



**England Boxing Ltd Board Meeting
Conference Call
Date: Tuesday 12 May 2020
Time: 15.00 – 17.00**

Item 1	<p>Present:</p> <p>1.1 Caspar Hobbs (CH) Chair, Mike Loosemore (ML), Micky Norford (MN), Alkit Patel (AP), Hilary Lissenden (HL), Gio Brugnoli (GB), Gerry Wilmot (GW), Lawrence Selby (LS), Darren Chapple (DC). Mehul Kapadia (MK), Liz Norris (LN).</p> <p>Gethin Jenkins - CEO – (GJ)</p> <p>1.2 Apologies; Felicity Bernard</p>	<p>I = Info D= Decision A= Action</p>
Item 2	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>2.1 Mehul Kapadia the new INED director was welcomed to the Board.</p> <p>2.2 The Chair, explained the reason for the call was to provide the Board with an update on the current position regarding the COVID 19 lockdown and the implications for England Boxings and the membership. This was in light of the most recent government update (10/11 May) and provision of a road map and timelines for relaxing restrictions.</p> <p>2.3 A comprehensive report titled; <i>Off the Ropes – Restarting Boxing in Clubs</i> was presented to the Board. Factoring in information from several countries and input from ML and HL, it detailed the background, consideration of the implications for the club's based on Government, Medical, Operational and Ethical issues. There was further information on matters for the Clubs to consider ahead of reopening and the likely timelines for the return and what could be done at the various stages.</p> <p>It was stressed that following the latest government advice the earliest date Clubs could reopen was the 4th July, although given the factors concerned and likely social distancing requirements, it was highly unlikely that this would be permitted at that stage. In reality the best opportunity in the short term was that some outside group exercises with social distancing would be permitted.</p> <p>2.4 It was reported that currently Clubs were not allowed to meet and the only exercise permitted was in public spaces either solo, within households or on a one to one basis providing social distancing was maintained.</p> <p>2.5 ML gave an overview of the CONVID 19 virus from a medical perspective and the implications as they relate to amateur boxing. The following points were emphasised; that the situation was still serious, that the virus was highly contagious, that it could affect organs other than the lungs and cause blood clots. It was also reported that the virus was especially dangerous for those with a BAME background, with pre-existing conditions, the elderly and those from disadvantaged communities. It was also explained it would not take a lot for a second spike or an increase in cases to emerge.</p>	

	<p>2.6 It was noted that in four different international reports, boxing had been highlighted as one of the last sports to be allowed to return.</p> <p>2.6 There followed an extensive debate on the issue and the paper considering the following; Risks to the sport / organisation, what we currently know and as result given the uncertainty what advice can be issued ahead of preparing to return.</p> <p>2.7 Agreed; that a shorter document to update the membership be produced concentrating on what was known and the principles that would be followed.</p> <p>2.8 A discussion was then help on what other promotional activity and initiatives could be developed.</p> <p>2.9 It was also confirmed that updates on mental health and appropriate supporting documents and links would be provided to the membership during mental health week.</p> <p>2.10 here being no further business the call ended at 5.00pm.</p>	
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