DECISION Request No.: 05

Protest, Request to Reopen, and Request for Redress

Event: RS Tera World Championships 2022 Race Number: 4

Hearing Schedule: 2022-08-04 16:30

# **PARTIES AND WITNESSES**

Request No.: 05: RS Tera - Pro - LTU 2 - Nojus Volungevičius

**Protest Committee** 

### **VALIDITY**

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: N/A

Red Flag Displayed: Not required

Proper Hail: Hail not required

**Decision:** Request Valid

# **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

1. LTU 2 was represented by Nojus Volungevičius.

- 2. Darius Gerasimavicius (coach of LTU 2) attended the hearing as translator for LTU2.
- 3. Cxema Pico, member of the International Jury took part in the hearing via Zoom online system.
- 4. Alice Gill (observer of RC) attended the hearing as an observer.
- 5. The hearing form requests a hearing for a protest, request to redress and request to reopen. Based on the information given on the form and the testimony of LTU2, the protest committee proceeded with this hearing as a request to reopen and changed the type of hearing accordingly, as permitted under RRS 64.1(c).
- 6. As the request to reopen was based on the claim of a significant error of the protest committee, the panel was constituted by new jury members (Holger Herburger, David Battye) as required by RRS 66.3(b).
- 7. The protest committee was constituted by four jury members in compliance with RRS N1.4(b).

### **FACTS FOUND**

- 1. The request to reopen was filed on 04-08-2022 at 08:04.
- 2. LTU 2 bases her request to reopen on the claim that the hearing schedule information was not available before the hearing.
- 3. LTU 2 received the protest notification for hearing #2 on 03-08-2022 at 15:13 via email at the email address provided to the OA during registration.
- 4. The protest time limit for hearing #2 was on 03-08-2022 at 15:30.
- 5. The notification for the time and place of the hearing scheduled on 03-08-2022 at 15:50 was sent via email at 15:30 and was posted on the official notice board.
- 6. Protest hearing #2 was decided on 03-08-2022 at 16:16. and the decision was published at that time on the official notice board.
- 7. There is free stable wifi available at the venue.
- 8. LTU 2 was connected to wifi on 02-08-2022.
- 9. LTU 2 was at the venue until 16:30 on 03-08-2022 but not connected to the wifi.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

# **CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY**

Rules: RRS 63.2, 63.3(b), 64.1(c), 66.1

- 1. The absence of LTU 2 to hearing #2 was avoidable. It was therefore proper to proceed with hearing #2 under RRS 63.3(b).
- 2. By notifying all parties of the time and place of the hearing, the protest committee complied with the requirements of RRS 63.2
- 3. The protest committee did not make a significant error in the original hearing. Therefore, the requirements in RRS 66.1 for reopening the hearing are not met.

**DECISION** 

Date & Time: 2022-08-04 17:30 IST

Hearing #2 will not be reopened.

PROTEST COMMITTEE
Chaired By: David Battye (GBR)
Committee Members: Stavros Kouris (GRE), Holger Herburger (GER), Cxema Pico (IRL)

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