



MOTORSPORT NEW ZEALAND (INC)

DECISION OF EXECUTIVE INQUIRY

PANEL:

- Mr Paul Te Punga (Chair)
- Mr Wayne Scott
- Mr Murray Starnes

PRESENT:

Mr Steven Cosgrove, on behalf of Nic Jordan – Driver Car 9

Mr Craig Russell – Entrant Car 9

Mr Julian Leach, Motorsport NZ Technical Manager

The Inquiry was convened under Articles 118 and 119 of the National Sporting Code of MotorSport New Zealand to investigate allegations that Car 9 may have been underweight during Qualifying at the TRS Championship Rounds at Pukekohe, November 4 2006.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING.

Wednesday 17th January 2007, commencing 7.30pm.

PLACE OF HEARING

Taupo Car Club rooms

PROCEEDINGS

The Chairman introduced the Panel members and confirmed that the hearing would be conducted in accordance with the guidelines for hearings as found in the MotorSport Manual.

The Panel heard evidence from Mr Leach, presenting the case for the Sport, and from Messrs Cosgrove and Russell. Additional evidence was heard from Mr Graeme Robertson, Championship Event Director, Mr Ian Snellgrove, TRS Championship Coordinator and Mr Steven Liddell, TRS Series Scrutineer.

The Chairman then adjourned the meeting in order for the Panel to consider the information before it.

OBSERVATIONS

The Panel is disappointed that this matter was not heard by the Event Director at the Pukekohe meeting. The competitor had accepted that the reading on the scales was rendered in good faith and in accordance with the procedures of the meeting.

The Panel acknowledge that the TRS Championship Coordinator agreed in a pre-season meeting of officials that he would ensure that a certificate of accuracy would accompany the TRS supplied scales where these were to be used as the 'scales of the meeting'. The Panel also recognise that the TRS

Championship Coordinator did not comply with this informal undertaking at the Pukekohe Event in that while certification had been undertaken, the certificate itself did not accompany the scales - however there is no requirement in the MotorSport New Zealand regulations that any such certificate is required, and lack of such certificate should not in the view of the Panel have precluded the holding of a hearing.

The Panel believe that in future every effort should be made by MotorSport New Zealand to maintain control over any scales which are to be designated as 'scales of the meeting'.

FINDINGS

The Panel finds:

That Car 9 did not comply with Article 5.1 of the TRS Technical Regulations in that the car and driver was found to weigh less than 550kg, the stipulated minimum weight.

PENALTY

The Panel rules:

Penalty A2A.2 from Schedule CH 8.2.1 applies, and accordingly Mr Nic Jordan is fined \$3,000; is excluded from Qualifying at the Pukekohe Round; has his licence endorsed until 1 May 2007; and shall suffer the loss of 50 Championship points.

The participants are reminded of their rights of Appeal under the provisions of the National Sporting Code.

Written decision DATED this day 18 January 2007 at _____pm.

Paul Te Punga
Chairman

Wayne Scott
Member

Murray Starnes
Member