

2021 ASSOCIATION OF BOXING COMMISSIONS

Draft CONFERENCE MINUTES

(Presentations to be linked soon)

Monday, July 26, 2021

1. Brian Dunn, ABC President – Opening Remarks (8:00AM – 8:15AM)
2. Approval of 2019 Minutes (8:15AM – 8:30AM)
 - Motion by Blake Grice (WY)
 - Second by Scott Bowler (UT), unanimous
3. Dr. Michael Schwartz – Pre-fight ‘What Commissions Need to Know’ (8:30AM – 9:45AM)
[PRESENTATION]
 - Went over health issues and medical procedures commissions should know about/be knowledgeable on to keep fighters safe.
4. Jay Nady – Boxing Referee (9:45AM – 9:55AM)
 - speaking on boxing referee overview/things to look for in the ring
5. Brian Dunn & Scott Bowler – MMA Rules Committee Update (9:55AM – 10:10AM)
[PRESENTATION]
 - Recommending no taping or protective gear of any kind on the upper body other than hands.
 - Recommending only neoprene sleeve on joint/ankle coverings.
 - Working on language to define a grounded fighter
 - Working on language as it pertains to “impact”
 - Considering unified language for “instant replay”
 - Working on clarifying MMA Scoring Criteria
 - i. Unified direction on scoring 10-8 & 10-7 rounds
 - Committee will send out notification on each finalized rule and procedural recommendation prior to the next ABC.

*****BREAK***** (10:10AM – 10:35AM)

6. Greg Sirb – DO NOT FIGHT LIST & Boxing Rules Committee (10:35AM – 11:10AM)
[PRESENTATION]
 - Going over and explaining his watch list and letting commissions know what the need to be looking out.
 - Boxing Rules Committee are making no rule changes this year. They have been working on a manual.

*****LUNCH***** (11:10AM – 1:00PM)

7. John English gave an updated on gifts given since the 2019 Conference balance of \$3790 in Charity Fund (1:00PM – 1:20PM)

- 2019 made of \$16K at casino night (\$8K raised, and WBO matched that)
8. Bryan Lambert presentation on how a state can go about setting up a state pension fund for fighters. (1:20PM – 1:35PM) [PRESENTATION]
 9. Brian Dunn – Analysis of Decrease in Fighters on Suspension (1:35PM – 1:50PM) [PRESENTATION]
 - Went over how the numbers of fighters fighting on suspension has dropped, thanks to many things including BoxRec and their system.
 - Greg Sirb (PA) wants to make sure that commissions are also paying attention to a fighter’s federal ID and not letting them fight with an expired/never issued federal ID.
 - Mai Provost (Mashantucket Pequot) brought up the issue of only being able to suspend a fighter “nationally” for 1 year, even though this fighter may have a medical issue and should not be allowed to fight any longer. Brian Dunn stated this will be looked into, and a possible committee formed to look into this matter.
 - What, if anything, can be done when a fighter fights in a state, gets a medical suspension, then the fighter goes to Mexico and fights while still on medical suspension.
 10. Dr. Michael Schwartz – Pre-fight RED flags (1:50PM – 2:30PM) [PRESENTATION]
 - Going over some universal issues that all commissions will/could see at events, and how to easily/readily identify these common issues.
 11. Lydia Robertson – Nominations of Candidates (2:30PM – 2:55PM)
 - Greg Sirb (PA) – requests we do not have elections this year due to low numbers from COVID, and have a “voting rights” convention in December 2021.
 - 51 commissions in good standing, 27 of those commissions are present at convention.
 - Haskell Alexander (Chickasaw) – thinks we should vote because there is a reason those are not here, rather it be COVID or they just do not want to attend, we should not hold off a vote because of them.
 - Andy Foster (CASC) – his view is that the members present should vote, per the bylaws. He thinks that according to those bylaws that if we do not vote, then we will not have a president because it clearly states the term is a 2 year term.
 - Mai Provost (Mashantucket Pequot) agrees with Haskell and think that those who are here and made the decision to show up, it would be disrespectful to put it off.
 - **President**
 - i. Motion by Mark Langlais (CT) for Michael Mazzulli President.
 - ii. Second by Frank Gentile (Miccosuci)
 - iii. Acclamation of “ayes” have it.
 - iv. Michael Mazzulli (Mohegan) is new ABC President.
 - **1st Vice President**
 - i. Motion by John English (NH) for Mark Langlais 1st VP
 - ii. Patricia Blackstock (CASC) Seconds the motion.

- iii. Acclamaion of “ayes” have it
- iv. Mark Langlais (CT) is now 1st Vice President

- **2nd Vice President**

- i. Motion by Michael Mazzulli (Mohegan) for Scott Bowler 2nd VP
- ii. Mark Langlais (CT) seconds motion
- iii. Acclamation of “ayes” have it
- iv. Scott Bowler (UT) is now 2nd VP

- **Secretary**

- i. Motion by Michael Mazzulli (Mohegan) for Matt Schowalter Secretary
- ii. Mark Langlais (CT) Seconds motion
- iii. Acclamation of “ayes” have it
- iv. Matt Schowalter (MN) is now Secretary

- **Treasurer**

- i. Motion by Mark Langlais (CT) for Alyson Tuley Treasurer
- ii. Scott Bowler (UT) seconds motion
- iii. Acclamation of “ayes” have it
- iv. Alyson Tuley (Chickasaw) is now Treasurer

- Positions are filled and day is ended at 2:55PM.

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

1. Nick Lentz – Special Guest Speaker (8:45AM -10:00AM)

- Talked on what he feels, from his experience as a fighter, and now a coach, that we as commissions should be focusing on.
 - i. Such as finger pokes and cage grabs are things we should be more worried about.
- Then opened the floor for questions.

*****BREAK***** (10:00AM – 10:20AM)

2. Dr. Warren Wang – Complications of weight loss (1020 – 11) [PRESENTATION]

- Discussed the dangers of weight cutting and what One Championship is doing to prevent this issues.

3. Dr. Wayne Lee – Orthopedic Injuries in Combative Sports (11 – 1135) [PRESENTATION]

- Discussed the importance of pre-fight medical checks and care after an injury has occurred in a fight.

*****LUNCH***** (11:35AM-1:10PM)

4. King Mo – Special Guest Speaker (1:10PM -1:50PM)

- Discussed things he appreciates that the commissions do, including weight cutting changes that, in his opinion, has helped a lot fighters.

- Opened floor to questions.
- 5. Group Picture on front stairs (1:50PM – 2:10PM)
- 6. Kirik Jenness & Chris Palmquist – MMA Database Update (2:10PM – 2:40PM)
[PRESENTATION]
 - Went over new MMA Registry website
- 7. Dr. Marina Sheppard – BoxRec Update (2:40PM -3:15PM) [PRESENTATION]
 - Went over everything going on over the past year with BoxRec.
- 8. Dennis Reno – Greg’s List (3:15PM – 3:30PM)
 - Spoke about S.C. calling him to ask about a note regarding a fighter on Greg’s List & how valuable our communication with other Commissions is.

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

1. Lydia Robertson – 2022 ABC Conference Presentation & Options (8:45AM – 9:00AM)
 - Gave Seneca information, asked for any other suggestions.
 - Opened room to suggestions/discussion
 - Seneca seems to be the overall favorite.
 - i. Motion by Dennis Reno (NC) for 2022 Conference to be held at Seneca
 - ii. Second by Scott Bowler (UT)
 - iii. Vote carried unanimously
 2. Dr. Michael Schwartz & Dr. Don Muzzi – Fighters fighting impaired (9:00AM – 9:15AM)
 3. Alyson Tuley – Financial Status Report (9:15AM – 9:20AM)
 - Motion by Mark Langlais (CT) to approve balance sheets & report
 - Second by Scott Bowler (UT)
 4. Brian Dunn – New Appeals Committee (9:20AM-9:25AM)
 - Michael Mazzulli will be working to set up a new committee as previous members are no longer in their positions and therefore unable to be on committee.
 5. Dr. Don Muzzi – Evaluating Fighters Between Bouts (9:25AM – 9:45AM)
[PRESENTATION]
 - What to look for in/on fighters in between rounds and what you should and shouldn’t stop a fight for.
 6. Michael Mazzulli – Committee Selection (9:45AM – 10:00AM)
 - A list of committees and members is available upon request until they are uploaded on the ABC website.
- *****BREAK***** (10:00AM – 10:20AM)
7. Michael Mazzulli – Weight Cutting Discussion (10:20AM – 10:45AM)
 - Speaking about getting commissions on board with 2nd day weigh-ins, or random weight checks on fighters, to make sure they are safely making weight for their fights.
 8. Michael Mazzulli – Unified Rules (10:45AM – 10:50AM)

- Spoke on unified rules and how we as commissions need to be using/enforcing these unified rules, including the newer downed fighter rule.
9. Richard Anber – Championship Glove Dilemma (10:50AM – 11:00AM)
- 2nd pair of championship gloves are being sent back to Rival with sharpie writing and cannot be used or resold, which is costing Rival tens of thousands of dollars. Would like to supply extra plastic bags and stickers to place gloves in and have inspectors sign off on instead of signing on the glove itself. Body was agreeable.

*****LUNCH***** (11:00 AM – 1:00PM)

10. Dr. Don Muzzi – A Doctor’s Medical Stats on Bare Knuckle Boxing (1:00PM – 1:45PM)

[PRESENTATION]

- Gave comparison of BKF injury stats to MMA and Boxing injury stats.
11. Brian Dunn – sweatshirt raffle (1:45PM – 1:50PM)
12. Nate Campbell – His Weight Loss Wars (1:50PM – 2:35PM)
- Spoke on his battle with weight loss during his career.
 - Then the floor was opened for questions
13. Monte Cox – A Light Hearted Look Back at MMA Before Regulation (2:35PM – 3:00PM)

Voting Members Present with Signatures:

Arizona – Carlo Becerra
 California- Patrisha Blackstock
 Chickasaw Nation- Haskell Alexander
 Colorado – Anthony Cummiing
 Connecticut—Mark Langlais
 Florida—Timothy Shipman
 Georgia- Matt Woodruff
 Hawaii – Alan Taniguchi
 Mashantucket – Mai Provost
 Massachusetts-Bryan Lambert
 Miccosukee Tribe – Frank Gentile
 Mille Lacs--Brelana

Michells-Matrious

Minnesota—Matt Schowalter
 Mississippi--Jon Lewis
 Mohegan-- Michael Mazzulli
 Nebraska – Brian Dunn
 New Hampshire – John English
 North Carolina- Dennis Reno
 North Dakota—Brandon Wilson
 Oklahoma – Mike Bower

Oregon – Trista Robischon
Pascua Yaqui – Ernie Gallardo
Pennsylvania – Greg Sirb
Seneca Nation – Robert Jones
Tennessee – Alex Martin
Utah Pete Suazo – Scott Bowler
Wyoming-Blake H. Grice