

Report: Topic #6 "How to address confidentiality ... "

There were six in this discussion group.

Definition: What do we communicate, with whom and how.  
Potential problems may come to us from Clubs, counselors, etc.  
Communication should follow the line of responsibility, i.e. the club needs to be involved primarily.

Examples: Some practical cases were reported and discussed.

Findings:

- First information should be gathered by person to person talk or telephone with club YEO etc. and persons involved. Personal notes should be held as proof for eventual investigations.
- Concern was raised about the use of E-mail in an early stage, since copies could be made and forwarded to persons not to be informed yet.
- Don't bypass the system – keep to the chain of command – in favor of confidentiality.
- It may be difficult to keep matters confidential, since Inbounds are connected very closely to each other know also the very personal situations and communicate them (face book etc.).
- In the case of an early return, the State Dept. has to be informed in the USA, in case of a criminal offence the police.
- Finally: investigate thoroughly – first steps very confidentially – to avoid false allegations due to misunderstandings.