

Robert O. Voy, MD, President, called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call:**

**Board members present:** Dr. Robert Voy, President; Pam Hodge, Secretary; Dr. Frank Filiberto, Board Member; Johnnie Woluewich, Member-at-large; Ken Butler, Member-at-large; Mike Martino, Group Member Representative; Ronald Simms, Athlete Representative; Albert Guardado, Athlete Representative; Amber Gideon, Outgoing Athlete Representative; Don Hebert, LBC Representative

**Board members absent:** Sandy Martinez Pino, Vice President, excused; Lyle Aklestad, Member-at-large, excused; Krysti Rosario, Incoming Athlete Representative, excused

**Staff members present:** Eric Parthen, Executive Director; Linda Gleeson, Business Manager; Andy Stampley, Executive Assistant

**President's Report:** Robert O. Voy, MD

Dr. Voy Tournament complimented Eric Parthen on his quick grasp of his responsibilities.

Voy stated that due to the death of John Nuñez, Vice Chair of the Tournament Administration Committee, Steve Brown has taken his place on the committee.

Rosemarie Trindle has resigned as chair of the Under-19 Sub-Committee and Debbie Holmes has taken her place.

Voy thanked Hodge, Simms, Gleeson, and Parthen for attending the USOC Membership and Credentials meeting and for their supporting testimony before the committee. Two main issues of concern to the USOC had to do with both an athlete's right to compete and his right not to compete.

**USOC Coaches of the Year:**

**MOTION/SECONDED/CARRIED** to nominate Robert Michael for USA Boxing's selection as Developmental Coach of the Year.

**MOTION/SECONDED/CARRIED** to nominate Frank Gentile for USA Boxing's selection as National Coach of the Year.

**MOTION/SECONDED/CARRIED** that an ad hoc committee be formed to establish a protocol for future selections of the National and Developmental Coaches of the Year.

**Treasurer's Report:** Robert O. Voy, MD, Interim Treasurer

Voy reported that by 2002 year-end, USA Boxing will be -\$400,000, mainly due to sponsorship revenues that did not materialize. A \$300,000 line of credit has been established with Vectra Bank.

Voy congratulated Gleeson on the improvements in participant accident and catastrophic insurance coverage made recently and stated that he was pleased with the coverage increase from \$225,000 to \$500,000. Hebert also praised Gleeson for the reduction in the insurance bill and raising the catastrophic coverage with a rate reduction.

**Executive Director's Report:** Eric Parthen

**National Office:** Parthen reported that Dale Sprowls has replaced Denise Mastenbrook as Accounting Assistant. Mastenbrook and her family have relocated to another state. In addition, Bill Kellick has resigned as Director of Media and Public Relations.

**Multi-Sport Facility:** Parthen will meet in Miami next week with a group that is planning to build a multi-sport facility.

**Recent Competitions:**

**Men's World Cup:** The U.S. team did not make the medal round because of the structure of the tournament (team advancement rather than individual places).

**France Four-Nation Tournament:** In spite of the somewhat biased scoring against the U.S., this was excellent competition for our boxers.

**Women's Nationals:** Eighty-nine athletes are competing this week, and exhibiting good skill levels.

**Two tournaments in Puerto Rico:** USA Boxing is sending a team to Puerto Rico on August 4.

**Pan Am Selection Criteria:** The selection criteria proposed by the International Committee was discussed in detail, along with the tentative schedule for 2003.

**Membership Dues:** If USA Boxing's athlete insurance goes up again, the organization will be in violation of its bylaws unless dues are increased. Hodge recommended that Parthen work with the Finance Committee to research this matter.

**Multi-year Memberships:** Parthen recommends that a program be developed to make available and encourage multi-year memberships.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Athlete Code of Conduct:**

**MOTION/SECONDED/CARRIED** to accept the proposed code of conduct (attached). Butler stressed that everyone needs to enforce this code.

#### **COPABOX nominations**

**MOTION/SECONDED/CARRIED** to accept the nominations made at the April Board meeting for submission to the Confederación Panamericana de Boxeo (COPABOX.) (attached)

#### **USA Boxing Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Forms:**

**MOTION/SECONDED/CARRIED** to accept the Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest forms as written. Parthen noted that the USOC does not allow persons who refuse to sign their Code of Ethics to serve.

#### **Revised Performance Plan Agreement:**

**MOTION/SECONDED/CARRIED** to approve the revised performance plan agreement.

**Regional Reorganization Plan:** Filiberto and his committee will investigate a regional reorganization and report to the Board. Voy suggested that the Board of Governors be approached with a regional concept regarding the National Championships, rather than a 56-LBC tournament. Simms recommends that a plan to combine the men's and women's national championships be developed in the future.

**Nebraska LBC:** Since original jurisdiction was assumed by USA Boxing, Gary Pliner has been assigned to supervise. He reports regularly and stated that Debbie Mumm has been elected registration chair.

**Sydney Games:** Simms brought up the matter of athletes not being allowed to go to watch their teammates compete.

**MOTION/SECONDED/CARRIED** to instruct Simms to broach this matter with the USOC Athletes' Advisory Council.

**MOTION/SECONDED/CARRIED** that at the Olympic, Pan American or World Championships, barring workouts, interviews or any other USA Boxing approved event, a coach cannot deny an athlete the right to attend teammates' competitions.

**Safety:** Simms stated that the Velpeau handwraps were insufficient at the U.S. Men's Nationals, and feels they are inferior to gauze.

**MOTION/SECONDED/CARRIED** to direct the Safety Committee to conduct research on the safety of Velpeau vs. gauze.

**New Business:**

**Slow Reporting LBCs:** Voy emphasized that USA Boxing must confirm to the IRS on an annual basis that the LBCs are operating under USA Boxing's supervision and control. Not receiving reports from the LBCs is a very serious matter, as it puts USA Boxing and all LBCs at risk of losing Federal Income Tax Exempt status under IRS Code 501(c)(3). Per the USA Boxing rules, LBCs that are not in compliance will lose their voting privileges at the Annual Meeting.

**Foundation Requests:** BOD is concerned about funding a team for the Women's World Championship.

**MOTION/SECONDED/CARRIED** to forward the request to fund the Women's World Championships to the Foundation. The deadline for Foundation requests is August 15.

**Coaches for the U-19 Worlds and the Women's Worlds:**

**MOTION/SECONDED/CARRIED** to reject the recommendations of the Coaches Committee and ask the committee to resubmit the nominations, selecting two or three names for each position from among those who were qualified to apply and had submitted their applications in a timely manner.

**Team Managers for the U-19 Worlds and the Women's Worlds:**

**MOTION/SECONDED/CARRIED** to reject the recommendations of the International Committee and ask the committee to resubmit the nominations, selecting two or three names for each position from among those who were qualified to apply and had submitted their applications in a timely manner.

A conference call will follow to discuss the coaches and team manager recommendations.