

Minutes

Meeting No.: 100
Time: 24.01.2023 at 17:00 (CET) on ZOOM

Participants: The board of Scandiatransplant:
CHAIRMAN: Allan Rasmussen, Copenhagen
DENMARK: Michael Perch, Copenhagen
SWEDEN: Johan Nilsson, Lund
NORWAY: Are Martin Holm, Oslo (*alternate for Morten Hagness*)
FINLAND: Marko Lempinen, Helsinki
ICELAND: Jóhann Jónsson, Reykjavik
ESTONIA: Tanel Laisaar, Tartu (*alternate for Virge Pall*)

DENMARK: Medical director:
Kaj Jørgensen

Absent: Virge Pall, Estonia
Morten Hagness, Oslo

Leader of meeting: Allan Rasmussen

Writer of minutes: Kaj Anker Jørgensen

Agenda:

1. **Welcome:**
2. **Issues for any other business:**
Kaj told them that he had two points for any other business.
3. **Minutes of last Board meeting** (http://www.scandiatransplant.org/about-scandiatransplant/scandiatransplant-board/Minutes_Board_No_99_8.Dec.2022_Zoom.pdf)
Kaj went through the minutes of the last board meeting and had some comments on point 5 about yearly check of alive status in Scandiatransplant database with the country's person number registries. Kaj said that he had done a little research on this and it seems possible for all countries to get this information. Kaj will need the help of the programmers and the priority for these for the time is getting the Oracle database over to Postgresql. Kaj will take this subject up again when he feels that it is in place with the programmers' priorities.
Point 7 about a change in article 12 to include and define the group: Prevention of Transmission of Infectious disease. Kaj told them that he had been in contact with Morten Hagness today and that he waited for Morten Hagness to get well then Kaj and Morten Hagness would work on a draft to present at next Board meeting, and get endorsed at the next Council meeting.
Point 9 "any other Business":
 - a. About stating that you can only be on one waiting list for one organ somewhere on the Scandiatransplant homepage. Kaj had put this into the document on Scandiatransplant with a link to the EU documents stating this.
 - b. Where Kaj asks if Scandiatransplant should have documentation for accreditations for infection and immunology labs. The way Kaj had written the

minutes, it was not clear what the conclusion was. Kaj should add to the minutes: "It was decided that Scandiatransplant office should ask the relevant laboratories for copies of their accreditations once a year". The minutes were accepted with these changes.

4. Status at the Office:

Kaj told the Board that it had been quite busy as always around New Years with Scandiatransplant figures, slide shows and annual report, but the stress seemed lesser this year than the preceding years because Anne is participating well. Kaj also said that the office had accepted invitation to give speeches to an informal meeting between the EU Health Authorities and the EU Commission (SOHO) in Stockholm on May 16th, 2023. The titles for the talks were suggested to be:

1. Adverse event reporting using the Scandiatransplant IT-system.
2. A view of Scandiatransplant membership
3. Scandiatransplant acceptable mismatch program – Ten years of an effective strategy for transplanting highly sensitized patients.

5. Further plans for Riga (see attachments):

Kaj showed a slide that showed the decision at the Council meeting in Reykjavik on this subject. The Council meeting decided: "The Council finds that Paul Strandin's Clinical University Hospital, Riga is currently not ready to be included as a full or associate member of Scandiatransplant. However, the Board will assist Riga in further development and the Board will define a specific plan for this development. The aim is to develop Riga to become an associate, then a full member of Scandiatransplant. Criteria for progression will be defined by the Board". Are Martin Holm was invited to attend a meeting as Chairman of the Working Group on this matter, but was also the suppleant for Morten Hagness who could not attend due to illness.

Are Martin Holm went through each of the points in the updated document from the working group after they had given their final report. It was decided that Latvian coordinators should attend an annual coordinators' meeting. The next meeting will be held on the 11th of May 2023 in Copenhagen with Maria W. Egmann as chair of the group. Allan Rasmussen will contact Maria W. Egmann and ask her to invite at least two coordinators from Latvia to this meeting. At the meeting Allan Rasmussen will participate and explain to the coordinators what the intentions of the Board are. It would be good if it at this meeting could be arranged that some coordinators from Latvia visited a center in Scandiatransplant for at least one week to see how things function. Then there was a discussion on the data collection in Latvia, and how this could be included in the Scandiatransplant IT-system. It was shortly discussed if people from Riga should visit Aarhus and be presented for the mandatory data, and also the other data, but it was found more practical if people from Riga visited Tartu and were shown the system and which data are necessary. It was stated that organ procurement and organ treatment was the most important thing to ensure before any organ exchange with Scandiatransplant could take place. The Board feels that EFI accreditation of immunology laboratory was essential before any organ exchange can take place. The Board should also ask for accreditation of laboratory performing infectious serology, and maybe also microbiology laboratories. The Board would ask Paul Strandin's Hospital in Riga what accreditations they have, and we should ask the Scandiatransplant group for Prevention of Transmission of Infectious Disease if the accreditations are satisfactory, or what is needed. Allan Rasmussen should also

contact the leaders of the groups in Scandiatransplant and ask them to invite relevant people from Riga to participate in group meetings.

The conclusion was that Kaj and Allan will write a letter to Paul Strandin's Hospital in Riga stating these things and asking for the information. Before any organ exchange can take place, we need to know that the procurement is in place so we shall ask for their documents on how organ procurement is performed and documented.

6. Any other business:

Kaj asked if the Council meeting in Tallinn could be a Hybrid meeting. The reasons for this is, that the day is just after a holiday in many Scandiatransplant countries, and due to people are off duty and on holiday vacation the attendance will probably be quite low. Last year we had two Council meetings so we do not foresee that there will be big issues for longer discussions, and finally it is difficult for some people to go to Tallinn, since they will have to go the day before. The Board accepted for this as an exception, so the Council meeting will be held as a Hybrid meeting in Tallinn. Tanel Laisaar believed this can be arranged. Kaj will be in contact with Tartu soon about arranging the meeting.

Kaj had been in contact with Martin Hagness by several mails in the afternoon, and Morten Hagness was still seriously ill, but was getting better. He asked for the Board to make a decision that a meeting in Kastrup late May or early June for the group "Prevention of Transmission of Infectious Disease" would be paid by Scandiatransplant. The Board accepted this as a special occasion until the group is finally defined in the Scandiatransplant Articles as determined at the last Scandiatransplant Board meeting.

7. Next Board Meeting:

- a. Two day meeting March 16th & 17th, 2023 in Aarhus.
- b. Important that everybody participates "face to face" (signing of documents from the independent auditor, grants etc).

The Board accepted and all said they will come to the next Board meeting on March 16th and 17th in Aarhus.