

## **MAUSA Boxing Board of Directors Meeting December 17, 2017**

1. The MAUSA Boxing Board of Directors meeting was held Sunday, December 17, 2017 at the Ramada Inn, Saginaw Hwy, Lansing MI at 11:00am
2. The meeting was called to order by President Ron Cunningham at 1:12am
3. 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 (arrived late)
  - e. Registration Chairman – Ed Mosley
  - f. Athlete Representative – Jarrell Brackett and Sarah Rae December 31, 2020
  - g. Chief of Officials - Scott Dexter December 31, 2020 (arrived late)
  - h. MI Golden Gloves Director – Dave Packer (arrived late)
  - i. JO Director – Eric McGuire
4. Board members absent
  - a. Detroit GG Director – Ansel Stewart
5. USA Boxing Members Present  
Patrick Schmidt

### **OFFICERS REPORTS**

1. President Ron Cunningham – President Cunningham reported that the board is moving in the right direction, and that funding is being used for the athletes.
2. Vice Presidents Report, Gary Richards – Mr. Richards stated again that the LBC is losing clubs and that USAB is dumping more work on “us” (LBC clubs) and that USAB is moving in the wrong direction
3. Secretary’s Report, Cheri Szendre – Ms. Szendre reminded everyone to make sure that their information is correct on the USA boxing data base as that is where all communication information is pulled from.
4. Treasures Report, Betty Richards – Mrs. Richards stated that the Michigan LBC budget was done and submitted to USAB before the 12/15/17 deadline as required. And that there was a total of \$74645.2 combined in the banks and credit union accounts.
5. Registration Chairman Report, Ed Mosley – Mr. Mosley reported that the LBC has 936 registered athletes, 278 registered non-athletes, and 54 registered clubs.
6. Chief of Officials Report, Scott Dexter – Scott reported that there are currently 51 registered and certified officials and 15 in training. Mr. Dexter discussed the possibility of leniency on the # of apprentice officiating required with respect to the distance an official in training would need to travel. Generally an official in training would have 5 trainings/shows (judge, timer, clerk) represented in their pass book, unless they had done a significant amount at one event, then it may be counted as 2 trainings. Gary asked if the guy in Marquette was the only new official, it was noted that Jeff Beren, Meron Twelde, and Judith Snow were also apprenticing in the Grand Rapids area.

7. Athlete Representative Reports - Sarah Ray Batenburg – Sarah discussed the need for more communication and avenues of communication. i.e contact sheet on the website need to have more than one(1) person as a point of contact. Also that there needs to be some sort of interactive mechanism for the coach or club to update their information when it changes. Sarah had created a powerpoint presentation outlining her ideas that she shared verbally with the board. Sarah also presented the idea of an online survey that could be emailed to all the clubs, coaches, athletes, and even officials. A motion was made that she work on compiling information that would be used in the survey or a “mock” survey for the next meeting. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Szendre.

Jarrell Brackett – Jarrell expressed his frustration that the information and ideas he presented last time were not going anywhere. That he has visited a lot of gyms and that people “don’t like the way (boxing) is being ran”. He again brought up the need for a social media page, twitter account, Instagram, YouTube, etc.. and that he was not willing to take on these things without being paid. He wants to interview boxers that went to the National tournament and present their stories on the social media page, or even publish a newsletter. He indicated he didn’t believe anyone (on the board) wanted to help change the things that need to change. That there needs to be a plan to find new places to have gyms, find new coaches and attract new boxers, especially in rural areas where there is less for the kids to do. It was suggested by Patrick Schmidt that more information be posted on the existing website, that there needs to be more activity – information on the website. It was also discussed again that at the last meeting the concern for social media was having a guideline on what can / can’t be posted, and that there has to be consent before posting images, in particular if the individual is a minor. President Cunningham asked the athlete reps to work together to 1. Create a waiver for media events, information that can be shared; 2. Create a guideline on what can / can’t be posted on any potential social media or informational outlet; and 3. Review the social media idea again at the next meeting in March. President Cunningham also reminded Jarrell that he had yet to present a working proposal of the Belt System for tournaments in MI and that he needed to work with Dave Packer and have something for the March meeting. Also that he wanted Jarrell to bring information to contact the Americorp Program-VISTA, and create a proposed job description for what that individual would be responsible to do for the LBC.

8. Michigan Junior Olympic Report, Eric McGuire – J.O. Prep National will be June 24-30 in W. Virginia again this year. He did not believe the state date and registration had been set yet.

9. Michigan Golden Gloves Report, David Packer – Dave reported that Group Members (USIBA, GG) must now complete compliance reports to be recertified as Group Members and that the packet was about 3 inches thick. (indicated measurement w/ hand gesture). Dave presented a series of handouts, 2018 GG news release, 2018 GG Nationals to include female boxers at all levels, there has been a change in the age for advancement to the Nationals-boxer must be 18-40 years of age on the date of the first event (if progressive, must be at time of first event) novice boxers can compete at local level if time permits. The Jr. and Youth National GG will be an open entry tournament held July 18-21 in Mesquite NV.

10. Detroit Golden Gloves Report, Ansel Stewart – Mr. Stewart not present, no report given.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Finance Committee Report, Betty Richards indicated she had nothing to add.
2. Rules and Regulation Chair, Katealia Chambers not present – no report given
3. Officials Committee Report, Scott Dexter spoke about the officials workshop, that he had not yet gotten a response from Angel Villarreal on a timeframe and would try to contact him again.
4. Registration Committee – Ed Mosely indicated he did not have more to share.
5. Coach’s Committee – Jason Crutchfield was not present - No Report given
6. Tournament Planning Committee Dave Packer apologized for the low turnout of the tournament, indicating

that we did have 11 boxer register and all 11 were sent on to the nationals by the LBC so there was some benefit to the boxers at least. He sited a short time frame and not much in the way of advertisement may have contributed. President Cunningham inserted that the resignation as Committee chair had not been accepted. Jarrell indicated he wants to learn how to do the job.

7. Judicial Committee – Dennis Shimmell not present – no report given. Dave Packer reported for the committee that there had been a complaint of a coach/gym “stealing” developed boxers but have not been able to find a specific rule that has been violated to file a grievance. It was indicated that if a boxer that he has worked with a club for 3 years then someone comes in and takes them, there should be a reprimand from the BOD or the BOD needs to get with USAB to propose a rule against this or see what can be done.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Awards Committee – Cornelius Stevenson was not present and has been replaced as the committee chair, President Cunningham indicated that the award for M/F athlete of the year, coach of the year and official of the year will be announced at the BoG meeting following the BoD meeting today.
2. Scholarship Committee Chairman – Atty Paul Watson was not present. No report. The names of those awarded scholarships will be announced at the BoG meeting. Betty indicated she will need the paperwork.

**OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to discuss.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Suggestion was made to put together a committee to draft a letter to Gallo (the gym that is “stealing” boxers) or to contact USAB first because maybe this has happened at other places and see how it was handled there. Mr. Mosley asked “how do you prove they are doing this? Ethically they shouldn’t be, but how do you know the athlete didn’t want to go?” Jarrell indicated that the problem isn’t going to get fixed with a “rule”. The boxer is reacting to either the present training experience (bad) or the promise of what they want, whether it is true or not.

President Cunningham indicated that he would contact Dennis Shimmell to handle contacting USAB to find out if this has happened before and what has been done.

2. Gary Richards again proposed funding for the Golden Gloves. Expressing that it was a hardship for the EMGG to travel for the state tournament and that the only funding was for going to the Nationals. He made a motion that each group be reimbursed to a certain level of financial assistance (must submit receipts for reimbursement) as follows: MGGA - \$3500, Det. GG - \$3500 and EMGG - \$2500. President Cunningham called for the vote, 7 voted in favor, 1 voted against. The motion passes.

3. Gary Richards indicated that the liability insurance for the Board of Directors had been paid through 11/2018.

Motion to adjourn by President Cunningham, second by Mr. Mosely

Meeting adjourned – 1:35pm