

Call to Order: Sandy Martinez Pino, President

I. Pino called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM MST.

II. Announcement of Quorum: Hank Kropinski, Chair, Credentials and Awards Committee, announced that a quorum was met, with 142 eligible votes. The quorum included one athlete with two votes. Eligible votes were later determined to be 145.

III. Reading of the minutes:

MOTION/SECONDED/CARRIED (Grable/Holaus) to dispense with reading of the minutes, and to accept the minutes as printed.

IV. President's Report: Sandy Martinez-Pino

Pino said it has been a pleasure to have served for 11½ months. She stated that she was proud of the accomplishments of this Board, such as increasing events, sending athletes to competitions earlier to acclimatize, and having longer camps, all of which served to help the performance of athletes. Pino said all board actions have been with athletes in mind. She encouraged all to read the Board of Directors and Board of Governors minutes.

Steve Greber took the floor and stated his concern about miscommunication and misrepresentation, asking if there had been an effort to decertify USA Boxing. He then read from a letter from the USOC of September 26, 2005 concerning an A2P addendum. The letter calls into question the actions of the BOD. Pino explained that the Board sent the addendum to the USOC for approval, and that the Board's motion was to approve the addendum contingent on approval of the USOC. The USOC did not approve it and the addendum died.

Pino then recognized the work of the Master Officials: John Holaus, Elmo Adolph, Stan Hamilton, Nick Cimmento, Carmen Williamson, Lyle Aklestad, and Eloda Morrison.

V. Vice President's Report: Bill Meartz.: Meartz thanked the membership for their support and said that his involvement in amateur boxing has contributed to his continued growth as a human being and as a man.

Filiberto took the floor and stated that he had sent in legislation regarding sending 50% of the USA Boxing (USAB) Foundation's profits to the LBCs, but that this proposed legislation was not included in the packets. Meartz stated that his proposed legislation had been presented to the Foundation, but that the Foundation had not approved of it. O'Connell, USA Boxing elected representative on the Foundation, said that the problems were that Filiberto had purported to represent USA boxing, but that the Board of Governors had not requested this proposal, and that, in addition, proposed legislative changes to the

Foundation bylaws need to come from the Foundation itself. Filiberto explained that his purpose had been to find relief for the LBCs.

VI. Secretary's Report: Pamala Hodge. Hodge thanked Andy Stampley for all of her help with the minutes over the past several years. With Stampley's help, the minutes have been produced without spending USA Boxing funds.

Hodge addressed the situation with regards to the proposed A2P addendum. Hodge stated that all members in July had approved of the concept and that the elected officers were asked to negotiate. Hodge dropped out after being accused of making backroom deals. Hodge made the motion to send the A2P addendum to the USOC for approval. When the USOC failed to approve the addendum, the Board considered it a dead issue. Hodge stated she would never sign a document that would threaten the NGB status of USA Boxing.

VII. Treasurer's Report: Mike Martino.

A. Martino stated, according to the Constitution and By-Laws, it is the sole responsibility of the Board of Directors to pass the budget and then to present the finalized budget to the Board of Governors. Martino stressed that the budget is a working document.

B. Martino reported on Michael King's presentation at the Town Hall meeting. King spoke about what he wants to do in the future. He has a \$20 million contract with USA Boxing for the life of the contract. He asked the Board of Directors to present him with a business plan. Grable asked what kind of severance agreement was made; King could give 90 days notice.

C. Martino presented the expense summary. A user-friendly document will be distributed by January. USAB is asking for \$276,400 from the Foundation for 2006.

D. Hebert spoke about the \$125 sanction fee, which he supported. This still gives LBCs a chance to raise revenues. Valenti stated that the sanction fee really is not a fee; rather, it is an insurance premium payment. Lubs thanked Hebert for his work for the LBCs.

E. Martino discussed the background check fees, explaining that the cost is \$16 every two years. For the inaugural year, membership will pay \$8 and the Foundation will subsidize the other \$8.

VIII. Athlete Representatives' Reports:

A. Guardado thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve. He stated that the athlete representatives do this work because it is fun. The athletes have addressed the lack of participation of athletes in some instances.

B. Alafa stated that athletes have concerns about camps, equal opportunity and favoritism. He stated that the athletes are in favor of having box-offs before going to the World and Continental

Championships, that they want new headgear issued and the per diem raised. Alafa thanked the athletes for allowing him to serve.

C. K. Rosario said athletes want more international trips. She stated that athletes are concerned with officiating, and that they would like to see officials rotated in and out of matches more often, as well as being able to replace a biased official.

IX. Executive Director's Report: Lamont Jones

A. Jones spoke of the sacrifices the volunteers make and what his coaches did to coach and provide a safe haven. He stated that it will be important to him to regularly and systematically exchange information with membership. He is very interested in the developmental program and grassroots efforts. Jones hopes to start a schoolboy and girl tournament category, along with summer youth camps.

B. The Returning Olympian Initiative has allowed USA Boxing to keep Rau'Shee Warren in the amateur program. Warren has been a leader in camps and training camps.

C. National Director of Coaching, Dan Campbell, has begun his job. USA athletes need world-class coaching; the USA needs to complement the pro style with the strategy, technique and style of amateur international boxing.

D. International Relations: USA just won its first J.O. gold medal at the J.O. World Championships. Jones spoke about the value of "political capital." In this regard, Oscar De La Hoya has agreed to lend his support to an international tournament, tentatively scheduled for Mother's Day in 2006. Jones stressed the need for USA Boxing to take more of a leadership role in AIBA. USA Boxing must protect the rights of its officials and boxers. Efforts need to be made to improve an obviously flawed international scoring system. Jones feels it is important for the Executive Director to take a role, along with volunteers, at the international level.

E. Jones stressed the need to conduct affairs in a businesslike fashion, to rise above political turmoil and to focus on developing and promoting the sport of amateur boxing. Currently, a business consultant is working with USA Boxing to create a business plan. Jones mentioned a planned international event to be held in California that had not been approved by the National Office, but which was being marketed as a dual event, and stressed that USA Boxing must protect its brand, and that rules must be followed. He encouraged the membership to work together in a spirit of civility.

X. Report by Group members:

A. NCBA - Mike Martino thanked the Naval Academy for hosting the National Collegiate Boxing Championships, and expressed appreciation for physicians who have volunteered their time. He acknowledged Dr. Martha Dodson, who stepped in when a doctor was not available, and who subsequently has become very active in USA Boxing

B. Golden Gloves –

1. Jim Beasley reported that the GG have had their national championships broadcast on television for a number of years, including a live telecast from Kansas City in 2004 and from Little Rock in 2005. Beasley thanked Ray Rodgers for hosting four national tournaments, and then named the winners of the Nationals.

2. Beasley mentioned an 85-minute documentary created in Kansas City, in which boxers are interviewed about their opportunities and shows them hand-wrapping, etc.

3. Golden Gloves is a 30-franchise organization that produces competitive junior and national championships. All franchise-holders are boxing people. Beasley named some of the representatives of these franchises: Marty Smith represents Cleveland, Clytee Dunn, Steve Witt, Dave Packer of Michigan, Pat Barry of Nevada, Bill Hoar from New England, Dan Shannon of New Jersey, Chick Paris of Salt Lake City, John Jervis of West Virginia, Stan Gallup of Albuquerque, and Johnnie Woluewich of New York Metro. (Woluewich has been ill and is currently represented by Joe Higgins until he returns.) John Brown is a Member Emeritus. Beasley is pleased that Jones attended their annual meeting; at this year's meeting, Ray Rodgers was elected to serve as chairman and CEO of Golden Gloves. Beasley urged Silver Gloves to follow the regional designation, and thanked everyone for helping making boxing the great sport it is.

C. Silver Gloves - Ray Rogers reported that Silver Gloves promotes all junior boxing. He requested that "Silver Gloves" be shown on bouts sheets at the Junior Olympic tournament. The Silver Gloves organization also supports a scholarship program.

D. Police Athletic League – Joe Zanders updated all on the national competitions. Pino asked for a one-page report for the BOG mailing.

E. Native American Sports Council - Mo Smith talked about the meaning of "To honor one is to honor all," and stated that the NASC is proud to be part of USA Boxing. He showed an independent film documentary submitted to a film festival about Native Americans in amateur boxing. This was underwritten by a \$500,000 gift. The NASC will continue to certify coaches and officials.

F. Armed Forces Boxing – Steve Brown was introduced by President Pino as the next Group Member on the Board of Directors. Brown reported on military competitions and the CISM World Military Games in South Africa. Lyle Aklestad was Chief of Officials and has been asked to be Chief of Officials for next year's event.

XI. Committee Reports

A. Appeal Board - Dennis O'Connell stated that the report summaries in the packets included enough basic information to make sense and encouraged all to educate themselves regarding them. O'Connell encouraged all to resolve their differences on their own when possible. He acknowledged the members of the Appeal Board.

B. Coaches Committee – Candy Lopez

1. Lopez stated that it had been a high honor to be chair of the committee, and acknowledged its members: Vassar, Kerwick, Kawano, Balcunas, Jose Rosario, Hailey and Acosta, and athlete representatives Martynioux and Ganaway.
2. The Committee is updating the master after-action reports for athletes and coaches.
3. An elite coaches seminar, to be led by Walt Hailey, will be held soon; one coach from each LBC, level 2 and 3, is authorized to attend.
4. For the USOC's Coach of the Year Program, the Developmental Coach of the Year was Barry Hunter. Tomas Pacheco was recognized by USOC USA Boxing's nominee for Grassroots Coach, and the National Coach nominee from USA Boxing was Basheer Abdullah.
5. Lopez stated that his desire for more opportunities for coaches has been realized.
6. Athlete representatives on the Board have asked the committee to publish information on how selections are made for trips.

C. Convention and Awards Committee - Hank Kropinski

1. Pat Duffy turned 92 and is living with his daughter.
2. Kropinski announced that Matt Marvin has been added as the 143rd delegate, and that he was excused for late registration because of not feeling completely well.
3. The 2006 Annual Meeting will be held in Pittsburgh, PA.
4. Kropinski announced that the committee recommended that the 2007 meeting be held in Salt Lake City.

MOTION/SECONDED/CARRIED (Hebert) to hold the 2007 Board of Governors Meeting in Salt Lake City.

5. The Michael Nunnally award - Rhonda Collins announced that henceforth, the award will be identified at the annual meeting, then will be awarded physically in March at the Nationals Championships. The winner will be invited to come to the National Championships to be honored. Rhonda Collins will make the acknowledgment regarding this year's winner at tonight's dinner.

D. International Committee - Al Mitchell. Mitchell said Committee is a great team, and that one of their projects had been the development of a Team Manager's checklist. Mitchell would like to have the international schedule done one year in advance, and recommended that the committee pick coaches and team managers at least six months in advance.

E. Membership Services Committee - Tracy O'Rourke

1. Background Checks: O'Rourke said the background checks for non-athletes will begin 2006; this background check is for sexual offenses. Full implementation will be required by the USOC by 2007. The athlete representatives requested consideration for background checks on athletes over the age of 18. Because of participation issues, the USOC would have to rule on this.

2. Walter Sarnoi, an athlete from California spoke about the benefits of education and scholarship and how boxing has impacted his life. He commended his mentors at the USOC: Bill Bergin, Al Mitchell and Larry Nicholson.

F. Women's Sub-Committee - Christy Halbert stated that there had been no problems with this year's inaugural combined men's and women's events. She stated that age capping is a problem, and that there must be more event opportunities for women. She and Jeaneene Hildebrandt are working on a two-day event for November 5-6. Halbert thanked the Foundation for financial support.

G. Scholarship Sub-committee – Mike Martino reported that the committee had received 40 applications and gave 32 scholarships, 14 of which were for returning scholarship recipients. In addition, Martino noted that LBCs can award scholarships on their own. There are five scholarships named after stellar present and former members of USA Boxing: Matt Marvin, Gene Rabbitt, Michael Nunnally (for education majors), Loring Baker, and Sarge Johnson.

MOTION/SECONDED/CARRIED (Buffington) to dispense with the reading of reports and move on to the election.

H. National Board of Review - Doug Emery stated that the report of the Board of Review was contained in the meeting packets.

I. Pro-Am Special Committee - Dave Packer recommended that the committee be discontinued.

J. Technical Committee - Angel Villarreal thanked the members of his committee.

K. Tournament Administration Committee - Allen Nader acknowledged the members of the committee.

L. Rules and Regulations - Ken Butler. Voy asked Meartz to take over the chair and Lyle Aklestad to serve as parliamentarian. Butler announced that the body would work from new rules and regulations report. A motion was made, seconded and carried to allow pros and cons. Rules and Regulations votes were taken between votes for the new Board.

XII. President Pino asked Past President Dr. Robert Voy to chair the meeting during the elections.

Hank Kropinski gave the directives for the voting, in case there were more than two candidates. Alafa gets two votes to conform to the Ted Stevens Sports Act and the requirement for athletes to have 20% representation.

A. President

Al Valenti nominated and Don Hebert seconded the name of Bill Meartz.

Boyd Melson nominated and Matt Marvin seconded the name of Sandy Martinez-Pino.

Bill Meartz was elected President of USA Boxing.

B. Vice President

Tom Virgets nominated and Bill Meartz seconded the name of Joe Smith.

Dr. Armando Sanchez nominated and Rick Mello seconded the name of Nick Cimmento.

Walt Hailey nominated and Dave Packer seconded the name of Hal Adonis.

Joe Smith was elected Vice President.

Kropinski announced that the actual count of delegates was 146.

C. Secretary

John Brown nominated and Dave Lubs seconded the name of Dr. Frank Filiberto.

Robert Michael nominated and Krysti Rosario seconded the name of Pam Hodge.

Pam Hodge was elected Secretary.

D. Treasurer - Mike Martino

Ed Weichers nominated and Jim McNally seconded the name of Mike Martino.

Mike Martino was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

E. LBC Director (1 year)

Dick Trindle nominated and Jackie Saye seconded the name of Everett Vandevere.

Ray Rodgers nominated and Al Valenti seconded the name of John Brown.

Ray Delicio nominated and Roland Roy seconded the name of Paul Andrade.

John Brown was elected LBC Director for a one-year term.

F. At-Large Member (2 years)

Paul Boltz nominated and Buddy Sharpe seconded the name of Buddy Davis.

Pam Hodge nominated and Ashley Barnett seconded the name of Mike Rosario.

Buddy Davis was elected At-Large Director for a two-year term.

G. Finance Committee Member (3 years)

Marty Smith nominated and Tommy Roque seconded the name of Gary Richards .

Gary Richards was elected Finance Committee Member by acclamation.

H. At Large Member (3year)

Candy Lopez nominated and Israel Acosta seconded the name of Gary Pliner.

Krysti Rosario nominated and Walt Hailey seconded the name of Joe Zanders.

Joe Zanders was elected At-Large Director.

I. Foundation Trustee (2 years)

Mike Martino nominated and Walt Hailey seconded the name of Dennis O'Connell.

Dennis O'Connell was elected Foundation Trustee by acclamation.

XIII. Foundation By-law Amendments - Dennis O'Connell

MOTION/SECONDED/CARRIED (Grable) to approve the amendments proposed to the Foundation by-laws.

XIV. Unfinished Business

A. Status of Personnel Manual – Greber asked about the status of the manual; Hodge stated that the Personnel Committee gave several examples to Jones on July 29th. Jones was to get a draft back to the committee within 30 days. Draft has not been received by the committee.

B. A2P is working with Everlast for a new equipment contract.

XV. New Business.

A. Rick Mello stated he will donate \$1500 specifically to the women’s program and \$1000 to the Tennessee LBC. He has also raised another \$500 for the San Diego area LBC.

B. Greber recommended that the Convention and Awards Committee change the agenda to schedule time to do business. Greber also stated that the oral committee reports should be limited. Meartz accepted the recommendation and will place the matter on the agenda for the next Board of Directors’ meeting.

C. Jeannie DePriest thanked the Scholarship Committee for the scholarship to be developed in Becky Zerlentes’ memory.

XVI. Adjournment

MOTION/SECONDED/CARRIED (Buffington) to adjourn.

Submitted by,

Pamala J. Hodge

Secretary