



British Amateur Boxing Association Limited
11am 27th March 2020
Via conference call

Board meeting minutes

In attendance

Steven Esom (BABA Chair)
Matt Holt (BABA CEO)
Rob McCracken (BABA Performance Director)
Simon Toulson (Independent)
David Chadwick (Independent)
Sara Symington (Independent)
Lucy Walker (Independent)
Caspar Hobbs (England Boxing)
Giorgio Brugnoli (England Boxing)
Chris Type (Welsh Boxing)
Derek McAndrew (Welsh Boxing)
Craig McEvoy (Boxing Scotland)

Laura Ross (taking minutes)

1. Welcome and Apologies

MH welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the purpose of the meeting was to update the board on the programme in the current crisis.

2. Apologies for Absence

Fraser Walker (Boxing Scotland)

3. General Programme update:

a. Training Plans/schedule

MH informed the board that all the boxers on the programme have been given an individualised plan to follow, based on the equipment they have at home. S&C plans have also been provided to all boxers and the coaches are working on boxing specific plans to roll out to the athletes each week. The coaches will check in with the boxers twice a week to check on progress and all boxers will report on their weight management as usual.

MH Informed the board to keep morale up the social media team will work with the boxers to develop social media content during this lock down period.

b. Staffing

MH informed the board that the BABA Staff have been fantastic in their response to this situation being very proactive in considering what the programme can deliver in the current context. CT seconded this with BABA staff providing quick and clear communications to the home nations and athletes.

MH explained to the board that the team have been using Microsoft teams and WhatsApp to communicate and keep in touch, with a full team meeting taking place on Microsoft Teams.

c. Comms/Meeting schedule

MH explained to the board that he is providing regular updates on the COVID situation to the boxers to ensure all boxers are fully informed of all government requirements. It has been emphasised strongly to all boxers with clear instructions that they must stay at home and not go to their local boxing clubs. It has also been highlighted to them that they are representing both themselves and GB Boxing and need to act in a way that follows government advice.

MH informed the board the medical team will be providing medical specific briefing to boxers in a weekly bulletin on COVID.

MH informed the board that Lee Murgatroyd and George Baker, the social media team, will be working with the boxers to generate public content to use whilst the boxers are at home.

4. UK Sport/Olympic Games Update:

a. Games timing

MH updated the board that RM and he joined a conference call meeting with UK Sport, BOA and the other Paralympic/Olympic sport representatives. With the Olympic Games delayed until 2021, three priorities emerged from the meeting:

- To ensure we are doing all we can to support our athletes and ensuring they stay well and support their families
- To work urgently to create a clear picture of financial implications of the COVID crisis and to provide a financial synopsis to UK Sport within a week. This information would be used to explore government funding options.
- Provide support to IOC/Tokyo 2020 whilst they source a new date for the Olympic Games.

ST updated the board on communication from the IOC to the International Sporting Federations. The IOC has confirmed that all quota places in all sports will be honoured and kept secure. All qualification competitions are now stopped until 1st June but more than likely would not begin again before July/August. The IOC will decide in the next 2-4 weeks the new date of the Games.

b. Funding situation

MH informed the board UK Sport have confirmed that they are not looking for any financial claw back of the 2017-21 award during this crisis.

c. Risks

MH reported to the board that the single biggest risk to the programme with the Olympic Games being put back 12 months is the possibility of boxers turning professional. This would have an impact on medal potential if were to lose the main boxers to the professional ranks. MH informed the board himself and RM are putting a working group together to determine how the programme can minimise this risk.

5. London Olympic Qualification Event Update:

a. Qualification process

MH updated the board that the European Qualifier was suspended at the end of day three due to the COVID crisis. Information on that day was provided to all teams that when the event resumes it will resume on day four with all quota places already won honoured. The IOC have recently confirmed Peter McGrail's and Galal Yafai's quota places for the Games.

6. Finance Update:

a. BABA

MH directed the board to the financial papers that had been distributed and took the papers as read.

MH informed the board he is waiting for confirmation from UK Sport on the proposed funding models to deal with the delay to Tokyo 2020.

b. GB Boxing Events

MH updated the board on the budget for the European Qualifier. MH confirmed to the board that the BABA have received the first payment from UK Sport so far and confirmation from the Mayor of London that the full award would be paid. The IOC have confirmed that the BABA will receive the first two payments (80%) of their contribution. Final payment will be sent after the event reports have been finalised including information on flights and hotels for teams. MH informed the board the IOC have plans to compensate the teams for the nights not used at the qualifier but his has not been confirmed yet.

7. AOB

RM thanked GB and the R&Js who attended the multination camp in Sheffield prior to the qualifier in helping to prepare the athletes for this event.