

Date of meeting: 31st August 2015

First decision of the Special Ethics Committee

Committee members:

Adv. David Fohrer - Chairman of the IBF Tribunal.

Adv. Asher Akselrod – IBF Legal Counsel.

Mr. Modi Kenigsberg – IBF President.

Mr. Eitan Levy – EBL Board member.

Mr. Adrian Shwartz

<u>Decision</u>

- 1. On 30th August 2015 the Israel Bridge Federation (IBF) appointed a Special Ethics Committee (SEC) as per the attached letter of appointment.
- On 31st August 2015 the SEC met for a preliminary hearing. The hearing was attended by representatives of the IBF and Mr. Fisher and Mr. Schwartz, represented by Adv. Dror Arad-Ayalon.
- 3. At the beginning of the hearing, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Schwartz announced, that due to the recent events and the wave of rumors which include grave allegations against them, and although they deny them categorically and claim that they are unfounded, they take upon themselves not to play together as partners in any international or local Bridge competitions, until the conclusion of the proceedings by the SEC.

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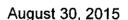
- 4. The SEC accepts the restrictions that Mr. Fisher and Mr. Schwartz take upon themselves. It is hereby clarified that these restrictions should not be construed as an indication to the validity of the allegations against Mr. Fisher and Mr. Schwartz. The announcement made by Mr. Fisher and Mr. Schwartz is given the validity of decision by the SEC. The SEC or Mr. Fisher and Mr. Schwartz may resume the discussion of this issue at any time.
- 5. The SEC invites any interested person, local or international, to send any relevant information regarding the allegations against Mr. Fisher and Mr. Schwartz.
- 6. Information should be sent to e-mail: sec@bridge.co.il until 30th September 2015.
- All such information will be considered by the SEC and will be forwarded to Mr. Fisher and Mr. Schwartz. Mr. Fisher and Mr. Schwartz will be given the opportunity to respond to any of the allegations, until 30th October 2015.
- 8. Within 30 days of receiving Mr. Fisher and Mr. Schwartz's response, the SEC will conduct oral hearings.
- 9. The hearings conducted by the SEC shall be open to the public, unless determined otherwise by the SEC.

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Re: Special Ethics Committee

The management of the Israel Bridge Federation (IBF) hereby appoints a Special Ethics Committee (hereinafter the "Committee").

The management of the Israeli Bridge Federation further orders as follows:

 The members of the Committee shall be Adv. David Fohrer, Adv. Asher Akselrod, Mr. Modi Koenigsberg, Mr. Eitan Levy and Mr. Adrian Shwartz. Adv. Fohrer shall be the chairman of the Committee.

- During the course of its work, the Committee shall take any measures that it deems fit in order to investigate the allegations raised and that may be raised, directly and indirectly, regarding the actions of Mr. Lotan Fischer and Mr. Ron Schwartz while participating in the game of Bridge in Israel and elsewhere.
- 3. The Committee is given absolute discretion in the use of its authority.
- 4. The Committee shall establish its work procedures and all aspects relating to its work.
- 5. The Committee shall submit a report on its decisions.

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- 6. The Committee's decisions shall be binding upon the IBF and Mr. Fischer and Mr. Schwartz.
- 7. The Committee's decisions shall be final, binding and without appeal and shall be subject to no other form of procedure within the IBF. This shall not derogate from any authority by a judicial court.
- 8. The IBF will provide any resources required to facilitate the work of the Committee.
- 9. The coordinator of the Committee shall be Mrs. Oryah Meir CEO of the Israel Bridge Federation.
- 10. The Committee shall be entitled to appoint an additional member, whether foreign or Israeli.
- 11. The IBF thanks the Committee members for their participation

Sincerely and Respectfully Yours, Gilad Ofir, IBF Chairman.

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Mrs. Oryah Meir - CEO

Mr. Micha Mark - National Sports Caption

IBF Board Members

IBF Presidium Members

Mr. Lotan Fischer

Mr. Ron Schwartz