



MINUTES
USA BOXING BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CONFERENCE CALL
January 4, 2010
10:00am MST

I. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Tom Virgets, Jim Beasley, John Brown, Kevin Franklin, Robert Blaha (left call at 10:58am MST), Charles Butler (non-voting member)

Board Members Absent: Angel Bovee

Staff Present: Mike Martino (Interim ED), Cathy Newell (Executive Assistant)

Guests: Hal Adonis (USA Boxing Board President Candidate – Requested attendance, approved by Virgets)

II. Quorum Established

III. Board Election Date Discussion (Virgets)

A. Virgets: Received numerous calls from LBC Presidents regarding the election dates presented so far.

1. The majority of the representatives prefer to have the election on January 30th, 2010 in Denver, Colorado (this date/location was picked by majority in the first election date poll).
2. There are concerns that having the election on February 7, 2010 in Independence, Missouri, during the Silver Gloves Championships gives the perception that the Transition Committee is trying to manipulate the election process.
 - a) **FOR RECORD:** Virgets, Beasley and Martino confirm that Brown did not present the Silver Gloves Championships as the date for the election. The Board decided as a whole to present this date to the LBC Presidents, and without a request from Brown.

- B. Martino: Discussion of reasons for why February 7th was selected as a possible new date.
1. AIBA representation would not be available for January 30th date. USAB should respect and take advantage of the request from AIBA to attend and make every effort to accommodate such request.
 2. Time to ensure that the new By-Laws would be approved by both AIBA and the USOC prior to entering into the election.
 3. An extra week for planning purposes would be beneficial to the National Office to ensure the election is run appropriately and as flawlessly as possible.
 4. There was no push by John Brown on the decision for the date and location.
- C. Butler: Cited By-Laws as stating 30 day notice for an election shall be given to all voting members, which would not allow for a January 30th election.
- D. Franklin:
1. Expressed importance of AIBA's request for attendance at the election meeting, and concern about their inability to attend an election meeting if held on January 30th.
 2. REQUEST: Filiberto's voluntary resignation from the Board was due to a conflict of interest with his candidacy for President of the Board and his position on the Transition Committee. Therefore, anyone planning to announce candidacy for the new Board of Directors should not be on the Transition Committee.
- E. Board agrees to disband current Transition Committee (Brown, Franklin, Beasley), as they have met their duties and no longer have responsibilities with regards to the election.
- F. Election process going forward will be determined by Martino and Virgets.
- G. **MOTION/SECONDED/CARRIED (Franklin/Beasley)**: Election date will be Sunday, February 7th, 2010, in Independence, Missouri, directly following the Silver Gloves Championships. Unanimously passed.

IV. AIBA Executive Committee Meeting in China – Dr. Goodfellow Attendance

- A. Virgets: AIBA requests that Dr. Goodfellow attend the Medical Commission meeting in Xiamen, China scheduled for January 28-30, 2010, as she is the Secretary of the Commission and an intricate part of the meeting.
1. Virgets is concerned that we stand to lose credibility, the influential positions we currently have, and any positions we might have in the future with AIBA if we are unable to send our critical people to meetings upon the request of AIBA.
- B. Martino: Has extreme concern about the financial state of USA Boxing and its ability to cover the costs for this trip. Suggests future reimbursement from USA Boxing, if someone is willing to front the cost of the trip.
1. NOTE: Filiberto has a position on the AIBA Technical & Rules Commission. USA Boxing paid for Filiberto to attend a Commission meeting in July 2009, with the agreement that Filiberto would repay USA Boxing. Filiberto still owes USA Boxing \$1,446 for the AIBA Commission trip.
 2. ACTION: Brown and Franklin will raise the funds to send Dr. Goodfellow to the Medical Commission Meeting. Funds will be sent directly to the USA Boxing National Office, and will finance the expense of the trip.
- C. Butler: Medical Commission is the only AIBA Commission to have two positions carried by the U.S. (Dr. Butler, Chair/Dr. Goodfellow, Secretary). Butler and Goodfellow are the only two native English speaking members. This is critical for effective communication with the other members.

V. USAB/USOC/AIBA Meeting in New York on January 8th, 2010

- A. Agenda items expected for meeting:
1. Request support of governance changes as approved by AIBA, or any changes that may come out of the meeting based on input by all three groups.

2. After governance is agreed upon by all three groups, Virgets wants AIBA and the USOC to agree to the Board members that come out of the election process. There is expectation that the USOC will want discussion regarding potential candidates, and eligibility requirements. The result of those discussions should end in an agreement by AIBA and the USOC to support the new Board membership.
 3. Virgets requested that there be attendees for each group with authority to make decisions during the meeting.
 4. AIBA (Ho Kim), USOC (Rachel Isaacs, Mike English), USAB (Virgets, Brown, Martino).
- B. ACTION: Brown, Martino and Virgets will send out communication to the Board following the meeting.
- C. ACTION: Virgets to distribute to all Board members the AIBA letter to the USOC that was presented at the Copenhagen (DATE??) meeting:
1. Letter was from AIBA (President Wu) to the USOC (Larry Probst) requesting support on AIBA's governance changes with regard to USA Boxing, and to work together with AIBA to resolve any further issues on these changes. The USOC (Larry Probst) was in agreement with the letter, with the understanding that the USOC was kept apprised of what was taking place.
 - a) This letter serves as further indication to the USOC how critical it is to have a decision making attendee at the January 8th meeting, as their own President agreed to cooperate and work with AIBA.
- D. Franklin Requests Additional Item for Meeting:
1. Credentials Committee Discussion
 - a) Virgets: There is an agreement between all parties that a concrete definition will be reached regarding candidate eligibility. Therefore, there should be no need for a Credentials Committee.

- b) If there is conflict on the definition of candidate eligibility, then the Credentials Committee recommendation will be presented to consist of one member from each group (AIBA/USOC/USAB). That group will be tasked with determination of candidate eligibility.

VI. Adjourned 11:09am MST

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Newell
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