BOXING SASKATCHEWAN INC.
Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday Sept 20, 2026, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Zoom Virtual Meeting
Minutes

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM. A quorum was confirmed.

B. Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda. **Moved by:** Frank F. **Seconded by:** Joanne N.

C. Approval of Members Aug. 30, 2026, minutes. Directors confirmed they had reviewed the previous minutes.
Moved by: Gary. **Seconded by:** Frank. **Carried.**

D. No business arising from the minutes.

E. Reports

Sponsorship – Ivan P - No update at this time

F. New Business:

a) Boxing Canada Committee Update (Joanne)

- Main discussion focused on the **new electronic scoring system**.
- Cost remains high; Boxing Canada is still evaluating.
- Officials to Nationals will be selected directly by Boxing Canada rather than through provincial nominations.
- BC has *not* fully implemented the new scoring system; still assessing suitability.

b) **Travel Policy Revision**

Revised travel policy circulated to board (working document). It is an active working sheet. It will give us the freedom to do what we need to do according to budgets.

Key points:

- Policy is intentionally flexible to accommodate varying budgets, team sizes, and travel distances.

- Ensures fairness and avoids perceptions of favoritism.
- Supports budgeting transparency for nationals.

Motion: To adopt the revised travel policy.

Moved: Frank F **Seconded:** Joanne N. **Carried.**

c) Boxing Trailer & Ring Storage - Gary K

Discussion:

- Suggestion to relocate the provincial ring from Regina to Saskatoon for central access and reduced transport burden.
- Current Regina storage cost: approx. **$630/year**.
- Saskatoon storage likely more expensive (~$200/month).
- Need secure access and designated individuals to manage pickup/drop-off.
- **Kopas Boxing Club, will research Saskatoon storage options and report back**.

d) Prairie Saskatchewan Para Boxing Update

- Prairie Saskatchewan Para Boxing requested information on club and coach registration.
- Forms were sent; no response yet.
- Potential alignment with Boxing Canada's para-boxing initiatives.
- Need future review of insurance implications and ring-access logistics (ramps/lifts).

e) Professional Boxers Returning to Amateur

Key issues:

- Boxing Canada **allows** pros to return to amateur, but provinces may restrict.
- Alberta currently **does not allow** pro-to-amateur transitions; this caused registration issues for an Alberta athlete attempting to register in Saskatchewan.
- Safety concerns: CAT scans, MRIs, medical clearance, mandatory waiting periods (e.g., 6 months post-pro bout).
- Insurance concerns: Saskatchewan's policy does **not** cover professional activity.
- Need to avoid undermining Alberta's decisions or creating interprovincial conflict.
- Board agrees to explore:
    - Medical requirements
    - Insurance requirements
    - Policy models from other provinces
    - Integration with existing MMA combatant policy
- Executive Director will extract relevant rulebook material and circulate a standalone document.

No motion; **policy development initiated**.

5. Standing item - Sponsorship Update – Ivan P

No new sponsorship updates this month.

6. Female Athlete Development & Competition Challenges

discussion emerged regarding:

- Difficulty finding bouts for female athletes (e.g., Olive, Havana).
- Clubs struggling to provide competitive opportunities without significant travel.
- Concern that female boxers often leave the sport before reaching open class.
- Need for a **provincial development pathway**.

Proposed Solutions:

1. **Province-wide Training Camp**
    - One-day or weekend format.
    - Central location (likely Saskatoon).
    - Sessions on conditioning, technical skills, education, and coach collaboration.
    - Athletes pay their own travel; Boxing Sask covers facility/coach costs where possible.
    - Could be staged in December or early 2027.
2. **Sask Sport-supported virtual sessions**
    - Female participation in sport
    - Retention strategies
    - Coach education
3. **Shared planning document**
    - Vice President will draft a Google Doc for collaborative brainstorming.

No motion; **action items assigned to Vice President and Executive Director**.

7. Upcoming Events

- Britannia Boxing Club (Devon Burgess) hosting first show next weekend; clubs encouraged to contact organizer due to matchmaking challenges.
- Provincials scheduled for **October 10**.
- Next meeting will finalize **Elite National Team selections**.

8. Next Meeting

Date**:** October 18, 2024

Time**:** 10:00 AM

Format**:** Virtual

9. Adjournment - Jessica C