

# Michigan LBC

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019

1-Roll Call of Board of Directors called to order at 1:05pm

Meeting was scheduled to be BOG but w/o quorum became BOD meeting by default

Present: Ron Cunningham, President

Gary Richards, Vice President

Betty Richards, Treasurer

Ed Mosley, Registration Chair

Scott Dexter, COO

Cheri Szendre, Secretary

Athlete rep, Sarah Rae was present

2-Acceptance of BOD meeting minutes delayed as there was not minutes from previous BOD meeting and the BOG meeting was deferred due to lack of a quorum

3-Officer Reports:

a-President, Ron C – President Cunningham reported on the LBC tournament, 6 bouts day 1, 3 bouts day 2, several uncontested champions.

Ron believed the National Level (USAB) is going the wrong direction, poor vision and direction, not doing what is best for the athletes, but are keeping all the authority and power. He indicated that in the past they put the athlete first “back then” and it changed the direction. At the MI level LBC we are doing our best to put the athlete first. He indicated he has 11 mos 3 weeks to go to show our athletes what the program is about. He doesn't believe the national level sees it that way.

Ansel Stewart asked what is going on with National Pres (John Brown) is he in place or not in place? And what about the Director (Mike McAtee) President Cunningham was not able to answer Mr. Stewart's question.

b-Vice President, Gary R – Mr. Richards expressed his disappointment in the declining number of clubs, boxers, and officials. He feels the program is going downhill due to changes at the national level. “Ron said it all, I feel the same way 100%”

c-Secretary, Cheri Szendre – no report other than I do not agree with Pres and VP regarding their views on USAB Nat. level leadership / guidance

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d-Treasurer, Betty R – Mrs. Richards reported the LBC has as of 12/31/18, \$41,780.57 in checking, \$1204.77 in the MM, and \$29,953.64 in the savings account. (Total 72,938.88)

Treasurer indicated biggest changes due to sanction fees, awards, belts, dr. fees, funding boxer Z. Glass to EQ (reimbursement of \$1325, postage, mileage stipends,

In 2016 there were 43 sanctions for 20 clubs (MGGA had most w/ 6)

2017 there were 42 (MGGA and DTBC had most w/ 5 ea)

2018 there were 36 (AZTECA BC had the most)

President Cunningham reminded everyone that at the end of the year, the bod elected not to make and changes for 2019 to the sanction fees. Trying to keep them as low as we can and still have \$ in the bank. The LBC has the power to increase the athlete, non-athlete, club and sanction fee.

Rene M. clarified that the sanction fee comes from USAB and are a “flat rate” (all the same) but that the LBC’s decide how much to charge and what they do with the rest of the money. Rene believes that if the LBC would explain what the additional money is used for it would be a good thing. (in his view the clubs would get behind the additional fees)

Gary R commented that we are fortunate to have the balance in the bank.

Betty R commented that for each sanction we issue the LBC loses \$92. USAB takes \$305, the LBC pays a supervisor and an inspector for each show \$50 for expenses.

e-Registration Chairman, Ed M – Mr. Mosley stated as of 12/31/18 there were 53 registered clubs (36 voting eligible), 908 athletes and 284 non athletes, 12 clubs closed in 2018. For 2019 currently have 18 clubs have registered so far.

Boxer books have been returned from restrictions for an injury report at Det. V. Ireland.

New club registered – Darkside Boxing club

f-Chief of Officials, Scott D reported that there were 51 certified officials in 2018. For 2019 so far 24 have registered. 9 Level 1, 8 Level 2, and 6 Level 3.

Scott commended the MI LBC showing at the nationals in Utah which included himself, Cornelius Stevenson, Katelia Chambers, Jim Quiqley, Cheri Szendre, and himself.

Scott also indicated that for 2019 moving forward there will be a change in clinic format and process. Certification moving from rule based to mechanical based, power point and clinicians changing, no test to be given at the clinic, will be sent to participants via email

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by USAB after the clinic is completed. Study the Rulebook and the R/J Manual. Those who have taken it have commented it is difficult to pass the first try.

g-Athlete Reps: Sarah Rae – still working on proposed surveys, research courses, still in progress.

The question was asked why we only have 1 athlete rep on the BOD. Ron indicated that the 2<sup>nd</sup> rep (Jarrell Brackett) had been removed by USAB due to eligibility reasons and the according to USAB they prefer a male/female ratio for reps. The question was asked if we need to have 20% of BOD representation as athlete reps\*Ron will look into how many athlete reps USAB requires and to clarify if USAB will replace the athlete rep before the end of this board's term.

Dennis S. indicated that only have 1 rep hurts the LBC and that as the judicial chair he needs to appoint an athlete rep for any grievances.

4-Directors Reports – no directors present, executive session only

a-Detroit Golden Gloves, Ansel Stewart reported that the Detroit GG dates this year are April 12-14, 2019 with a warm up show on March 2, 2019 and that East side GG is having a show March 2 also.

Ansel presented that as far as the Golden Gloves (Detroit / Michigan) we are a TEAM at the nationals we cheer for each other, we may compete against each other the next day but when we are there (MI collectively) we are a team of well managed and trained athletes representing Michigan as a state.

b-Michigan Golden Gloves, Dave Packer reviewed that 2018 tournament was successful even with low boxer turnout. Sent a full team to Nationals including 1 female, and finished somewhere between #10-#14 overall. Unable to hold the State games / BS memorial, director resigned, it was a tough time.

Moving into 2019, reorganized and back on track. Cheri Szendre is the MI GG director, Pre superbowl fight is on for 02/02 headed up by Dennis S.

2019 Dates for GG tournament, March 16, 21, and 30 semi-finals, Finals April 12-13 all shows at DeltaPlex. GG Nationals in Chat. TN May 5-11.

State games tentatively June 22.

5-Standing Committee Reports and Progress on Assignments –

a. Coaches Committee – Jason Crutchfield , no report.

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The question was asked if a registered athlete has liability insurance – Ans: NO

The CLUB carries the liability insurance when they are a registered club.

What if the boxer is registered, the club is registered but they are training/sparring “offsite” – are they covered? \* Ron will look into it.

- b. J.O Committee – Eric M. – not present
- c. Registration Committee – Ed. M – no further comment
- d. Tournament Planning Committee – Ron C. reviewed that the tournament was held at DTBC and at the next BOD meeting it was discussed not to have a tournament in 2019 but I believe we should, there will be an email sent out looking for a club to host the event. Contact Ron if interested to work out the details. This would be for a state title only, not as a pathway or advancement to a qualifying tournament.
- e. Rules and Regs Committee – Katelia, no report. Due to the lack of a quorum today the new MI Policy & Procedure Manual cannot be voted on but because USAB has approved it we continue operating under these guidelines. \*Ron C proposed to change the ability of a supervisor to be Level 1 (to allow more involvement and to match what the USAB rules say) Ron C Motion to vote, Gary R 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote passed unanimously.

Katelia asked what happens if we never get a quorum? Can we video conference to get more clubs to attend? \* Ron will look into ways of meeting the quorum requirements.

- f. Finance Committee – nothing more
- g. Officials committee – no report
- h. Scholarship Committee – Paul Watson, winner for 2018 Sam Mojica / Azteca  
There was much discussion over the other potential applicant who is a USIBA athlete and is therefore not eligible for the MI LBC award.
- i. Awards Committee – Ron C announced the winners as follows:  
Dale Grable - Official of the Year – Jesse Ascencio (Spence Carpenter will deliver)  
Male Athlete – Joe Hicks (#3 in US) (Cheri presented 02/02)  
Female Athlete – LaTonaya Wingate (Katelia will deliver)  
Coach of the Year – Ali El of Henry Hank (coach AKIO will deliver)  
Lifetime achievement presented to Gary Richards
- j. John O'Brien Committee-Athlete Development Committee, John indicated that Mi is well represented at the national level with 13 ranked boxers. Top boxers include Joe Hicks #3, and Jaquan McElroy, Zoe Glass #5 and LaTonya Wingate who all had great showing at the Western Qualifier and recent Nationals in Utah. It would be nice to recognize ALL the ranked athletes with a jacket or some unifying symbol of a MI athlete.  
This is an Olympic trial year, this is the time to rally behind our finest athletes to develop and fund them to the next level. Propose that we fund (via reimbursement) the top 2 male and top 2 female ranked elite boxers to selected Qualifier up to \$1400.

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C. Szendre – motion to vote  
BOD – passed unanimously

6-Old Business – ? Follow up on these items

Ron will find out about appointment of new athlete rep to replace Jarrell B.

Scott Dexter questioned non-MI residents working advancing MI tournaments – it was discussed to leave it up to USAB, are there requirements for officials to be from MI? can they work any state / advancing shows? There was discussion regarding non-MI officials working advancing tournaments.

It was mentioned that some LBC members using FB / Social media to trash officials and that this could be a code of conduct violation. It was suggested to write a letter/statement to all officials/coaches/clubs regarding the code of conduct and send to usab if problem continues.

7-New Business

It was proposed to add a Promotions Committee / Chair for social media to promote communication – especially for boxers.

After discussion, it was decided that there needed to be formalization on the criteria and responsibilities of the committee / chair before a vote could be held.

8-Announcements – none

9-Adjournment motion by Ron C, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheri S. - adjourned at 3:15pm