

Dear Lion Kratky,

The Legal Division has received the attached information indicating you continue to support the ASKLC, and specifically appear to be listed as governor of the unauthorized association.

As you have been previously notified on or about April 1, 2020, April 3, 2020 April 6, 2020, April 28, 2020, and May 14, 2020, the ASKLC, "District 122 – Slovak Republic" or any other non-approved name of the district which is not representative of the Lions clubs within District 122 is not a recognized association, is not permitted to use the Lions name and emblem, and is in violation of the Board Policy Manual of Lions Clubs International. Specifically, the Board Policy Manual, Chapter XV, Paragraph A.1.c. provides

The association's trademarks are registered and managed by the Legal Division of Lions Clubs International. No Lions district (single, sub- or multiple), club or member may register Lions trademarks.

As you will note, the association's trademarks are managed by the Legal Division. As the Legal Division has advised you several times, the International Board of Directors withholds recognition from any association that hinders the proper function of the regular district administration. The Board Policy Manual, Chapter XV Legal, Paragraph D, Section 2, provides

The board of directors shall and hereby does withhold official recognition of past club, district and international officer organizations, but shall permit their existence and operation so long as they shall not in operation:

- a. **contravene the International Constitution and By-Laws and policies of the International Board of Directors;**
- b. **levy and/or collect dues;**
- c. **involve participation on other than a voluntary basis;**
- d. **superimpose or create any governing structure over and above, or which hinders the proper function of, the regular club and district organizations.**

As you will note, any such group that collects dues, contravenes policies established by the International Board of Directors, requires participation or otherwise attempts to provide a structure that impacts the ability of the district to function is in violation of the Board Policy Manual.

In this case, as you have been previously advised, the ASKLC interferes with the proper function of the district. Further, the ASKLC is not representative of the Lions Clubs of District 122 which includes Lions clubs both in the Slovak Republic and Czech Republic, and the ASKLC continues to interfere with the district organization. **Therefore, the ASKLC must immediately cease and desist all such use of the Lions name and logo.**

As you are listed as governor of the unauthorized ASKLC entity, and as you have been

previously advised on a number of occasions this entity is in violation of Board Policy, is not authorized and such use must cease, please be advised failure to submit evidence sufficiently demonstrating the ASKLC has been dissolved or has otherwise ceased all use of the Lions name and logo **on or before September 30, 2020** will result in this matter being further reviewed by the International Board of Directors, and may result action including, but not limited to, loss of membership, cancellation of charter, and/or legal action against the parties who continue to misuse the Lions name and emblem in violation of the Trademark Policy adopted by the International Board of Directors.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Kindest regards,

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