the website, register with USA boxing, and take the safe sport and/or officials online clinic. He states he does not receive much contact after that, but that the lack of follow through is on their part. Mr. Richards asked if the physicians need to be registered with USAB to do a show? Scott stated he was 99% sure they did, but that he would look into it.
7. Athlete rep Jarrell Brackett reported that he has been tasked by USIBA to partner with schools in the community and that he will be travelling all around going to schools to help increase boxing awareness and participation. He indicated that there are females who want to do more boxing, they

want to participate and have more opportunity to box. He will be networking with coaches and boxers, he asked if the current listing on the website was up to date as he has tried contacting the gyms listed there and many are wrong numbers or information. It was indicated that any updates to that information should be forwarded to Mr. Dexter.

## DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. GG President Dave Packer reported that the WMGG had a very good year, that a good variety of registered, certified, and qualified officials were used and that there will always be controversial decisions. Mrs. Richards indicated that from what she saw the decisions were fair and looked good. Mr. Packer continued that he has never really seen an official that was “trying to hose” a boxer but that people without knowledge (of scoring) will second guess the decisions. He stressed that the GG is a big event, a lot is at stake for the athletes but that the athletes need to respect the decision of the referee, the judges, the officials, etc. It was brought up that coaches as well need to respect the officials as well if the athlete is going to be expected to. Mr. Packer indicated that he is working on dates for the 2018 tournament now. Mr. Packer asked Patrick Schmidt to take the floor as the tournament director for the GG. Mr. Schmidt reported that we had a great showing for the National GG and that Rios made it to the semi-final rounds. He also indicated that the problem of boxers showing up to events without the proper documentation (med exam, etc) in their books extended to the national level, that there had been several state champions who showed up to weigh ins without a physical form in their books. Mr. Packer interjected that it was becoming more blatant at club shows and tournaments that boxers are dropping out after registering and being matched. He said, “it used to be if you committed to show and cancelled you could be suspended”, he continued that the boxers and coaches need to be held responsible when they enter a tournament. Mr. Dexter asked how the Detroit group had such a large number of participants, what are they doing differently? Mr. Cunningham stated that Ansel is running the program differently, that he has organized fundraising events, keeps the program in front of them all year, social media, announcements, 50/50 drawings, web marketing, etc. Mr. Dexter commented that there was still resentment / animosity between “east / west”, that officials and coaches dread the state tournament, have to travel every year, feel they are treated as second rate. The comment was made that we are not “east /west” officials, we are state officials. Mr. Packer asked where he was hearing this from? 1-2 coaches or 15? Mr. Dexter stated that 3 coaches verbally mentioned it to him, he can’t say if there is more. They feel they don’t get a fair shake, and they have to take the time and do all the travelling. Mr. Packer indicated he does his best to try to integrate everyone. Mr. Dexter asked if there was an option to move part of the tournament? Make it more centrally located, like at a casino or somewhere? Mr. Brackett interjected that rather than focus on what is going on around the problem, we need to focus on a solution. That as a boxer he feels obliged to go to the tournament for the hope of moving on to the nationals to get recognized. That providing information on how scoring is done for the coaches and boxers may alleviate some of the concerns of unfairness that are happening. Mr. Schmidt asked why the east tournament officials don’t come over for the state finals? Was it due to finances? Mrs. Richards indicated that she felt that 99% of decisions at the finals were very fair. Ms. Szendre indicated that just like there is an expectation of the coaches and boxers to respect officials, the officials need to be respectful of all other officials, that we need to lead by example.
2. Silver Gloves – Khali Sweeny was not present, no report given.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. MI JO Chairman – Eric McGuire, Pres. Cunningham indicated Mr. McGuire would remain the chair. Mr. McGuire was not present, no report given.
- b. Registration Committee / Vacant – skipped due to voting needed
- c. Finance Committee – Betty Richards had no comment.
- d. Officials Committee – Scott Dexter indicated that the mentoring/apprenticeship program falls under the policy and procedure committee and that he has spoken to Colorado and wants to get it operating and in effect again.
- e. Judicial Committee – Pres. Cunningham reported that in the special meeting of 3.30.17 it was discussed and voted on that Dennis Shimmell would chair this committee, Mr. Shimmell was not able to be present at the meeting today due to attending his son's marriage out of state. It was asked if there were any judicial cases going on, currently there are not.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Pres. Cunningham asked if there was any old business from prior to his installment as President that needed to be discussed. The consensus was that there was not.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Standing Committees – President Cunningham announced that he had made some contacts and would like to approve the placement of chair persons to the vacant position in the standing committees.
  - a. Coaches Committee – Pres. Cunningham indicated he had spoken to and would like to recommend coach Jason Crutchfield for this position. That he had explained to Mr. Crutchfield the expectation of this position is that they would be active in calling gyms and coaches and ensuring clubs were registered and active and if not would line up clinics for coaches to ensure certification was taking place. He will also organize a coach's workshop to exchange ideas on training and conditioning of the athletes, maybe finding new ideas from USA boxing and/or combining with the official's workshops. The motion to approved by Dave Packer, second by Betty Richards, passed unanimously by BOD.
  - b. Tournament Planning – Pres. Cunningham indicated that he would like to see the LBC sponsor an annual state senior tournament and to pay the winning boxers way to the Eastern Qualifier national tournament (this year in Chat. TN Oct 16-20) He has asked Dave Packer to chair this committee, Dave has agreed that he will do it for this year at least and that he is confident he can organize a tournament before the Oct deadline. It was mentioned that generally the LBC paid up to \$300 for an advancing tournament, would this be the same? There will be further discussion on this once the committee is formed. Mr. Brackett indicated that he wanted to be part of this committee, that he wants to see a belt system, has ideas for advertising, M-Live, website, etc. and to create involvement. Mr. Richards asked about USAB charging a sanction fee, that possibly this would be covered by the 3 per year that are free. Scott Dexter motioned to approve the appointment, Betty Richards second, passed unanimously by BOD.
  - c. Rules and Regulations – Pres. Cunningham indicated that with the USAB he was unsure that the R&R committee was necessary. Mr. Dexter indicated that the rules and regs

committee was necessary for things like the official's referee apprenticeship program. He stated that he has spoken to Colorado and that the program could still be utilized. He indicated that he thought the program had merit and was beneficial to ensuring that officials were properly trained. Pres. Cunningham indicated that he will have a name for the chair at the next meeting.

- d. Awards committee – Pres. Cunningham indicated that he wanted to have a special committee for awards and had asked Cornelius Stevenson to chair this committee. Specifically, he would like to see awards for the Male and Female Athlete of the year, Coach of the year, and the Dale Grable Official of the year award. Motion by Jarrell Brackett, second Betty Richards, passed unanimously by the BOD.
- e. Scholarship committee – Pres. Cunningham reported that in the past there had been a scholarship program that never really got off the ground. He has asked Paul Watson to head the scholarship committee, and has indicated he wants him to develop an application and criteria for the program and then begin marketing it. He indicated that Paul will need to get with treasurer Mrs. Richards to find out what is in the current scholarship fund. Motion to accept by Betty Richards, second by Gary Richards, passed unanimously by BOD.
- f. Registration Chair – Pres. Cunningham read the submitted names of the individuals interested in being the RC. Scott Dexter (who then indicated he did not want to be the RC and his name was removed from the list), Betty Richards, Jarrell Brackett, Ed Mosely, Cornelius Stevenson, Katealia Chambers, Aisya El (Tamika), and Kay Mero. Pres. Cunningham requested that before the vote, the members of the BoD who had indicated interest withdrawal their names. He indicated that the reason was that many times he has heard that the LBC is ran by 'just a few' and that there is not diversified representation on the board. He wants to change that, as well, he believes that each individual on the board has such an important task to complete that being singularly focused would be best. He then directly asked both Mrs. Richards and Mr. Brackett to voluntarily withdraw. Both agreed. Mr. Ed Mosley received the majority of votes and was declared the new RC. It was then discussed that Mr. Mosely would need to be contacted regarding the option to go to the LBC leadership workshop in Colorado on either 8/3-6 or 9/21-24. The LBC would pay airfare, USAB will provide lodging/meals. Mrs. Richards will contact Mr. Mosley to tell him of his appointment as RC and about the conference.
- g. Athlete rep – at this time Mr. Brackett was concerned that we had not voted on the athlete rep. Pres. Cunningham indicated we did not vote, it was decided by the registered athletes of the LBC, not the BOD. He informed Mr. Brackett that there were other names for consideration besides Blake Williams and that he would find out the process for the athlete election and inform Mr. Brackett and Mr. Williams.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Pres. Cunningham reported that he had some announcements, that as indicated at the beginning of the meeting, he wanted this board to get stuff done, not to be just a sitting board. Therefore, he has specific tasks for each member of the board, "homework if you will", things that need to get done before the next meeting in September.
  - a. Tournament Planning Chair – Dave Packer, Pres. Cunningham asked Mr. Packer to begin immediately to put his committee together as time was short to get things done and have a tournament before the Eastern Qualifier. Pres. Cunningham then asked Mr. Richards if he would

assist Mr. Packer by working with him to get the team (the individuals being sent by the LBC) from MI to the National tournament in Chat TN, Mr. Richards indicated he would do that.

b. Chief of Officials – Scott Dexter, Pres. Cunningham indicated he would like to see Mr. Dexter develop a recruitment plan for officials. Pres. Cunningham requested that by the next meeting that Mr. Dexter have some sort of recruitment program idea for obtaining new officials, flyers to distribute, make calls, whatever he could come up with. He also stressed that we need workshops to teach the officials and coaches so that everyone is on the same page and understands the rules and expectations when it comes to having a show. Would like to see an officials workshop organized, not mandatory but as attractive as possible to increase participation, possibly bringing in some outside officials to teach referring, judging, have boxers simulating bouts, USAB scoring videos, etc. We are trying to get everyone looking at the same things, boxers, coaches, officials on the same page. Would like to see MI officials / coaches as a whole pick up their game. Pres. Cunningham would like Mr. Dexter to work with Mr. Crutchfield as well and possibly combine the officials and coach's workshops.

c. Treasurer – Betty Richards, Pres. Cunningham indicated there had been some complaints regarding financial reporting and that he would like to see more transparency and reports available for the Board of Governors meeting in December. A more detailed record of where the money goes, who it goes to, etc. Mrs. Richards indicated that she prepares such a report monthly and that would be no problem.

d. Athlete rep – Jarrell Brackett, Pres. Cunningham would like the athlete rep to talk to athletes of all ages, not just senior boxers and put together a list of what the athletes want from the LBC, what will make their experience better?

e. Secretary – Cheri Szendre, Pres. Cunningham would like the secretary to work with the CO and Coaches Comm to send out all announcements about workshops, whatever they need sent out. Work with Mr. Watson to get the scholarship app / criterial sent out and up on the website.

f. Scott Dexter, Pres. Cunningham asked Mr. Dexter if he was the one updating the website for the LBC, he indicated he did. Pres. Cunningham would like the current tab “newsletter” to be replaced with “your LBC” and for meeting notes to appear under that tab with the most recent notes on top. Also, to be sure that all information on the website was current and up to date – coaches / gyms info.

Motion to adjourn by Jarrell Brackett, second by Betty Richards. Meeting adjourned at 4:25pm.