

STATEMENT

of

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My removal is clearly retaliation against me for my complains on board chair and few board members violating bylaws. I have followed the right procedure to file complaints against them with proper evidence. I made my complaint in first week of September, and chair of the board and board members involved in that complaint came up on my removal process just within 10 days of my complaint.

Most of the old document Anne has attached are very old shared posts and personal emails (not newsletter). These are the posts or comments wrote by other USATT members who requested to share their views on USATT member's FB page or via email to members. All members don't have admin right to do so, but they have right to express their views to other members on social media or via emails. These are their views, their concerns and their social media page. They have right to ask me to share. Whatever we have here is all about selection procedure. Feedback from some members was shared to other members. This awareness move before March finally helped us to change our selection procedure which was amended twice in April to have now only 33% discretion selection instead of 66%.

I have not written anything against a board decision and violated any policy. I urge all to read our social media policy again. Board has never voted on or made any decision on most controversial selection procedure. If I am still on the board in our next meeting than I will make a motion and take board vote on selection procedure. I believe that I cannot go against that board decision if it is voted.

Anne mentioned that I have violated section 10.1 & 10.2.

I urge all board members to read our bylaws again. Those sections just guide all USATT members as to how to complain. Members' personal opinion, feedback or concern don't have to be official complaints. It does not say that any member cannot express his views or concerns without official complaint by paying \$250.

In my case I have not even done that. Just shared other member's opinions to their own member's page on request or via email.

If Anne understand this procedure properly than I think she should also file complaint on me instead of trying to remove me without proof of violation here in meeting.

Donating \$100 on fair play issue has been discussed multiple times. I have made clear that when that page was created it was only for the fair play awareness movement. It was edited later and then closed in 1-2 months.

Asking to have fair play and transparent selection process for Olympics or World events does not have any conflict with my son.

- a) My son is 13 years old and he is not competing for any trials for Olympic or World events. He is too small for this.
- b) Favoring transparent selection process on merit does not favor any particular player.