

Minutes

Meeting No.: 70
Time: 29-30.09.2014
Place: Stockholm, Sweden

Participants: The board of Scandiatransplant:

CHAIRMAN: Krister Höckerstedt, Helsinki (KH)
SWEDEN: Lars Wennberg, Stockholm (LW)
FINLAND: Helena Isoniemi, Helsinki (HI)
NORWAY: Pål-Dag Line, Oslo (PDL)
ICELAND: Margret Andresdottir, Reykjavik (MA)

Director of Scandiatransplant:

DENMARK: Kaj Anker Jørgensen, Aarhus (KAJ)

Apologies received from:

DENMARK: Finn Gustafsson, Copenhagen (FG)

Leader of meeting: Krister Höckerstedt (KH)

Writer of minutes: Kaj Anker Jørgensen (KAJ)

AGENDA

Welcome

Krister Höckerstedt welcomed everybody to the meeting.

1. Agenda and format.

Accepted.

2. Approval of the minutes of board meeting in Copenhagen May, 2014.

Minutes accepted. There are 3 major issues: The SAE, the WGA, and the living donor database. These will all be addressed at this board meeting or the NTC meeting the next day.

3. Since last board meeting.

a. Status at the Scandiatransplant office:

KAJ gave a short summary of the status of the working environment at the Scandiatransplant office. They will have a seminar on the 7th of Nov. and the subjects will be:

- What can we do to make YASWA work as soon as possible.
- Should we reorganize the leadership in the office now when KAJ will not be at the hospital every day.

KAJ presented a project to scan the old Scandiatransplant cards with data on transplantation done before the database really came into function. It was accepted that some money can be used on such a project.

KAJ gave a review of his communication with 2 lawyers. First Rasmus Grønberg Rasmussen who is a lawyer at the Region Midt. After a long discussion the conclusion was that there are 3 levels of rules or legality in Scandiatransplant. First there are the 10 hospitals who have signed for membership and work according to local rules and conditions. Then there is association which at the time being is under legislation of Associations in Denmark, and then there is Scandiatransplant office which is under the rules of Region Central Jutland. The board emphasizes that the Scandiatransplant association has the authority and has the money. Although the Region Central Jutland administrates all the money, this belongs to the Scandiatransplant association. The Region Central Jutland cannot use the money for its own purpose. KAJ will contact the lawyer and ask for a note on how it is built up. This is essential for the work going on on revising the articles. It was suggested that Scandiatransplant might be changed from an association (forening) to a fund (stiftelse).

The Region Central Jutland has declined from helping us with the work on the articles, so Scandiatransplant has hired a private lawyer, Michael Sommer, to help with these things. He has already produced a note of obvious legal problems with the articles that we have now.

b. Scandiatransplant participation in meetings.

KAJ gave an overview of all the meetings and travels the Scandiatransplant personnel have been involved in since the last board meeting.

KAJ showed the new contact list from the EU regarding transplantation and showed an example from Austria which shows Eurotransplant while the Nordic countries show different contacts.

4. WGA (revision of the articles). Status and how to proceed.

KAJ showed the mandate given by the council of representatives. He then presented the composition of the WGA group. There is only missing a representative from the thoracic group. Finn Gustafsson has promised to find such a person at the next soon coming meeting in the thoracic group. It was decided that KAJ should arrange a meeting in Copenhagen of 4-5 hours on the 9th of December. KAJ will find some key issues and send out before the meeting and make an agenda for this meeting in Copenhagen.

5. SAE/SAR definitions.

LW had received comments from the other board members. The board as a whole went through the suggestions and prepared a suggestion for the competent authority meeting next day.

6. NTC meeting – see separate agenda

The agenda of the NTC meeting was discussed. KAJ showed his presentation of the EU Action Plan for organ transplantation and donation, and also the presentation for the living donor database.

7. Letter from Lithuania (will be sent to you by Krister Höckerstedt)

Krister Höckerstedt told about a letter from Lithuania to the competent authorities of the Nordic countries. He was asked to give an answer on one of the points on behalf of Finland. He presented his suggestion for an answer, and the board approved of this suggestion.

8. Any other business.

None.

9. Next meeting, time and place (CPH/Aarhus – late February 2015?).

February 24th, 2015 a one-day meeting in Kastrup airport, Copenhagen.