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Dear Pascal

Further to our Company Secretary's communications with Mohammed Kammah over the past week, I write in the strongest terms to object at the way in which Steve Starkie, our England referee and official representative at the IBSF AGM in India, was treated by IBSF board members and other officials.

Steve attended the Championships at great personal expense, and, we understand, forewent an opportunity to officiate at one of the semi-final matches, in order to attend the AGM as our representative. Following the conclusion of that meeting Steve immediately advised us by text simply that our motion had not been discussed, causing our Board to be deeply disturbed that the matter had not been resolved and that due democratic process had not been followed.

The following day, after we had learned from Mr Kammah that Jersey had withdrawn their support for the motion, we spoke with Steve who elucidated on proceedings, explaining that when a call was made for the proposer and seconder a 'voice from the floor' declared that Jersey had withdrawn their support. In the absence of any other information, Steve was unable to make any further comment.

Steve's reports, which were short and concise, were simply reporting the fact that our motion had not been put to the meeting to vote upon. To subsequently accuse Steve of causing trouble, whether in jest or not, is simply not called for and totally unacceptable. Steve was made to feel very uncomfortable for the remainder of his time in India, and made to feel personally to blame for the ensuing ruckus. We are saddened that an innocent party to these events should have what should have been an enjoyable occasion turn sour and be memorable for the wrong reasons.

Yours sincerely

Clive Brown
EASB Chairman and Chief Executive