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Request for Response to Incident Report

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To: info@scrabbleplayers.org

Cc: steven [REDACTED]

Dear Judy and Steve,

I was so upset when I first received the email that I could not even bring myself to read the attachments and asked a close friend to read it first. The fact that I even received this initially as a matter of WGPO business is inappropriate and telling, I think. I have never recognized WGPO as an official Scrabble organization, and I have never intentionally entered a WGPO tournament nor expressed an interest in doing so. (I believe that Winter attempted to get WGPO to rate a casual tournament that a group of us had around the holidays in New Jersey several years ago, but that was entirely his doing.) I had no intention to enter the Word Cup nor to bother any of these people in any way. I have not contacted any of them in a long time and am not in their lives at all. It feels like they are going out of their way to target me.

However, since NASPA has decided to get involved, I feel I must address it. And I will do so through NASPA. Steve, as a courtesy to you, I will pass along the communications I make to NASPA about this matter to you as well, but I only recognize NASPA as having any authority when it comes to competitive Scrabble in North America.

I have done nothing wrong, and I very much welcome the opportunity to tell my side of the story and clear my name. At the heart of this was a huge misunderstanding on Lola's part about our brief interactions at the 2022 New Orleans tournament. If that was all I had to clarify, I could do so fairly soon. However, she and Jennifer both decided to bring large parts of our romantic relationships into their reports and in so doing have greatly widened the scope of allegations against me. I cannot possibly address everything here adequately within ten days time. Not only is there a lot of story to tell, it is also very emotionally difficult for me to tell it. Furthermore, what they have written gives me concern about the legal implications of all of this, and I feel I must consult with a lawyer before I submit any official statements.

I'm going to need at least a month to deal with this, and I intend to get back to you with my statement during the week of May 16th-20th. I will not be playing in any Scrabble tournaments or clubs until well after that time, so I see no need to rush this.

Sincerely,
Dave Koenig

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