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Costa Rican Cycling Federation (FECOCI)

PUBLIC OPINION, ORGANIZERS, SPONSORS, AFFILIATES AND MEDIA

With regard to recent developments, the Costa Rican Cycling Federation (FECOCI) wishes to bring to your attention the following chain of events and their individual ratings:

1 - Several months ago our offices were presented in Mr. Román Urbina Crespo and his partner, Mrs Pipa Leon, to inform the Federation on the financial problems, according to its manifestations, was going through your company. Meanwhile, the Federation informed him that they would file a lawsuit against some former employees of his company because they claimed the perpetrators of domestic economic problems. On this last detail, the Federation notes, but not wielding any kind of comment, because it is a matter purely between the organizers and particularly third, that it must be clarified in the corresponding strata and, as we know, has not yet been determined well by any judicial authority.

2 - At the meeting, he informed the gentlemen referred to FECOCI that are making all efforts to settle the amounts owed by the endorsement of the concept in 2008, and the awards that are still owed to the winners of 2008. Given this, the FECOCI told they are in the best available negotiate the cancellation of the debt by the guarantee, but can not grant any privileges to the awards due respect, as these are an acquired right part of the cyclists, and therefore this was the first commitment to be honored.

3 - then re-submit Romao and Dona Pipa in the Federation with a proposal that included the payment of prizes and a possible payment under the guarantee due. The arrangement with regard to the endorsement we made in the form of an exchange with one of the sponsors of the route, which was accepted by the Federation, in order to collaborate with the organizers, who once again reiterated their liquidity problems at time.

4 - Once the final settlement payment arrangement and that no rider FECOCI complained to the non-payment of awards due, the Federation remained open ready to receive the request of the organizers of the Route for the support of your event for the year 2009.

5 - After several weeks, he again presented the representatives of the route in the offices of the Federation, with its proposal to obtain endorsement 2009. The representatives asked the Federation to be granted the respective free guarantee, to which the Federation, respecting their internal regulations and procedures manual for organizers Mountain Bike Skills, approved by the Board at its regular meeting No. 2006-12 (236), on Monday, 3 April 2006 and its amendments in the regular meetings No. 2007-03 (274) and No. 2007-04 (275), Monday 22 and Monday 29 January 2007 respectively, replied that it should be even with all organizations and that, moreover, should comply with the payment of staff to be appointed Judging for the event.



6 - At the same time they were informed, as indicated in that manual, which they had complete knowledge, a) the calculation of the guarantee fee was 10% of the cost of individual registration for each fixed organizer event, b) that this amount should be deposited once the enrollment period had been closed, and c) that the same be done with the total amount of fees of the trial, all of which is paid for their services the commissioners, judges and timekeepers for each event, once they have completed their work effectively and as submitted the relevant report of the College to the Federation.

7 - It should be noted that the fees of each member of the judging body are well specified in the Manual of Procedures, according to the duration and type of skills is required for their important work.

8 - In response, Mr. Román Urbina delivers an original letter signed by himself, in which he assured the Federation that what his organization had set a registration fee was \$ 50 USD per participant, a national or foreign that the amount he was entitled to participate as official broker in La Ruta de los Conquistadores 2009, and that there were other optional amounts that the participant could pay for access to an additional package.

9 - In this situation, and seek to pursue this matter would be completely clear to those willing to participate in this event, the Federation asked to reaffirm their commitment to abide by the provisions of the Manual of Procedures, to have all permits necessary for competition and, finally, to emphasize that the registration fee would be \$ 50 USD, with the aim of proceeding with the respective calculation of the guarantee fee. It also tells you that you notify the FECOCI Judging Association (AJUCI) so this name to the Commissioner Director and staff necessary according to their technical parameters and proceed with the required coordination meetings.

10 - Mr. Urbina Crespo recalls, via letter, that his organization noticed the \$ 50 USD registration fee, while personally assured us that they will comply with the Manual in order to get the document of guarantees essential for processing permissions to perform their sports competition on public highways, such as the endorsement of ICODER, Traffic Engineering and coverage of the transit police.

11 - In this way, the Federation immediately proceeds to extend the respective guarantee. Also, orders being made public as soon as possible to the route and with the backing necessary for your event. Likewise remember to tell the riders interested in participating, the organizers said that the registration fee was \$ 50 USD per person higher than the amounts corresponding to additional packages, so that each evaluate their economic when deciding whether or not inscribed in the event.

12 - In good faith, the Federation decided to give it time until two days before the start of competition to cancel the amount of the guarantee fee, which for all purposes would be \$ 5 USD per enrollee only, ie according to projections from the same organization over a maximum of 200 participants for this year does not exceed \$ 1000 USD in total. The FECOCI not requested any money when delivering the document of guarantee, so they could play in time with the processing of necessary permits supracitados.

13 - With five days until the start of the competition, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Urbina come before AJUCI leaders in order to coordinate the issue of appointment and fees of the College. At this meeting, Mr. Urbina said that they will pay only half the staff recommended by the Association in meeting the benchmarks to meet a good job during the event. At that meeting, informing them AJUCI to the representatives of the route that such appointments are only spring from the Association for appointing staff is the base to cope with a competition of such magnitude and that forces them to take responsibility the smooth passing of the competition, on trial.



14 - AJUCI comes to making appointments and appoints Dr. Alvaro Echeverria, a doctor and National Commissioner with many years of experience in national cycling, as the Commissioner Director for La Ruta de los Conquistadores.

15 - Dr. Echeverria tries unsuccessfully to communicate repeatedly with representatives of La Ruta, in order to carry out much needed prior coordination meeting is required before any event supported by the Federation. However, the response was uncertain. Among other issues, appointed Commissioner wanted to know from the mouth of the organizers, on how she would handle the issue of logistics in the first stage of La Ruta, following the unfortunate collapse of Tárcoles River Bridge, between Orotina and Turrubares, a widely used route in the Route of previous years.

16 - Another point to be treated, would be relating to transportation, food and staff working tools to trial because at the behest of Mr. Urbina himself and Mrs. Leon Judging staff had designed a working formula requiring that only some of its members had to travel to Jacó, thereby saving resources on accommodations, meals and transportation to the organizers. This plan, which was going to be proposed by Mr Echeverria, indicated that he would exit in Jaco, communicating via cell phone with the other judges to "jump-start" the official timers, always, by regulation, are those held by the appointed timekeepers.

17 - Given the uncertainty, Dr. Echeverria decides filed with the offices of La Ruta, on Monday, at 7:30 am, just before starting the workday, in the middle of work. By identifying himself as the Commissioner-designate, representatives of the path tells you that the organization decided not to have the services of staff and judging him the door of his office with the message that, in the ensuing hours, would send a document with its decision to the federation. None of the ideas outlined in the above two points could make Dr. Echeverria to the organizers, at his rude way to treat it.

18 - The Commissioner is removed and tells what happened to the Federation. Against this background, the Federation was waiting for the promised communication, but to their surprise, that first was published by some websites and was sent to the Media. Is this information by third parties that initially comes to the Federation and a while after that note is received from their original station.

19 - In the note, the organizers make it clear that they no longer need the support of the Federation, La Ruta de los Conquistadores is a cycling competition but of "adventure", and that therefore dispense with the work of judges AJUCI. That yes, when the document in hand had managed permissions ICODER and Traffic Engineering.

20 - Faced with the decision of the organizers, the Board meets in special session to review the document and decides to respect the decision of the Route of not having the federal guarantee, so that nullifies the already delivered good faith, just days before.

21 - But also to the many lies and baseless accusations, the FECOCI decides to put in the hands of a legal representative public demonstrations of the organizers of the route, to proceed with what he considers relevant, in an attempt to lay liability for statements which we consider a) libelous, since attributed to members of the Federation and others from committing acts that are considered crimes, such as appropriating money and property, b) defamatory, because other means, causing damage to honor members of the Federation, promoting hate, resentment and offenses from others, c) and injurious, as a matter of gravity, because it would make value judgments that damage the reputation and esteem of those people you referred to.

22 - On the application of regulations, the federation must, as is his absolute right as the sole governing body of cycling in our country and recognized by the regional body, the Pan American Cycling



Confederation (COPACI), the world body The International Cycling Union (UCI), directors of sport authorities in Costa Rica, the Costa Rican Institute of Sport and Recreation (ICODER) and the National Sports Council (CND) and the representative of the Orb of Olympism in Costa Rica, National Olympic Committee (NOC) - to inform federal cyclists of our country, whatever their category of competition, that no official licensed rider may take part in an event that is not properly recorded in the National Calendar, ie that does not have the backing of the Federation. It was also agreed to inform the decision to the other sister federations in the world, through the Pan American Cycling Confederation.

23 - It is worthwhile to invite the public, fans, cyclists, members of the press and the organizers of the Route to visit the website of the Federation, www.fecoci.net <<http://www.fecoci.net>> <<http://www.fecoci.net>>, and to consult the aforementioned Procedures Manual. Similarly, the guests to see the documentation referred to here as the Rules of the UCI and the letters sent by the representatives of the Federation Route.

24 - It is not, as some people have said, an occurrence of the FECOCI the request to an organizer who meets certain requirements to include your event in the National Calendar, including a charge for this item. This empowers the International Regulations of the UCI, as in the item on competitors' licenses and sanctions they face when they violate regulations.

25 - It is also pertinent to clarify that the organization of La Ruta de los Conquistadores is a private, for-profit. There is an association attached or affiliated to or recognized by the FECOCI ICODER. The Federation is not against anyone or any organization seeking to organize a cycling event for commercial purposes, but in no way can allow overlooked special regulations or manuals that FECOCI has arranged for each individual case, whether these affiliated associations and private organizations. Much less can afford, within a framework of mutual respect, you want to denigrate any member or associate of the Federation.

26 - With regard to the comments completely unfounded on the statutes of the Federation, the contributions that this receives from the ICODER, financial statements, and controls on money entering our body, do not show the other organizers Route something more than his total ignorance of how to make the management of such institutions. Of course, not required of them know, because as noted earlier, these are people making a private business rather than individuals working for the development of any sport, for free, as do dozens of people in each one of the Federations of national representatives.

27 - The Statute of FECOCI are registered and properly updated before the Public Registry, otherwise they could not be recognized by the ICODER, nor by the UCI, nor by the COPACI, organization in which even managed to win Costa Rica a post of Vice-President, in the person of Glauco Pinto Rodriguez.

28 - On receiving contributions on behalf of ICODER FECOCI, become lords responsible for Route ignorant to sin, that no federation could receive one penny from the state without there being first an investment business plan to justify any outlay . This plan should include, and always done well-a budget that clearly states what the contribution will be spent, then the respected settlement with invoices and / or contracts, according to the parameters of the Comptroller General of the Republic and all provisions of the Civil Service Law. As if these filters may seem few, Auditing ICODER itself is authorized to review any settlement of charges to submit this or any other Federation received a contribution of that government entity.

29 - On the money entering the FECOCI, by way of contributions, endorsements, licensing, etc..'s Easy to check that carry the respective delivery of a cash receipt or invoice to the payer. The same happens with the money coming out of the Federation, whose payments are made with checks backed with copies



received under, against receipt of invoice or receipt to support the expenditure incurred. If you want to imply that managers or employees of the Federation, or even staff from other units-bypass these controls, it also suggest that individuals of recognized eminence could provide for some type of anomaly.

We are aware that Mr. Urbina Crespo and Mrs. Leon are not required to know for sure how such entities as the Federations and Associations nonprofit, governance and promoting sporting disciplines with national representation. His experience is limited to private companies that run today for your event of "adventure" which, paradoxically, are over 16 years to promote nationally and internationally as "the mountain bike competition more takes the planet. "

30 - Now in the particular case of the commissioners, judges and timekeepers of AJUCI, these are people doing specialized work, and they have been through training courses, mostly spend their free time and even their own work to accumulate the experience that allows them to put their best effort in their work. It is fair, therefore, receive-as any other person, adequate remuneration for their services.

31 - We categorically deny that the fees for the prosecution service personnel held by the end FECOCI but, once these have been successfully concluded its work, come to collect their money in the Federation, which had to be deposited prior to the event organizers secured. Each staff member signs a trial payroll, as evidence agreed that the money was handed over to his creditor. This was a policy adopted by the Federation in recent years, at the failure of some organizations found it very easy to have the service of judges and then "riders" or to deny them their well deserved remuneration.

32 - The Costa Rican Cycling Federation that seeks to clarify some of the many inaccuracies that have been expressed by the organizers of the Route and others, and the consultations that we have raised the esteemed members of the national and international press about of the situation. At the same time, we regret the situation by the national cyclists, but reiterates that it is the obligation of promoting the order and to pursue national cycling because all organizers meet the conditions suitable for the sport of cycling events in Costa Rica carried out with complete success, clarity, accountability and above all attached to national or international regulations, as applicable.

33 - Finally, we thank all those comments sound and constructive criticism on this and many other times have sent us in a respectful way people who, in one form or another, are linked to the cycling environment, or are followers of the beautiful game. However, we note politely but vehemently those demonstrations designed to create false expectations, preconceptions, malicious and manipulative, and violent reactions against any member or associate of the Federation.

At the same time, we urge both estimable media to maintain the proper balance in the information they publish, that all parties respect their rights well known, and to ascertain the veracity of the manifestations of the various actors before incurring a dangerous, but unfortunately increasingly common trial.

Sincerely,

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