

President Voy called the meeting to order at 10:30 PM CST, February 20, 2004.

Roll Call: Secretary Pam Hodge

Board Members Present: Dr. Robert Voy, President; Sandy Martinez-Pino, Vice President; Pam Hodge, Secretary; Dr. Frank Filiberto, Member-at-large; Al Valenti, LBC Representative; Ray Silvas, Member-at-large; Jim Beasley, Group Member Representative; Julius Fogle, Athlete Representative

Present by phone: Lyle Aklestad, Member-at-large; Mike Martino, Interim Treasurer; Krysti Rosario, Athlete Representative; Albert Guardado, Athlete Representative; Don Hebert, Member-at-large

Staff present: Eric Parthen, Executive Director

Agenda: Reconsider motion of February 19, 2004

Grievance filed by four athletes still in the 152-pound bracket. National BOR will meet and take action unless BOD overturns action taken on February 19 to redraw the 152 bracket.

Second grievance committee met and reconvened because they had never adjourned nor rendered a decision. 2nd Grievance Committee Decision. Pino said the Board of Review approached and directed the second grievance committee to meet. Duly composed committee: Chief of Officials, Tournament Director and athlete. Their decision was: "After further review of the McPherson/Berto grievance process, USA Boxing's National Board of Review has recommended that the decision should have been rendered by the original committee as defined by 107.16 (Sandy Martinez-Pino, Tournament Chairperson; Spence Carpenter, Chief of Officials; and Miguel Albares, Athlete). This Committee originally heard the grievance with presentations from both sides and proper due process on Wednesday, February 18. After the hearing and deliberations, one member of the Grievance Committee felt they had a conflict of interest, given that there was a boxer from her Local Boxing Committee remaining in the 152-pound weight class (Austin Trout). The action taken at that time was to form a completely new committee for a new hearing. It has since been recommended by the National Board of Review that the original committee as defined by 107.16 should have rendered a decision with the conflicted party recusing him/herself from the vote. Given that determination, the committee as defined by 107.16 has since deliberated on the original testimony of Wednesday, February 18, and rendered a decision as per 107.16 with the conflicted party recusing. Their decision was to uphold the referee's decision to disqualify Andre Berto, given that there was no clear violation of the rules of USA Boxing. This decision is not appealable and does not affect USA Boxing's Board of Directors' decision as of February 19 to redraw the entire bracket."

A motion was made, seconded and carried, based on the facts that have come to light, after discussion with athletes, that the BOD rescind the action taken on February 19, 2004, with respect to the redraw of the 152-pound weight class.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the ruling of the 1st grievance committee. The motion failed.

The meeting adjourned.