

MAUSA Boxing Board of Governors Meeting December 17, 2017

The MAUSA Boxing Board of Governors meeting was held Sunday, December 17, 2017 at the Ramada Inn, Saginaw Hwy, Lansing MI at 2:00pm

1. The meeting was called to order by President Ron Cunningham at 2:06pm
2. The meeting minutes for the Sept. 17, 2017 meeting were read by secretary Szendre.

3. OFFICERS REPORTS

- a. President Ron Cunningham – President Cunningham reported that the board is moving in the right direction, and that funding is being used for the athletes.
- b. 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. Also indicated he hoped it would get better now that there is a good group on the BOD.
- c. 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.
- d. 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 as of the end of November 2017.

There was a question as to how much MI keeps for each sanction, Sanction cost \$313, USAB gets \$305, LBC \$8

It was asked if the sanction fees were going up? MI will keep all fees the same for 2018.

It was asked if the annual expenses for the LBC were available for everyone to view, the secretary indicated that not at this time due to new forms coming out from Cam T (USAB).

- e. Registration Chairman Report, Ed Mosley – Mr. Mosley reported that the LBC has 936 registered athletes, 278 registered non-athletes, and 54 registered clubs. He reported that the registration committee had developed new guidelines for issuing passbooks.

There was a question about the list of people who applied as clubs, and if the 54 clubs reported were for 2017?

Scott Dexter will update the website by Feb. 1 as most clubs will be registered by then, to date there were 50 registered.

There was a question about online registration communication, if there is anything that outlines the process and/or steers them to the website. Ans. No, not at this time.

There was a question regarding clubs with 5 or more boxers (34 registered currently), were there more with less than 5? Ans. Yes, the 34 with more than 5 have voting privilege at the meeting.

It was asked if the passbooks still needed to have a physical in them? Ans. Yes.

IF the physical had to be on the USAB form and if the whole form was required or just the last page?

Ans. Scott Dexter indicated that is what he had heard but did not have proof to back the statement up.

- f. Chief of Officials Report, Scott Dexter – Scott reported that there are currently 51 registered and certified officials and 15 in training. MI has 11 Level 1 officials, 14 Level 2 and 11 Level 3. Mr. Dexter added that Safe Sport has a renewal program available until 12/31 for those who had not yet registered or taken the

course. After 12/31 the whole safe sport program would need to be redone upon registration.

The question was asked if officials had to sign the Code of Conduct in Utah. Ans. Yes.

g. Athlete Representative Reports - Sarah Ray Batenburg – Sarah discussed the need for more communication and avenues of communication. She presented the idea of anonymous surveys for officials, athletes, coaches etc... to get an honest point of view and to connect with what is going on in the clubs to allow the BOD to better address concerns.

She also suggested a contact spreadsheet website and the need to have more than one(1) person as a point of contact for clubs to better assist coaches and boxers to promote better communication.

The question was asked where she boxed at? Ans. Sarah boxes out of GVSU.

It was asked if that was the same as Olivet? Ans. No.

It was asked if GVSU was a recognized as a club? Ans. Not yet.

Athlete Rep Jarrell Brackett – Jarrell expressed that he felt we needed a centralized data base for match making but that it needs to have one person who knows what's going on. He expressed his frustration that too many people are trying to make matches for the same day.

He also mentioned that there are gyms that are trying to steal boxers from other gyms, and that if the gym is not strong or the boxer is not getting what they need from the gym / coaches then maybe the boxer is just choosing to leave on their own. If the boxer is told that the other coach can help them develop, then they leave and go to the other gym.

It was mentioned that there is a great difference between a boxer coming to a coach / gym based on their reputation rather than a coach / gym soliciting boxers to leave where they are training to go with that coach.

Jarrell also mentioned that there are many areas of MI where no clubs exist, creating “lost boys”, violent gangs, youth that need an outlet for anger, etc... That we need to find men/women who will coach, find places to house gyms, need to campaign to acquire resources to assist in getting these gyms started.

It was asked if Olivet was a USIBA or NCBA club. Ans. USIBA, all around here are USIBA. GVSU will plan to register as USIBA as well.

What is the difference? USIBA allows open class boxers to enter / compete. NCBA does not, must enter as novice.

It was asked if something is put on social media, how can we control what is presented. Ans. The website has a moderator of the content, public can put anything they want, the moderator can delete, block, etc...

It was mentioned that there are things going on now on FB, there are some things that you shouldn't put on social media. What can be done about it? Ans. File a grievance if the behavior violates the code of conduct.

(Jarrell left directly after his presentation to the BOG, 3:10pm)

h. Ansel Stewart reported that the Detroit Golden Gloves are April 13-15 at Burt's Warehouse. Michigan GG is April 14 also, hope that there enough officials to accommodate both dates.

i. Dave Packer reported the dates for the Michigan Golden Gloves will be April 14, 20, 27 and State Finals May 4 & 5. Announced a news release for the National GG in Omaha NE, May 14-19 will include female athletes at all stages, not separate national or local tournament. Boxers must be 18 by the start of the first date of the local tournament. Dave had a handout for the rule exceptions for GG, and handout for the Jr.

Nationals (youth) July 18-21. Introduced Patrick Schmidt, tournament director, represents GG, does the majority of the work. Also, introduced Cheri Szendre as the co-chief official at ringside, helps to register boxers, etc...

4. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Finance Committee Report, Betty Richards indicated she had nothing to add.
- b. Rules and Regulation Chair, Katealia Chambers not present (ill) – no report given
- c. Officials Committee Report, Scott Dexter reported that new rules state that all officials need to recertify every 24 months at ALL levels. There is a new PowerPoint to be used for clinics on the website. He congratulated John Slayton on completing the referee apprenticeship and Cheri Szendre on her achievement of One (1) Star AIBA. Scott also indicated that he hoped to have a coach/officials workshop in the spring.
- d. Registration Committee – Ed Mosely indicated he had nothing to add.
- e. Coach's Committee – Jason Crutchfield reported he was not contacted in regards to the coach/officials workshop by Scott or anyone else. President Cunningham suggested they get together today and thanked him for being present
- f. 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 as well as difficulty in getting a venue.

It was mentioned that other athletes had planned to go to other shows the same dates. President Cunningham said that this year there will be more time, more notice and a better chance of success this year. It was also clarified that even if boxers lost this event, they could still go to the Eastern Qualifier on their own, the tournament in itself was not in any way a qualifier for the national tournament, only a pathway for champions to be sent by the LBC. It was suggested that the name be changed to prevent confusion of this sort for next year. A suggestion was made that it be named the MI LBC State Sr Championships. A suggestion was made to get the date set soon to increase participation, and that a contact spread sheet (for all clubs) would help with communication.

- g. Judicial Committee – Dennis Shimmell not present – no report given. President Cunningham indicate that to his knowledge there had not been any grievances filed to date.

5. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Awards Committee – Cornelius Stevenson was not present and has been replaced as the committee chair, President Cunningham announced the Male athlete of the year had gone to JaQuan McElroy, JaQuan was not present and the award was presented to FWC for him. The Female athlete of the year had gone to Zoe Glass, of Hoose's Gym. She was not present, her award will be presented at a later date as there was no one in attendance to present it to on her behalf. The Coach of the year went to Arnie Wells of the Davison gym, Gary Richards offered to present the award at the upcoming show. The Official of the year went to Cheri Szendre who was in attendance and accepted the award.

A suggestion was made that in previous years, these awards had been given out at the last tournament of the year, or the first tournament of the next year so that the LBC President could be there to present them. The idea will be taken under consideration.

- b. Scholarship Committee Chairman – Atty Paul Watson was not present. President Cunningham announced that the two (2) recipients for the scholarships were David C. Davis of Detroit, and David Alvarez Rojas of Dynamita. President Cunningham indicated that he would have like to have seen more applicants and hopes that in the future there will be more.

It was asked what the requirements were? Ans. There is a list of requirements on the application which can be found on the website and had been initially emailed to gyms. Also, that if there are specific questions, or any suggestions to contact Paul Watson.

It was asked who was on the Scholarship committee? Ans. President Cunningham didn't have the names of the committee members but assured the group there had been representation from around the state, as there should be for all committees.

It was asked if the funds were issued directly to the individual? Ans. The funds are issued to the school and to the individual.

What if they have already paid the school? Ans. Then the school would need to reimburse the individual.

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

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Rene Muniz reported that the recent Diamond Gloves tournament had originally had 82 bouts scheduled, but that 47 people didn't show up. 16 teams were "no show", one team backed out due to wake, 5 teams from Cleveland couldn't make it due tot the weather. He expressed his frustration that the teams/coaches/athletes today just don't understand what it means when they make a commitment to come, and then back out, especially without any notification. He believes that it is partially due to more than 50% of the coaches being new, within the past 1-2 years and many (80%) not having had shows before. President Cunningham commented that Rene' had done a great job, it was a great tournament with 2 rings, great action, and it got done at a decent time. Mr. Packer commented that the "no shows" happens more and more, that the commitment isn't there and it can be problematic for show directors
- b. New Policy and Procedure manual has been created, since no copies are available at this time the item will be tabled for discussion until the next meeting. President Cunningham asked the BOD to stay and discuss this briefly after the BOG meeting and announced it would be made available prior to the next meeting and that it was basically the same as before.
- c. The question was asked about information on the Silver Gloves, there was confusion on taking bids and now appears that the Downtown BC will be hosting? Ans. Silver Gloves is no longer a "Group member" it is like any other club which draws its own sanction, i.e. like Diamond Gloves Tournament

President Cunningham thanked everyone for coming and stated he appreciated the comments and feedback.

Motion to adjourn by Gary Richards, second by Ed Mosely

Meeting adjourned – 2:45pm