

USA BOXING NOTICE #2002-06

President Voy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM MST 17 January.

Roll Call: Secretary Pam Hodge

Board members present: Dr. Robert Voy, President; Sandy Martinez-Pino, Vice President; Pam Hodge, Secretary; Dr. Frank Filiberto, Member; Mike Martino, Interim Treasurer; Don Hebert, LBC Representative; Ken Butler, Member-at-large; Albert Guardado, Jr., Athlete Representative; Ronald Simms, Athlete Representative; Krysti Rosario, Athlete Representative; Clytee Dunn, Group Member Representative

Board members absent: Ray Silvas, Member-at-large; Lyle Aklestad, Member-at-large

Staff Present: Eric J. Parthen, Executive Director; Andy Stampley, Executive Assistant; Linda Gleeson

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the October 16, 2002 meeting in Spokane Washington, and of the December 19, 2002 conference call were approved.

President's Report: Dr. Robert Voy

- Reported that Martinez-Pino, Silvas, Aklestad and Voy attended the AIBA Congress in Cairo, Egypt, in November 2002. There was controversy over the election for Secretary General, as two from the Americas, Loring Baker and Ricardo Contreras, were both running. Because of the potential to divide the vote, the U.S. met with Ricardo Contreras, and following discussion, Contreras decided to withdraw from the race. Baker ran against Caner Doganeli, who won the election for Secretary General.
- Voy and Martinez-Pino will attend the AIBA EC Meeting in Casablanca, Morocco. Name change for AIBA will be discussed.
- Voy and Irene Postma will oversee the opening of ballots for the election for the Northern California Association on Sunday, January 19, 2003. Northern California has had controversy in past elections, and the Attorney General of California has been brought into the controversy.

Vice President's Report: Sandy Martinez-Pino

- The Foundation has recuperated some of its losses in the stock market. A conference call was held concerning insurance issues, which will be addressed under New Business.
- Women's World Championships. Following review of an after-action report, there was a MOTION/SECONDED/CARRIED (Pino) that the International Committee revise the current after-action report forms. Hodge recommended that action be taken if reports are not returned, such as not sending that person on a trip again.

Secretary's Report: Pamala Hodge

- Hodge stated that summaries of BOD meetings are now being posted on the USA Boxing web site.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Martino, Interim Treasurer

" Martino, Gleeson and Filiberto worked on the budget, but were not able to balance the budget due to the uncertainty of the A2 sponsorship proposal. The Finance Committee will work with Gleeson and Parthen on balancing the budget prior to the next BOD meeting.

Executive Director's Report: Eric Parthen

- Attended first Board of Governors meeting: Parthen stated that it was a good experience, particularly the Town Hall meeting, and that he received very good feedback.
- LBC surveys: As a follow-up to the BOG meeting, Parthen has sent these to the LBC presidents to have their input to find out what the National Office could do.
- Attended Athletes Meeting: Athletes presented great ideas and suggested an Alumni Association to have mentors for younger athletes.
- Visited the Southern Training Center (STC): It is a great site, and has a large amount of potential. The JO's will be held at STC, including the camp and the International Invitational.
- North Miami Training Center is still on track. A \$10K good faith fee will be sent to USA Boxing in the next few weeks. The agreement is with fencing, taekwondo, judo, wrestling, and karate. We can use the center as desired, and it is a good place to host grass roots events, which the NMTC approves of.
- Met with IEC in Sports from Denver. They package events for TV, and discussed the Four-Nation Reno event. Will continue to work with them on possible events.
- Working with ESPN on televising the Men's Nationals; they wanted a time buy, but we are working under the barter method. This will be televised. Moderators were discussed.
- USOC - Lloyd Ward may have created the impression of a violation, and the USOC Board of Directors has been in turmoil because of the issue. Dr. Voy and Parthen will attend the USOC Membership and Credentials meeting on February 1.
- Establishing Pan Am coaches and team leaders selection procedures.
- Fran Jones has been out of the office since November and will be going on long term disability in February.
- Pan Am and Titan Games teams are in training camp in Detroit with Emanuel Steward. Parthen stated that this training camp is a perfect time for Steward to be evaluated by coaches and athletes. Butler suggested that Steward attend the next few BOD meetings to answer questions.
- Cleveland is hosting USA vs. Ireland on 12 March. Cleveland is very energized and they expect to sell out the event. Cleveland would like to host other events. Cleveland won the best sports commission in the country two years ago.
- Reno will host the Four Nations Tournament in mid-April.
- Dual meet has been sold to Tunica, Mississippi, to be held sometime in May, and they hope to bid on the Olympic Trials or Box-Offs. USA Boxing will try to host either France or England.
- JO Nationals will be held June 14-21, 2003 and the JO Camp, June 22-29.
- Women's Nationals will be in Hollywood Beach, Florida. U.S. Fitness 1 is the host.
- Men's Worlds will be in July. #1's will go to the Pan American Games and #2's will go to the World Championships.
- USA-Puerto Rico dual is scheduled for October 4 in Trenton, New Jersey, at the Sovereign Bank Arena.

- Started talks with Denver Sports Commission on future events.
- Membership is very busy receiving and processing registrations and working on rulebook. Rulebook will be in loose-leaf format. Postma will retire in May; she and Parthen will discuss what direction to take regarding her position.
- Media did a great job on the current issue of USA Boxing Magazine, and Goldsticker is currently working on a lot of publicity for the Titan Games.

Unfinished Business

Rules and Regulations Committee Chair: Tabled until next meeting. For the present, Greber will continue in the position of Vice Chair, serving as Chair.

A2 Contract: The A2 people are committed to sponsoring USA Boxing, but with the current problems within the USOC, they are not prepared to submit a contract. However, they have presented a good faith wire payment for \$50,000. They are committed to providing \$1,000,000+ through 2008 and possibly beyond. They also hope to provide a program that will provide additional monies at the local level.

New Business -General Liability Insurance (GLI) for \$1,000,000: (The USOC requires that USA Boxing, as the National Governing Body for amateur boxing, maintain \$1,000,000 in general liability insurance. Risk management is a major issue, and USA Boxing has put an ad hoc committee in place, chaired by Eddie Weichers, to investigate ideas that can be passed on to the clubs to reduce risk. A goal is to provide a manual for each club to help them to reduce their risks.) The USA Boxing broker went to seven insurance companies to renew and none would insure amateur boxing for 2003. In 2002, USA Boxing paid \$130,000 for the GLI. On December 31, 2002, one company came back with a proposal of a premium of \$250,000, with a \$250,000 deductible. This amounts to a \$63,000 premium increase plus going from no deductible to a \$250,000 deductible per incident, for a maximum of \$750,000. In addition, a line of credit of \$350,000 is required. The Foundation was approached to sign a letter of credit to enable USA Boxing to pay the GLI bill. Before agreeing to sign a letter of credit, the Foundation passed the below resolution, stating its requirements.

Motion was made to approve a Letter of Credit from USA Boxing Foundation to the proposed insurer for the 2003 General Liability Insurance policy of USA Boxing in the amount of \$350,000, to be applied toward satisfaction of the deductible amounts under the policy should USA Boxing be unable to pay the same when due, upon the following conditions, that:

Prior to issuance of the Letter of Credit, USA Boxing Foundation receive a written legal opinion from a Colorado attorney, acting on behalf of the Foundation, that the proposed action, which may result in payment of up to \$350,000 from the corpus of the Foundation, is within the lawful authority of USA Boxing Foundation;

USA Boxing must, forthwith, take action to raise the funds necessary to pay insurance in the future

without the need for participation by USA Boxing Foundation or the Foundation will withdraw the Letter of Credit; and

USA Boxing shall indemnify USA Boxing Foundation for any monies paid pursuant to said Letter of Credit, the intent being that any such monies shall constitute a loan to USA Boxing and shall be repaid to USA Boxing Foundation upon terms acceptable to the Foundation.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that, in order to pay for the increase in insurance costs of the general liability policy, to raise sanction fees to \$250 per sanction for all sanctions issued for all events held after March 1, 2003, and to raise club dues to \$100 annually, effective January 1, 2004. Funds will be put into a dedicated account to satisfy requirements of the Foundation.

2003 Women's Nationals - Women's Nationals will be held in Hollywood, Florida during July.

USA Boxing Rulebook - A motion was made, seconded and carried to print the next rulebook in loose-leaf form. A letter will be sent with each update, stressing the importance of inserting the new pages when received.

Need for Calendars to be scheduled one year in advance - A motion was made, seconded and carried that USA Boxing adopt a policy to make every attempt to schedule all major tournaments one year in advance. There was also discussion about combining the men's and women's tournaments, and about the importance of scheduling major tournaments at the same time each year.

Twenty Percent Athlete Representation on Committees - Parthen informed the BOD that some committees do not have 20% athlete representation, as required. Parthen will work with athlete representatives to make sure athletes are assigned to committees. Simms is stepping down as the USA Boxing member of the USOC Athletes Advisory Committee. Albert Guardado will replace him. Simms would like to accompany Guardado to the next AAC meeting to introduce Guardado to the members. A motion was made, seconded and carried that Simms accompany Guardado to next USOC AAC meeting in San Diego.

Coaches Certification - Coaches certifications are behind schedule. A new test is being developed to include risk management issues.

2003 J.O. World Championships - After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried to approve of the request of Sonny Duncan, Chair of the J.O. Sub-Committee, to send teams to the J.O. Worlds in June in Romania and to an international competition in Puerto Rico, and to approve his recommendation for August 1st as the age determination date for 2003 J.O. Championships and World Championships.

Athens Coaching Summit - The USOC has scheduled a coaching summit in April or May in Athens. USOC is paying for the event. A motion was made, seconded and carried to send Candy Lopez, Coaches Committee Chair, to the Coaches Summit and to require that he submit a written report to the BOD upon his return, and that, if the opportunity arises to send others, recommendations will come from the Coaches Committee.

Governance Restructuring Ad Hoc Committee - Butler gave a report on the committee's work to date. Committee does not agree with USOC on governance issue. Recommendations on athlete representation will just take a rewrite of rules. Parthen and Voy were asked to address governance concerns at the next meeting with USOC Membership and Credentials Committee on 31 January. Parthen felt that changes had already been made when rule was passed that rule changes cannot be brought to the floor at the convention. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the committee's report, and for Parthen to put the report in the proper form to submit to the USOC Membership and Credentials Committee, with copy provided to the BOD.

2004 National Championships - Discussion took place on holding Men's and Women's Championships together. Simms would like to see the championships held at the Southern Training Center. A motion was made, seconded and carried to hold the 2004 Men's and Women's National Championships in conjunction with one another.

Athletes Travel to Nationals - Simms was surprised that athlete travel went back to stipends versus fully funded. It was explained, that in order to also fund the women to the nationals, stipends had to be implemented to be able to afford the travel. A motion was made, seconded and carried that athlete travel for senior men and women to 2004 Nationals will be funded, if funds are available.

National Coaching Director - Parthen stated that Steward is hosting a camp for the Titan team and the team going to the Pan Am qualifier, and that evaluation of this camp will be provided to the board.

Advancement of AIBA Officials - BOD approved the list of AIBA officials to be forwarded to AIBA for advancement.

Next meetings - A special meeting will be held in the next few weeks if the A2 contract comes through. The next scheduled BOD meeting will be held 28 March.