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MSA COURT OF ENQUIRY 1118

FORMAL ENQUIRY HELD INTO THE ACTIONS OF MR JOHAN STEYN, ALLEGEDLY PREJUDICIAL TO THE INTERESTS OF MSA OR OF MOTOR SPORT GENERALLY. THESE ACTIONS OCCURRED ON 17TH AUGUST 2013 DURING PRIZEGIVING FOR THE NR CROSS COUNTRY CAR REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (BARBERSPAN 200), AS WELL AS AT A PREVIOUS EVENT ON 02ND MARCH 2013 AT TARLTON RACEWAY DURING THE 2013 DONALDSON NATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY CAR CHAMPIONSHIP.

Hearing held in the MSA Boardroom at 18h00 on 17th September 2013.

Present:

Glenn Rowden	-	Court President
Graeme Nathan	-	Court Member
Dick Shuttle	-	Court Member
Mike Kinnear	-	Clerk of Course
Greg Higgins	-	NR Regional Representative
Johan Steyn	-	Competitor
Chris Davies	-	Witness
Frik Kraamwinkel	-	Witness
G. Roos	-	Witness
Karin Britton	-	Scribe/MSA Sport Coordinator

FINDINGS:

Having heard all the evidence, the court is of the following opinion:

There were occurrences towards the end of 2012 and at the beginning of 2013 which led to tensions between Mr Greg Higgins and the various Platinum Clubs. These tensions were originally manifested in the Platinum Clubs' reluctance to support the Northern Regions championship as they saw the Platinum area as a 'stand-alone' region.

An earlier court had reprimanded a number of people and instructed them to co-operate fully with Mr Greg Higgins. Feedback from Mr Higgins at the time was promising, indicating far stronger support from the Platinum Clubs.

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It is apparent that communication between Mr Greg Higgins and some club chairmen was somewhat lacking. It is not expected of him to contact these chairmen individually but representatives on his sub-committee could and should have communicated sub-committee decisions to the various affected parties. There is a representative from the North West area tasked with the responsibility of keeping Mafikeng informed. Not only was Mafikeng not fully informed of all decisions but the changes in the control of the Mafikeng club were likewise not reported back to the sub-committee.

This led to an escalation of the tension manifested by the abusive attitude directed towards Mr Higgins.

A further exacerbation of the situation surrounded that of the distribution of sponsored fuel vouchers. The decision on the method of distribution of vouchers was taken at the sub-committee but not communicated onwards.

The court fully understands Mr Greg Higgins' objection to the threatening attitude shown towards him by Mr Steyn and most certainly does not condone such behavior, as witnessed by Mr Chris Davies, and accordingly withdraws Mr Steyn's competition licence for a period of six months. The court however accepts that there were a number of mitigating factors and therefore suspends the withdrawal of Mr Steyn's competition licence for the duration of the 2014 season. The withdrawal of licence will therefore only come into effect should Mr Steyn be found guilty of a similar transgression between the date of publication of these findings and end December 2014.

The court directs that the sub-committee ensures that all its decisions are in future correctly communicated to all relevant parties. It further directs that a formal method of distribution of sponsor benefits be formulated and adhered to.

The court further records that it takes exception to the use of social media to intimidate and perpetuate rumours within the sport. Strong action should follow in instances where such actions are contrary to the best interests of the sport.

All parties are reminded of their rights of appeal to the MSA National Court of Appeal.