

Monday, 25 March 2013

To FIAS:

Dear Mr President

Thank you for your Memorandum with the regard to the suspension of four gentleman mentioned can I ask the following question which hopefully, unlike many of my previous questions, will be answered

- 1) There is no mention of what part of the FIAS statutes entitles you to suspend members who are elected by Congress?*
- 2) You gave a rather vague explanation for their suspension "For the continuous activities affecting the promotion of SAMBO into the international sport and Olympic family, for the ethical damage to the reputation of the FIAS and for the misconduct of their duties and responsibilities" I believe all FIAS members countries should be given accurate details of what they have done*
- 3) In my dealings and correspondence with these gentlemen it has always been their complaint that you and other members of FIAS have not been compliant with FIAS Statutes. There main complaint one I agree with is that you never reply to their questions . Do you not think if you had replied this problem could have been resolved?*
- 4) Will future members of the EC or come to that Presidents of individual countries be suspended if they question yours or the FIAS EC performance or creditability?*
- 5) Article 16 of the FIAS statutes allows for unscheduled Congress of members if 1/3 of the memberships make a written request. Would these gentlemen be allowed to contact the Member Countries?*
- 6) Would member countries be suspended if they have contact with these gentlemen?*

I have no financial interest in FIAS nor have any desire to be part of the management of FIAS my job as President of the British Sombo Federation is quite sufficient and time consuming. On behalf of the BSF can I say we do not really concern ourselves with who runs FIAS as we have had very little support from the organisation but what does concern us is that we want to belong to an organisation that works with in its Constitution (FIAS Statutes)

My main criticism of yourself Mr President and the FIAS EC is that you never answer questions and reply to communications. If this had been done the problems in FIAS, which could lead to its breakup, would not have happened. FIAS competitions have improved beyond the imagination of most us; the recent Sambo TV has been a brilliant addition but FIAS need to be an open democratic organisation if we are ever to become an Olympic sport.

I hope that you and the 4 gentlemen will sort out your differences and come to some agreement in the not to distant future and please answer my emails the latest in is below

Yours truly,

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