

MI LBC BOD

Conference Call - July 11, 2020 @ 9:30am

Present: Ansel Stewart - Interim President, Joseph Kastely - COO, Betty Richards – Treasurer, Ed Mosely – Reg. chair, Sarah Rae Batenberg – Athlete Rep., Cheri Szendre – Secretary

Ansel – welcome all, update BoD on Ron Cunningham resignation, commitment to continue on the path we have been on and making MI LBC one of the best in the country, good group and look forward to continued support.

1. LBC test shows discussion –

- a. USAB would like us to do to get back to boxing, we are not the “covid police”
- b. Suggested that if possible someone from the bod attend and observe how test shows in Indiana, Illinois or Ohio are conducted if they open before MI, possibly LBC can reimburse for fuel.
- c. PPE – officials, masks and hand sanitizers and who is going to provide it? USAB will do bulk order (order form attached with agenda) if we want to order from them. After discussion it was determined that we are not at a point yet to place an order for supplies for test shows as MI is not even close to opening. LBC should be prepared to provide masks, gloves, sanitizer and scorecards for officials use once we are ready to hold test show. It was noted that the type of face mask that officials can wear, can’t have any political agenda, just basic face mask, blue or usab, must be uniform and not cause conflict. Suggested possibly creating a MI LBC logo facemask, one per official and available for purchase beyond that.
- d. A. Stewart - MI is pretty much shut down, don’t know when we can have test show, may happen in other parts of the state first. Test show w/ no audience, we should all observe and help to make it run better.
- e. Sarah Rae – comment, Northern part may be better location than lower half, look at gyms in upper part of the state.
- f. J. Kastely – if test show in UP don’t we need to manage the participants in regard to where in the state they are from. A. Stewart – correct, the participants must be from a region that is “open” or in the same condition covid wise, also may only have max of 10 bouts.
- g. J. Kastely – I don’t have any officials listed that are from the UP. Sarah R – what about officials not necessarily in the UP – just northern MI. A. Stewart – we would need to get officials that are comfortable and from a region that is ready.
- h. J. Kastely – what is the purpose of the test show? A. Stewart to make sure am boxing can come back. To see what the new normal of boxing looks like. I did ask about a “cool down” period – we can but we don’t have to, we don’t really have any control over what happens once they leave the area. We can poll / after event call, the officials to see if we should move ahead or hold off.

- i. J. Kastely - Are we ready to consider a "target date" or is it too early? A. Stewart – yes, way too early. We can't target anything until the state opens up.
 - j. Discussion as to providing masks for officials, a onetime and available for purchase later, have generic disposable masks and gloves available at all shows for officials.
 - k. The usab order form states it is due next week, A. Stewart believes it is the "first" order, he will check.
2. Sanctions – options for previously approved sanctions (MILBC has 5)
 - A. Stewart – according to USAB you have until 12/31/2021 to use the sanction, most likely they are NOT refunding – they are looking for you to reschedule. If you have a gym that no longer can use the sanction – they can "sell" or pass it to someone else w/ permission of LBC and USAB. J. Kastely showed 5 sanctions, mostly GG, Azteca (wants to use asap), 5th one may be used as "test event" (previously a fundraiser). A. Stewart – the concern is it will be hard to keep family members away, test show with 2 local gyms will have double the potential of family and spectators wanting to attend, would be good to have outdoor test show if weather holds. There are a lot of things that need to happen, gyms open, at least a month prior to test show. Sarah Rae B – what about live stream? A. Stewart – good idea, we need to find someone with the capability.
3. If / when gyms open, how we can support them
 - a. Thermometers – discussed that all gyms must do temp checks. USAB offering bulk order \$50 each, MI currently has 44 reg. gyms, also need couple on hand for supervisors / COO to check officials. Most are on back order so we should order now to have when needed. Motion to purchase total 50 thermometers from the USAB order form by A. Stewart, second by J. Kastely, passed unanimously. B. Richards will place order on Monday, July 13.
 - b. Hand sanitizer / non –sanitizer disinfectant – should have on hand at shows. Discussion that most gyms should be disinfecting equipment already and that it would be too great an expense for LBC to purchase for all clubs. No decision to order at this time as we are not ready for test show and this is not on the USAB order form.
 - c. J. Kastely – What about medical / surgical gloves? A. Stewart, yes but we don't need to order now, we would provide for officials – not for clubs.
 - d. Sarah Rae B – can we require gyms to use sign in sheets in the event someone tests positive? J. Kastely - we can make suggestion as to preferred method of conduct for gyms. A. Stewart – can you create simple form, screening form, that we can provide the gyms? Sarah Rae B will create the form and email example to bod.
4. Coaches committee – AS talked to mark Harrison, supposed to chair committee, but not registered, gym not registered, he stated he would get registered, we can't keep waiting on Mark. Per webpoint as of today he is not registered, E. Mosley suggests we get another chair, he can be part of the committee (once registered) but not chair, A. Stewart will contact him and give him until July 31 to have everything completed or we then move on to choosing another chair. A. Stewart would like to see Coaches committee have more than one person, it is a big part of the LBC, suggested to add Kay Merol (Kzoo Eastside) is registered and gym is registered,

Jim Smedley – Port Huron, Jay Hernandez – worlds best, Betty R suggested Juan Garcia - saginaw, Cheri S suggested Will Glass – Lansing. Betty will contact Juan, Cheri to contact Will to see if interested to serve on committee.

5. New sanction application from USAB – put on hold for this meeting, not ready to discuss at this point.
6. Input from other BOD members
 - a. USAB physicians Steve Robinson thoughts on back to boxing amidst COVID-19 were discussed, per COO Joe K. Paula did not have much to share but Dr. Robinson’s comments are attached for discussion.
 - b. J. Kastely indicated he had reached out to our local doctors as he wanted a medically based opinion on reopening boxing, to consider not just the “rules” to restart but the concerns that our docs have to restart at a safe level.

A. Stewart indicated that Mike McAtee has conf call weekly with physicians around the country they are in communication with, to give input on how to restart. J. Kastely commented that if this is a concern for OUR local doctors, we may not have a dr. willing/ available to restart in our community.

A. Stewart – we need to be mindful of our docs concerns, and follow the safety protocols set in place by USAB and the state. (BETTY LEFT HERE)
 - c. A. Stewart asked to have secretary Szendre send the comments from Dr. Robinson to Mike McAtee/Lynnette Smith for review and input on how they line up with what USAB is thinking.
7. A. Stewart - Wrap up the meeting, no other questions or topics to address. Thanked the bod for working to make MI LBC great! Some discussion on how the interim presidency works and how/if to appoint a new VP or if existing board member can hold more than one position. Ansel will follow up with USAB, Joe K read the bylaws that state LBC can “appoint” someone to fill the spot (other than Pres / Athlete Rep) Motion to adjourn A. Stewart, Second C. Szendre. Meeting adjourned at 10:37am.