

COMMITTEE REPORT

Board of Justice and Ethics Committee

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Report by:

Marty Swanson, (USA) Chairperson

During the period of review, no new matters were referred to the Board of Justice and Ethics.

Following the matter raised during previous Congress – letter from Mr Rhousdy and Mr Safaan regards Mr Alaa Gabr – the World Archery Secretary General asked to verify if there has been any breach of Code or Ethics by Alaa Gabr or by the ones submitting the emails just prior to the elections and to determine if there are any matters related to World Archery or if the matters are only related to Egypt and/or World Archery Africa.

Chair of Board of Justice and Ethics came to conclusion that as to Mr Rhousdy's email, he himself in attachment 7 answers the second part of your question as to whether or not the matters relate only to Egypt and/or World Archery Africa. As Mr Rhousdy points out in paragraph 6 of attachment 7, all of the issues which gave rise to his suspension both by Egypt and World Archery Africa are in fact "internal matters" and not yet final. By his own admission he says "I mean that will not affect the World Archery family...". Therefore, there was no reason for the World Archery Board of Justice and Ethics to look further in the case.

Additionally, the chairperson found that Mr. Gabr may have a cause of action to bring his own complaint that the sending of the allegations in the emails just prior to the election violated World Archery Ethical Code. However, Mr Gabr would have needed to file that complaint himself if he wished the matter to be addressed. Mr Gabr decided not to do so.

At the beginning of the period, it was anticipated that some three matters were potentially going to be submitted which never came to pass.

It was with great sadness that the Board learned of our Honorary Board Chairman and former president of World Archery, Francesco Gneccchi-Ruscone passing away on September 20, 2022. I had the honor and pleasure of working with the former president during the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles in my capacity of Venue Director for the competition in Long Beach, California. Subsequently in the years following, while serving as an International Judge and as Team Manager for a number of international teams from the United States, I always found the former president to be the consummate ambassador

for our sport. In describing the legacy of the former President, I use the words of a Fox Indian proverb: “There are many good moccasin tracks along the trail of a straight arrow”.

In conclusion I wish to thank the members of the Board of Justice and Ethics for their willingness to serve and contribute to the work of the Board. I also wish to thank Secretary General Mr. Tom Dielen and Mr. Mark Miller, Chair of the Constitution and Rules Committee for their advice and consultation during this reporting period. Thank you as well to our President and the Executive Committee for their continued leadership.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marty Swanson
Chairperson Board of Justice and Ethics
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