

Alberta Table Tennis Association

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Re: Response to a letter from a general member

Dear members,

We believe coach Li is the anchor of the ATTA after all these years of services as the provincial coach of Alberta; her achievement of consistently producing top-notch junior players in Alberta as well as coaching programs throughout the province prove the importance and appropriateness of her participation in the daily operation of the ATTA. Further, it is essential that the provincial coach and program coordinator function as co-workers through the exchange of ideas to ensure a bright future for the ATTA and table tennis in Alberta.

Please recall also: Where were all those so called *experienced, devoted, responsible* executive members and counselors who happened to abruptly resign when the ATTA was having a tough and difficult time. Where were they when the ATTA needed them most?

It is indeed frustrating to learn that instead of expressing appreciation to those board members who have chosen to stay with the ATTA during difficult times and worked persistently to put the ATTA back on strong feet, this small group of members who deserted the association and ultimately wanted to left it out to dry, has now returned for some unknown reason and is desperately trying to critique and damage the credibility of the ATTA and the hard work of its previous board members... this is a shame. So let us be perfectly clear when we say the disappointment is quite mutual.

To the aforementioned small group of members, may we ask this? Instead of spending all your presumably valuable time in the pursuit to torch the efforts of a committed ATTA board, perhaps look upon yourself and ask yourself this:

- a) Are you really, truly and sincerely devoted for the best interests of the ATTA and the members it represents?
- b) Do you, intact, bear a certain agenda and/or special interest to either yourself or your related club?
- c) If you are given another opportunity to be executive member of the ATTA again, will you be

able to be completely neutral and be fair to ALL the members' clubs?

d) Last but not least, are you sure you can do a better job than the previous Board members?

We can appreciate the fact that it is always easiest to be a back seat driver and instruct and criticize; after all we are only human, right?

We trust you, as an honorable member of the ATTA, may have a lot of soul searching to do yourself. Are we not all allegedly working towards a common goal, after all? Namely, the promotion of the sport table tennis through the appropriate funding structure and junior program initiatives? If so, let's do just that - work together; in-fighting between members ultimately solves nothing.

As you are aware that there are a few new faces on our new Board; it is only fair to give them the necessary time to familiarize themselves with the current affairs, issues and concerns of our members in general before they can effectively address them. As far as criticism to our volunteer program coordinator Shauna, who took over after Laura resigned, it is the collective opinion of the Board that demands and unreasonably proposed deadlines from certain members directed towards her are quite unreasonable under the circumstances.

It is the new Board's intention to run a better organized, transparent and open-book association from now on. It is, therefore, imperative for the members to be patient and co-operative to ensure the timely and appropriate resolution of any and all issues. In due time, any member interested in looking at the books are welcome to visit our office by appointment.

In respect to some members' continuing questioning of "audited Financial Statement", the new Board has done some research and concluded that based on previous Annual General Meeting for 2007-2008 and 2008- 2009, the ATTA President and Treasurer at that time had only reviewed and approved the said financial statement and no audited version was presented. It is, thus, the opinion of the new Board that due to a language barrier, the financial statement the previous Board presented at the past Annual General Meeting was indeed reviewed and approved by the president/Treasurer in the same manner it was done by the President and Treasurer from 2007-2008 . If audited version is required, then the new Board may have to enforce and request all the responsible member/parties who have signed the respective financial statement prior to year 2010(2011) for explanation as well. On a separate note, we find certain members' continual attack on the language limitations of some individuals currently part of the board to be non-productive and frankly insulting; while these certain members may believe otherwise, these jabs are neither subtle nor conducive to the execution of crucial matters at hand and we would politely ask for them to cease and that a greater understanding be displayed for the multiculturalism that exists on our board. After all, the beauty of table tennis in Alberta and in North America in general is ultimately its multiculturalism and its appeal to all different ethnicities.

This will also give the new Board time and opportunity to review and investigate all the issues and allegations of the ATTA for the past few years under different presidents, Board members as well as program coordinators.

We must emphasize that it is the intention of the new Board to run a clean, well organized, transparent and democratic association. Any abuse from member(s) to either damage the credibility of the ATTA and/or its Board members without sound evidence shall not be tolerated and may face disciplinary action from ATTA.

Respectively Yours,

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