High Performance Committee Meeting

August 30, 2017

In Attendance:

Graham young, Blaise Landry, Wayne Gordon, Willie McNeil, Ange Sanford

Regrets:  
Mike Gerrow, Brad Ross

1. Welcome from Willie
2. Review of Agenda
   1. addition of 3a. PPI reporting/funding/budget
3. Minutes from last meeting – reviewed
4. Action Items from Last Meeting:
   1. Plans for the summer
      1. Wayne reported that 10 boxers and 3 coaches travelled to Kansas City for the Ringside World Championships in July.
      2. Wyatt Sanford tied for the record number of wins (4) to take home the title belt. He was able to box as a youth because of his birthdate each performed well and brought home title belts.
      3. Remaining team members did not fight at the expected capacity; naming in part anxiety, lack of training prior to the competition, and just not meeting their potential as inhibitors.
      4. Another issue with this event, and other out of province events, information is not getting beyond coaches to parents of boxers and parents/other holding out on making the commitment to the trip, sending costs higher for the team to wait for their confirmation.

**RECOMMENDATION: the team be identified early for** **prospective tournaments and ta hardline confirmation date be set, whereby after that date, it is the responsibility of the parent to book at whatever the cost might be at the time of booking.**

* 1. Canada Games Athlete Agreement
     1. Graham sent a request fro the agreement template prior to the NSPPI meeting in July, however there is no national athlete’s agreement aside from the National Team member agreement.
     2. Willie suggested taking that and reworking it to meet our needs at the provincial level, making a formal document that requires the commitment of the selected boxers.

RECOMMENDATION: this agreement should not be a cut and dry form, a line should be included to the effect of “circumstances are at the discretion of the High Performance Committee”

* + 1. Blaise will check with the Canada Games Committee for a past template for Boxing NS to work with.
    2. Canada Games boxers must be born in 2001, 2002, or with an upgrade 2003. They can compete in one of six weight classes between 56 kg and 81kg.
  1. Canada Games Training Camp
     1. Wayne has contacted NFLD and PEI about doing camps together and they are interested. He is having difficulty making a connection with NB.

**RECOMMENDATION: A Canada Games Card between the Atlantic provinces be hosted by NS as a fundraiser by the mainland clubs to meet the agreed upon commitment at the last AGM.**

* 1. Competition Schedule
     1. Wayne to provide training camps dates to Ange for uploading to the website and for the newsletter.
     2. Graham reviewed the sanctions that have been confirmed to date, to be updated on the website
     3. Ange to upload dates as given, to the website

**RECOMMENDATION: a calendar be places directly on the website rather than the list of dates and the link to a calendar.**

* + 1. Ange to develop a calendar for the website with a direct view on the page.
    2. Willie acknowledged the confirmation of sanctions even before most clubs have returned from a summer break – this is a great sign of an active year.
    3. Wayne reported that he is actively seeking various out of province and out of country competitions such as in Ireland this fall.
    4. Willie explained the concept of “school boy boxing” in the British commonwealth – these bouts are wiped from the boxer’s record and they start again at zero so there is potentially a boxer with 25 bouts who may have 125 bouts. Wayne noted that this is very challenging to take boxers there to compete.
  1. Report from Wayne on highlights from symposium in Las Vegas
     1. Noted this was completed for the AGM and also included briefly in a previous newsletter.
  2. Coaching Clinic
     1. Wayne has a tentative schedule for a Level One coaching Clinic on October 7th in Cape Breton –location TBD
     2. He is looking at a new format - 6 hour class, then provide each participant with a manual to review fro two weeks, then another face to face session to complete the course. This would mean the second date would be October 22nd, location TBD.
  3. Club Visits
     1. Wayne will provide tentative dates for each club visit to be added to the calendar of dates on the website.
     2. Ange to upload dates.
     3. Needs Assessment form need to be provided and completed as club visits are done – Wayne will do this.
  4. Chief Official
     1. Brad Ross has replaced Bryan Gibson as Chief Official for NS.
  5. Merits of Being Placed on Team Canada
     1. Ange updated the committee on Wyatt Sanford moving to Montreal to train on the Olympic development team. Wyatt leaves September 2nd, 2017 to join the team in Montreal.
     2. Willie asked Ange to post on the website information about Wyatt’s success and the support he is receiving from Boxing Canada.
  6. NSPPI
     1. Reporting – Willie has forwarded a copy of the report to Ange to upload on the website.
     2. Ange to upload.
     3. All agreed that the report went well and the recommendation was put forward to receive the next stage of funding.
     4. Graham has received that cheque but it cannot be cashed until a budget has been set
     5. Willie and Graham will work together to formulate a draft budget
     6. It was recognized that the Officials information has not been consolidated and uploaded to the website.
     7. Willie and Brad will consolidate the officials’ information and provide to Ange to upload to website

RECOMMENDATION:

a road map for coaches needs to be put in place, especially for coaches interested in the Canada Winter Games.

* + 1. Blaise offered to speak with Mike Hudson about coach selection fro Canada Winter Games as there is no current process in place with Boxing NS.
    2. Wayne confirmed that we are approved for two coaches at Canada Winter Games both must be Level 3.

**RECOMMENDATION: Criteria be developed for consideration of the assistant coach assignment.**

* 1. Athlete Report Cards
     1. Conversation about tracking athletes’ time training, objectives/goals, gaps, and successes took place

**RECOMMNEDATION: athletes be tracked for diet, health, physical and technical training capacities**.

* + 1. Wayne has a rough draft template from the previous Canada Games, where athletes self grade and then the coach also grades.
    2. RECOMMENDATION: short, medium, and long terms **goals be added to the form.**
    3. Blaise suggested for future conversation that two forms be submitted – an athlete profile and a tracking card/report card where milestones can be recorded. At the end of the year this could be sued to evaluate high performance athletes or at the club level can be used to track development and encourage coaches to push/motivate their boxers. All in all a great tool with many uses.

1. Coaching Clinics
   1. See review of notes above
   2. A Level 2 Coaching Clinic will be delivered in 2018
   3. Willie will provide Ange with the dates for the Nationals for 2018
   4. Cost of Registration
      1. A discuss of the charge of $50 per registered clinic participant by Boxing Canada took place, without many answers.
      2. Graham and Wayne to follow up with Boxing Canada (Cynthia) on Friday
2. Officials Clinic
   1. Ange to forward Willie and Brad a list of sanctions to help them determine dates for officials’ clinics.
3. HP Training Camps
   1. Dates TBD
4. CWG Core Team Training Camps
   1. September 30 – October 1 there will be a CWG Endurance Camp – Location TBD

**RECOMMENDATION \_ Athlete Agreement Forms should be distributed prior to this camp.**

1. Fall Club Visits
   1. See notes above
2. NSPPI Budget

**RECOMMENDATION: Wayne to create a proposal of costs for travel, club visits, training camps, etc to submit to Willie and Graham for the budget.**

**RECOMMENDATION: Key competitions, including Brampton Cup, Nationals, Ringside (Kansas City) have a small budget line.**

**RECOMMENDATION: possible to have a subsidized athlete through a set budget line, Blaise suggested $500 towards an athlete’s travel costs.**

a. Willie and Graham will consider these recommendations when drafting a budget.

1. OTHER
   1. Best wishes were offered to Wyatt Sanford on behalf of the HP Committee.
   2. Angie to deliver this message.
2. Next Meeting

September 20th, 2017 (Wednesday) 4 – 5 p.m

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| ACTION ITEM | Person Responsible | Completed  (check at Sept 20th meeting) |
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| consolidate the officials’ information and provide to Ange | Willie and Brad |  |
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| speak with Mike Hudson about coach selection fro Canada Winter Games | Blaise |  |
| provide Ange with the dates for the Nationals for 2018 | Willie |  |
| follow up with Boxing Canada (Cynthia) on Friday regarding cost of coaching clinic | Graham and Wayne |  |
| forward Willie and Brad a list of sanctions to help them determine dates for officials’ clinics. | Ange |  |
| consider the NSPPI recommendations when drafting a budget. | Willie and Graham |  |
| Share best wishes with Wyatt Sanford | Ange |  |