

I. Call to Order: Dr. Robert Voy, President
Dr. Voy called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM.

II. Announcement on Quorum:

Of the 151 potential voting persons, 95 had checked in this morning. A quorum was met.

III. Approval of the Minutes of October 19, 2002 from Spokane, Washington:

MOTION/SECONDED/CARRIED (Frank Gentile) to accept the minutes as written.

IV. President's Report: Dr. Robert O. Voy

Voy asked all to pause as he mentioned those members who had passed away during the previous year: Larry Gibson, Marshalltown, Iowa; Bo Holley, St. Louis, Missouri; John Larrick; Helen Martinez, Bryan, Texas; Fran Jones, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Dr. Trefiletti, St. Louis, Missouri and California; Joe Yaffe, Lemon Grove, California; Bob Wimberley, former AIBA official, and Tommy Rawson, who had been a coach for Harvard for 60 years. A boxing bell tolled a 10-count in their memory.

Voy's annual report was in the packet of materials distributed for today's meeting; the theme of it is "participation." He stated that he has heard that some people think a small group of persons runs USA Boxing, and disputed this belief. He made special note of the numerous people involved in USA Boxing: Board members, 20 committee chairs, committee members, referees/judges, coaches, computer technicians, and especially the athletes.

He thanked Mike Martino for stepping in as Interim Treasurer. He then asked the following to come to the podium to receive plaques for serving: Clytee Dunn as Group Member Representative this past year, Ken Butler for his three years of service as At-Large Member, and Don Hebert for his three years of service as LBC Representative, and thanked all of them. He introduced the remaining members of the Board and complimented the National Office Staff, stating that Parthen has a great staff assembled to support USA Boxing. He commented that the USOC debt should be retired in 2004, and thanked Parthen for a great job.

Voy stated that the A2P contract has not yet been finalized, and that whether USA Boxing and A2P enter into a contract or not, USA Boxing will survive in 2004.

Because the competition season in 2004 is short due to the Olympic Games, Voy expressed his wish for the organization to work together to make the U.S. Olympic Boxing Team successful.

V. Vice President's Report: Sandy Martinez-Pino

A. USA Boxing Foundation Report:

As President of the USA Boxing Foundation, Pino stated that she plans to have a meeting in December, as the Foundation has not met in two years due to the financial situation. Currently, the fund has increased in value from \$2.8 million to \$3.8 million. The Foundation has continued to fund scholarships; it is hoped that stipends can be reinstated with the increase in the Foundation.

B. AIBA Women's Report:

Women's boxing continues to expand its horizons, though Professor Chowdhry has recommended that continental participation be increased.

VI. Secretary's Report: Pamala Hodge

Hodge stated that the Board of Directors minutes have been posted on the website throughout the year, and thanked Stampley for her assistance.

VII. Treasurer's Report: Mike Martino

Martino thanked the Finance Committee and Jacob Garretson, Athlete Representative, for their long hours, and stated that the Finance Committee meeting is the first step in the process of approving the budget. He stated that he is impressed with Exec. Dir. Parthen, and appreciates the fact that he has inside knowledge of the USOC. He showed several charts on an overhead projector, showing how dues money is allocated. He stated that the USOC debt will be repaid in 2004. The budget distributed this morning is the approved budget, and urged all to remember that half the revenue comes from USOC monies. Risk management is something that USA Boxing must constantly be practicing. On the membership "revenue vs. expenses chart," Martino showed that revenue has finally begun to exceed expenses.

VIII. Athlete Representatives Report: Albert Guardado, Jr., Julius Fogle, Krysti Rosario

A. Albert Guardado, Jr., said that his debt to boxing is great, as it has given him the confidence to do things he would never have done otherwise, and that it does this for many others, also. He is proud to represent USA Boxing on the USOC Athletes' Advisory Council.

B. Julius Fogle stated that the athletes would like to compete with 10-ounce gloves and would like to have more education on nutrition. In addition, he stated that the best officials should be used at the U.S. Nationals, in order to insure equitable decisions as much as possible.

C. Krysti Rosario reported on a new regional athlete election procedure the USA Boxing Athletes' Advisory Council has developed, to begin in 2005. She introduced all the athletes in attendance.

IX. Executive Director's Report: Eric J. Parthen

Parthen relayed Voy's compliment to John Brown on the success of the Ringside Tournament. He spoke about the importance of international tournaments for USA Boxing's athletes, and reported that USA Boxing has hosted eight international tournaments this year. He stated that Julie Dale is a wonderful addition to the staff and that the National Office continues to provide a high level of service. A recent Membership Services development has been the LBC newsletter, which provides better communication with the LBCs. After the insurance crisis of December 31 of last year, the USA Boxing Foundation stepped up to give the insurance company assurance that if USA Boxing were to receive one, two, or three claims at \$250,000 each, the Foundation would guarantee the deductible. Parthen stated that having seen how the various Olympic sports identify and train their elite athletes, he feels that USA Boxing's athlete pipeline is as strong or stronger than others. He stated that the Junior Olympic program is very instrumental in USA Boxing, and many of the elite athletes evolved from this program. He

thanked the Board of Directors and the National Office Staff for their continued service and dedication.

X. Candidate Forum:

A. LBC Director: Candidates for this position, Michael Rosario and Al Valenti, presented their platforms. Rosario stressed communication by phone and newsletter. Valenti spoke of his passion for the sport and respect for everyone in the room. He has staged over 100 boxing events in New England and has many contacts with venues and organizations in that area.

B. At-Large Director: Candidates for this position, Dale Grable, Johnnie Woluewich, Don Hebert and Chuck Williams presented their platforms. Grable spoke about the debt he owes to boxing, as it kept him from going down the wrong road as a youth. Woluewich stated that he has grown tired of the negativity that has pervaded the organization and wants to work for the athletes. Hebert spoke, saying that he will continue to serve as he previously has, then Chuck Williams, stating that he would like to raise money for the organization.

XI. Group Member Reports:

A. Golden Gloves: Jim Beasley, Executive Director, Golden Gloves

Beasley introduced the other two delegates with him at the meeting, Truman Tuttle and Bill Hoar. He also pointed out several persons present who run Golden Gloves franchises and mentioned the national tournaments scheduled through 2006. He thanked Stan Gallup for his hard work over the years, and announced that Charles "Chick" Paris had been named to the Hall of Fame. Golden Gloves is in the process of establishing a foundation similar to the USA Boxing Foundation. Beasley will serve as the Group Member Representative on the Board next year.

B. Native American Sports Council: Aitka Verma, Project Coordinator, NASC Verma spoke on behalf of Mo Smith, President, who was in Finland for the Tampere Tournament. She read the mission statement of the Native American Sports Council, and thanked Ringside, the title sponsor, for their assistance with the NASC Tournament held in Traverse City, Michigan with 125 registered athletes competing. The event will be held in Kansas in 2004. She thanked USA Boxing for assistance with the elite training camp held in New York, the coaches and officials development and certification, athlete identification and development, and stated that becoming a group member has increased visibility for the NASC.

C. National Collegiate Boxing Association: Mike Martino, President, NCBA

Martino reported that Dodge Ackerman, the collegiate boxer for whom prayer had been asked at last year's meeting, passed away of bone cancer on May 21. Martino gave the history of the NCBA, which was formerly part of the NCAA. After 1960, the NCAA no longer sanctioned boxing. He spoke about the risk management manual that Ed Weichers had helped prepare. McNally joined him to speak about mixed bouts between collegiate boxers and other boxers, a proposal to allow up to 5 bouts on the local amateur level each season, recently approved by the Board of Directors. Collegiate boxers use three two-minute round and 12-ounce gloves. McNally entertained questions from the membership, then closed by thanking Everlast for their equipment donations.

D. Police Athletic League: Jeremy Phillips, Program Manager

Phillips thanked USA Boxing for their support, especially for the media support, which was outstanding, during their national championship in Cleveland. He also thanked Ringside for their support of the tournament. He announced that the Police Athletic League had been selected by the USOC to receive

this year's Rings of Gold Award, an award given to an organization dedicated to nurturing and developing the Olympic dreams and life goals of community children. Brad Hart will receive the award at a special ceremony at the USOC Board of Directors meeting in Cleveland.

E. Silver Gloves: Joe Zanders

Zanders spoke of the mission of the Silver Gloves to promote all Junior boxing and to make available scholarships. He thanked Sonny Duncan for his great work with the Junior Olympic program.

XII. Committee Reports:

A. Appeal Board: Dennis O'Connell, Chairman

O'Connell reviewed the history of the creation of the Appeal Board in 2000, its role, and the number of appeals that have been heard. All appeals are heard after the Board of Review has rendered decisions. This year, 11 cases were affirmed, four were overturned, three were reversed, and six are pending. As USA Boxing's elected member of the Foundation, O'Connell plans to encourage the Foundation to lobby for federal support of the bill to support amateur boxing with portions of pro boxing ticket sales going to USA Boxing.

B. Coaches Committee: Candy Lopez, Chairman

Lopez reported that the coaches test has been updated and is now shorter and more practical. An Elite Coaches Seminar was held at the Colorado Springs Olympic Training Center, and there are now 32 new level IIIs and IVs. The Coaches Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the Board of Directors for coaches for the Pan American and Olympic Games. Lopez introduced his committee members, and reported that their meeting the day before had been attended by approximately 75 persons. He closed by saying that the committee is open to suggestions from the membership.

C. Convention and Awards Committee: Bo Davis, Vice Chairman

Davis reported that no nominations had been made for the Michael Nunnally Award this year. Rhonda Collins offered to provide the award each year.

MOTION/SECONDED/CARRIED (Pino) to present two Michael Nunnally Awards next year. Davis announced that the 2004 Annual Meeting will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, and the 2005 Annual Meeting in Boise, Idaho. Davis thanked Julie Dale and Nancy Hadden of the National Office for their help.

D. International Committee: Al Mitchell, Chairman

Mitchell stated that the International and Coaches Committees plan to begin working more closely together. He stated that the International Committee tries to put athletes in international tournaments at the proper level. Mitchell congratulated the Olympic staff, and encouraged all to work together to back the Olympic Team.

E. Membership Services Committee: Tracy O'Rourke, Chairman

O'Rourke was pleased with the turnout at the committee meetings, including the special meeting to hear the request from Frank Babcock, President of KICK to hold joint events. After the presentation, the committee recommended not to accept the proposal at this time.

MOTION/SECONDED/CARRIED (O'Rourke) not to accept KICK's request for joint events.

O'Rourke stated that one goal of their committee and the National Office is to put the new newsletter on the website.

1. Scholarship Sub-Committee: Mike Martino, Chairman

Martino reported that the committee has received 12 applications, fewer than usual because some of the previous awardees have graduated.

F. Board of Review: Brent Venegas, Acting as Chairman

As Dick Trindle, Chairman, had to depart from the Annual Meeting early, Venegas stepped in as Acting Chair. Venegas thanked the committee members and National Office staff members, Nancy Hadden and Julie Dale.

G. Pro-Am Special Committee: Dave Packer

Packer thanked the committee and Julie Dale for their support.

H. Technical Committee: Doug Emery, Chairman

1. **Physicians Sub-Committee: Armando Sanchez, MD.** Sanchez is pleased that physicians can once again become certified ringside physicians, after five years of inactivity. This year, 19 new physicians were certified. He will send a memo soon to remind physicians of the course coming up in January in conjunction with the U.S. National Championships.

2. **Safety and Equipment Sub-Committee: Marilyn Boitano, MD.** Boitano reported on the ongoing equipment testing at Wayne State.

3. **Officials Committee: Doug Emery, subbing for Spence Carpenter**

The committee wishes to have more National Level officials at the Finals of the U.S. Championships. Emery will contact athletes to hear their concerns. All LBCs have been partnered with an AIBA official to help prepare boxers and officials for international-type competition. Tally counters will be used beginning January 1, 2004. (Note: Date was changed later in meeting.) Emery showed red and blue tally-counters, which can be purchased at Wal-Mart or at office supply stores. The blue counter is held in the right hand. The 20-point must system will no longer be used.

I. Tournament Administration Committee: Sandy Martinez-Pino, Interim Chairman
1. **Men's Sub-Committee: Buddy Davis, Chairman** Davis thanked his committee members and regional coordinators, and mentioned that the computer crashed at the 2003 Nationals, and a draw had to be done by hand for two brackets.

2. **Women's Sub-Committee: Krysti Halbert, Ph.D., Chairman**

Voy mentioned that Halbert has written a book that he highly recommends. Halbert thanked her committee, the Foundation and Board of Directors for their support, and Pino and Hodge for their mentoring.

She stated that the Women's Committee seeks equity in the rules of AIBA and USA Boxing, and recommends eliminating the 101 lb. weight class and reinstating the superheavy for women, which is now capped at 189 lbs. She stated that the committee does not feel that women will box in the Olympics until 2012.

3. **Under 19 Sub-Committee: Debbie Holmes, Chairman**

Holmes expressed thanks to the Galena Park Boxing Association and Youth Academy for their support for the Under-19 Championships in Alexandria, Louisiana, which had 99 entries. She thanked Julie Goldsticker, Sonny Duncan and Fred Spradlin for their help and said that Clay Hicks was a great support. A team is going to Korea, for a competition in 2004.

4. **Junior Olympic Sub-Committee: Sonny Duncan, Chairman**

Duncan recognized his committee and thanked the office staff, the Board of Directors and the Finance Committee.

5. Rules and Regulations Committee: Steve Greber, Chairman

Greber stated that the role of this committee is to guide legislation through the approval process and to interpret rules for members.

The body went through the proposed legislative changes and voted on them. The changes will be distributed to the membership within a few weeks after the meeting.

Dave Lubs pointed out that the Board violated the rules by approving a club dues increase.

MOTION/SECONDED/CARRIED (Martino) to increase club dues to \$100.

XIII. Tally Counters:

MOTION/SECONDED/CARRIED (Pliner) to use tally counters as of January 1, 2004.

MOTION/SECONDED/CARRIED (Grable) to delay implementation until March 31.

XIV. Elections:

A. At-Large Director (3-year term):

Pam Hodge nominated Don Hebert.

Jim Beasley nominated Johnnie Woluewich

Shawn Murphy nominated Chuck Williams.

Ken Butler nominated Dale Grable.

After the first vote, a run-off election between Woluewich and Hebert was held.

The winner of the election was Don Hebert.

B. LBC Director (3-year term):

Gary Pliner nominated Mike Rosario.

Tracy O'Rourke nominated Al Valenti.

The winner of the election was Al Valenti.

XV. New Business: Voy will recommend at the next Board of Directors meeting that all standing committee chairs be re-appointed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.