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MSA MEDIA DISCIPLINARY HEARING 1/2016

HEARING HELD IN THE MSA BOARDROOM ON MONDAY THE 11th OF JULY AT 18:00

- Present:** Danie van Jaarsveld – MSA Media Committee President
Dave Ledbitter – MSA Media Committee Member
Paul Bedford – MSA Media Committee Member
Eric Buijs – MSA Media Committee Member (Teleconference)
- Apologies:** Charmaine Fortune – MSA Media Committee Member
Woody Rodseth- MSA Media Committee Member
- Defendants:** Raymond Dicker – MSA Standard Media Accredited Member
Werner Viet – MSA Commercial Media Accredited Member
- In Attendance:** Wayne Riddell – MSA Sporting Services Manager
Jaco Deysel – MSA Media and Communications Coordinator

Pre-amble.

The hearing arose from an incident in June 2016 in which it is alleged that:

- Mr. Dicker purported to be a member of Mr. Viet's photographic team in order to sell photography at a karting event
- Upon learning of this Mr. Viet posted an allegation to this effect on Facebook
- The allegation was confirmed by the mother of one of the competitors with whom such an exchange had taken place.
- Mr. Viet further sent a private Facebook Messenger text to Mr. Dicker indicating that if he should see Mr. Dicker at the track again, he would ".. kill him".
- Mr. Dicker then lodged a complaint against Mr. Viet with MSA

Upon receiving the complaint, Mr. Deysel, on behalf of MSA, advised both accused that their media accreditation had been suspended and requested that they return their media badges and bibs to MSA's offices. Mr. Viet complied immediately, while Mr. Dicker attended a subsequent race meeting before dropping his badge and bib off at a courier near his place of residence.

This chain of events led to a Media Accreditation Internal Disciplinary Hearing 01/16 to be scheduled at MSA's offices at 18:00 on 11 July 2016, where the attached charges were put to the accused.

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Hearing.

Upon reading the charges made against him, Mr. Viet

- Accepted the validity of the charges against him
- expressed his sincere remorse
- vowed to desist from similar behaviour
- Offered a mitigating circumstance in stating that he was extremely upset by Mr. Dicker's behaviour.

Upon reading the charges made against him, Mr. Dicker

- Accepted that he was guilty of "Selling images at Events – Non Commercial Member"
- Denied the allegations made by Mr. Viet
- Denied that he received notification of his immediate suspension - due to the fact that he did not have data – and therefore denied the charge "Not returning accreditation by due date"
- Stated that he interpreted the text sent to him by Mr. Viet as a genuine death threat and felt that his life was in danger.

Findings.

Having considered all the evidence, both written and oral, the committee felt that:

- The accused did not behave in a manner that becomes an MSA accredited media member
- While the event briefly surfaced on social media, they did not bring MSA into disrepute
- Mr. Viet's contrition was sincere
- Mr. Dicker's various assertions could not be categorically refuted, but the credibility thereof was subject to doubt.

Recommendation.

In view of the above, the committee recommends that, in with regard to Mr. Viet:

- Mr. Viet is found guilty as charged
- MSA expresses its extreme displeasure at Mr. Viet's behaviour in this matter
- That a penalty of a three month media-accreditation-suspension is imposed, this exclusion of access is suspended for a period of 1 year from the date of which these findings are issued.

With regard to Mr. Dicker, the committee recommends that:

- Mr. Dicker is found guilty of willingly and knowingly obtaining "Standard" media accreditation while operating as a commercial photographer.
- MSA expresses its extreme displeasure at Mr. Dicker's behaviour in this matter
- That a penalty of a six month media-accreditation-suspension is imposed, of which 5 months is suspended for a period of 1 year from the date of which these findings are issued. The effect of this is that for a period of 1 month, Mr. Dicker is prevented from access to all motorsport facilities.
- That Mr. Dicker's Non-Commercial media accreditation is revoked in its entirety
- That Mr. Dicker is invited to apply for Commercial Media accreditation, to which MSA may at its discretion apply payment terms to suit both parties.

The committee further recommends that the hearing and the outcome thereof is communicated to all MSA accredited media members and affiliated clubs.

Issued on behalf of the MSA media steering committee

Danie van Jaarsveld
MSA Media Committee President