

Michigan LBC

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Meeting Minutes Sunday, August 25, 2019

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

Present: Ron Cunningham, President
Gary Richards, Vice President
Betty Richards, Treasurer
Ed Mosley, Registration Chair
Scott Dexter, COO
Cheri Szendre, Secretary
Absent: Athlete rep, Sarah Rae

2-Acceptance of BOD meeting minutes dated 06.2.2019 – approved. (Meeting notes to be sent following today's meeting)

Motion – Ed Mosley, R. Cunningham, 2nd

3-Officer Reports:

A. President, Ron C –

No Report

B. Vice President, Gary R – Mr. Richards again expressed his disappointment in the declining number of clubs, boxers, and officials. He feels the program continues to go downhill. He indicated he will officially resign his position on the LBC BOD at the end of this term/year.

C. Secretary, Cheri Szendre – no report

D. Treasurer, Betty R – Mrs. Richards reported the LBC has as of 7/ 30/19, \$45,058.83 in checking, \$1205.12 in the MM, and \$29,990.92 in the savings account. (Total 76,254.87)

Betty reported that this balance does not reflect the funds committed to reimbursement of the J.O. athlete expenses as Eric M has turned in receipts but no expense report or listing of what athletes the receipts are to cover the cost for.

President Cunningham asked where we were as of last year, Betty did not have that information available.

Betty stated she had received a request from Joe K to be paid for both supervisor and inspector at a pro/am show. The last meeting it was discussed that this was not an ongoing practice but that it would be discussed case by case. Scott indicated that he had originally been scheduled as S/I for the show, the show was relatively small and that he had coordinated all the officials and had the supervisor report filled in prior to asking Joe

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to take it over for him at the last minute. A motion was made to pay Joe K based on the circumstances by Pres. Cunningham, 2nd by Scott D. Call for vote – passed unanimously.

E. Registration Chairman, Ed M – Mr. Mosley at this time there are 861 registered athletes, 259 non-athletes, and 53 registered clubs.

F. Chief of Officials, Scott D reported that there were 2 new officials approved, Ashley from Saginaw and John from Detroit/Grosse Isle, both are younger and energetic and what the program needs. There are roughly 40 registered officials, 6 in the apprenticeship stage.

Scott indicated there was a complication with 2 MI physicians listed on the USAB website, Dan Worden and Mike Gallo, neither have full licensure and do not meet the medical criteria of USAB even though they are listed as physicians and can be selected for the physician in charge when pulling a sanction. There was discussion about the issue, the bottom line is knowledge makes you liable, therefore, we know and we must act accordingly.

Scott passed out a schedule of upcoming shows with limited openings for the remainder of the year. It was noted that an email had been received from John O'Brien in regards to the LBC fundraiser show that was tentatively scheduled but would need to be rescheduled as the venue was no longer available.

An itinerary for the R/J workshop on Sept. 14 to be facilitated by Andy Mustachio in St. Johns was on the reverse side of the schedule. Scott is working out the lodging for Andy, it is unclear if USAB or the LBC will be paying for those accommodations. Scott will create an announcement to be distributed to all officials and coaches to encourage attendance, the secretary will send out through Webpoint. Chuck D will provide some sort of catered lunch for the event to be covered by the LBC.

President Cunningham asked if coaches would be allowed to attend. (Yes)

Scott indicated that in regards to upcoming national qualifier events, USAB has been contacting him directly for the status of officials who have expressed interest.

G. Athlete Rep, Sarah Rae Batenberg - No athlete report - absent

4-Directors Reports – no directors present, no reports.

5- Old Business – Secretary Szendre reported that she had been in contact with Sting regarding items for BOG raffle, Sting has “package” options ranging from \$400-\$1000+ and that they had sent a price list (list was forwarded to Ed M. for comparison to Title pricing) that will be made available to all board members with these notes. The board needs to determine a price that will be spent on items, what items, and how to facilitate the raffle at BOG meeting coming up in Nov.

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Ed will contact Title for comparison and/or “free” donations to offset costs. The board will have a conference call meeting to make final decision later this week.

6-New Business

A. Discuss agenda for BOG meeting:

President Cunningham indicated that the BOG needed to vote on the proposed policy / Procedures, pending there are enough clubs to represent a Quorum. No additional pressing items were identified. President Cunningham will make an agenda to be distributed. Ed will compile a listing of voting clubs (must have 5 registered athletes – not 5 members, but athletes) and the board will divide up the representative names and contact personally.

B. Discuss Youth / Elite Tournament:

Eric M is planning to host the Michigan Y/E tournament. The date has not been determined as venue is not yet secured. Pres. Cunningham to contact Eric and suggest the Oct. 19 date that is currently still open on the calendar. The LBC will be responsible for the sanction fees and for awards / belts for contested winners only.

C. Round table discussion about the last 3 years (what we did good, bad, and things we should have done we didn't)

President Cunningham contributed that as a board he feels we have done a good job with bringing back events like the Youth / Elite tournament that give opportunity to our athletes. One goal he had was to better support the J.O. athletes, he believes we have done a better job than other boards in the past but that there is more that could be done.

He indicated that he has tried to run the board like when Dave Packer was the President, everyone has a job to do, do it.

Gary said we should do more to help the program that we have a strong LBC financially and it's for the athletes.

Betty indicated she feels this board has had good communication and discussion and that we work well as a team. She also believes we have done more for the membership than in the past. She thought we could do better by holding more fundraiser opportunities for the LBC.

Scott thought that overall we have good communication and discussion, that each one brings something to the table and that we respect one another even when views differ. He would have liked to have seen more from the coaches committee, he felt it had been a good idea but that it lacked development and was a committee in “name only”.

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Cheri agreed with the many comments regarding mutual respect and good communication between board members. She indicated that there needs to be a better social media presence (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc...) but that relying on a board member may not be the best solution. It should be a budgeted item, or grant funded moving forward.

Ed stated it was the best board he has been a part of and he agreed that we worked well together and had good communication.

- D. Discuss what we will tell the next board about possible issues or concerns we have (website, potential problems, etc)

In the future there needs to be emphasis on recruiting people who can help advance the LBC in the area of social media presence, grants and fundraising, web development, increase participation (all areas – boxers, coaches, clubs, officials and more ideas for inclusion and support at meetings (in particular the BOG).

It was discussed to have a questionnaire at the BOG meeting for feedback from the membership. Scott will compile some questions / ideas and will send it out to the board to review.

- E. President Cunningham brought up a recent request for the LBC to pay the travel cost for an official who has been invited to the EQ in Columbus Ohio on a cost sharing invitation (USAB will pay for room/food once the official gets there). President Cunningham is irritated by the R/J commission “telling” the officials to ask the LBC to pay, his view is that if they (USAB) want them there, they should pay. It was discussed that the LBC did vote in June to reimburse travel expenses up to \$200 for any official wanting to attend the J.O. National that did NOT receive a full invitation from the R/J commission. After much discussion, the motion was made by President Cunningham, 2nd by Secretary Szendre to again reimburse any official that has not had a full invitation, travel expenses not to exceed \$200 for participation in the Eastern Qualifier in Columbus Ohio, Oct. 5-12. Call for vote: unanimous, motion passes.

It was then discussed that there are two more qualifiers before the end of this board’s term, the Last Chance Qualifier in Oxnard California in November, and the Olympic Qualifier in Lake Charles LA in December. There was much discussion regarding who the LBC funds were to benefit, the athletes, not the officials. The motion was made to extend the previous motion for the other two tournaments providing that USAB was continuing the cost sharing invitations for those events and those officials who receive a full invitation were not eligible for reimbursement.

A motion was brought forward for any official traveling to a National tournament be given financial assistance by the LBC. The discussion detailed the following criteria:

1. Any official, including invited official whose travel is NOT paid by USAB (cost sharing)

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2. For Easter Qualifier, Last Chance Qualifier, and Olympic Qualifier Tournaments – reimbursement for travel expenses up to \$200 will be paid after receipts and expense report are received by B. Richards.
3. Scott will notify officials

President Cunningham made the motion, Betty Richards 2nd
Call for vote: unanimous, motion passes

- F. President Cunningham made the board aware of a situation with a coach who may ask for a reimbursement for charges for a show held previously this year. . Cunningham has been in contact with USAB and as well a representative for/from the USOC. There was further discussion about the particulars of the event in question and it was noted that to date no request for reimbursement had yet been made.

8-Announcements – none

9-Adjournment 3:24pm - Motion by R. Cunningham, 2nd by Scott Dexter