

Minutes of the WADA Foundation Board Meeting

5 March 2003, Copenhagen, Denmark

The meeting began at 11.00 a.m.

1. Welcome

THE CHAIRMAN welcomed the members to a historic meeting of the Foundation Board. The Foundation Board would put in place the first ever World Anti-Doping Code, of which he had a special copy for them all to sign. It would be circulated with the roll call.

This was a one-purpose meeting. Any issues that the members wished to be considered before the Foundation Board meeting in November 2003 should be submitted for consideration by the Executive Committee in June 2003.

2. Roll Call

THE CHAIRMAN said that he would circulate an attendance sheet for all those present to sign (Annex).

He informed the members that there were a number of new members on the Foundation Board: Mr Phil Craven, President of the International Paralympic Committee; Mr Willi Kaltschmitt, member of the IOC and the IOC Press Commission; Mr Raja Randhir Singh, member of the IOC and Secretary General of the Indian Olympic Association; Mr Gian Franco Kasper, member of the IOC and President of the International Ski Federation; Mr Mario Pescante, Undersecretary of State for Sport for Italy; Mr Achilleas Mavromatis, Special Advisor to the Minister of Culture for Greece; H.E. Mr Abderrahim Zouari, Minister of Sports for Tunisia; Dr Mario Granda Fraga, Director of the Cuban Anti-Doping Laboratory; Dr Eduardo Schiantarelli, Executive President of the Peruvian Institute of Sport; H.E. Mr Mohsen Mehralizadeh, Vice President of the Islamic Republic of Iran and President of the I.R.I. Physical Education Organisation; and Professor David Gerrard, Chairman of the New Zealand Sports Drug Agency.

Ms Crooks had sent her apologies and was being represented by Mr Bubka; Mr Balfour was being represented by Mr Hendricks; Mr Zouari was being represented by Mrs Bartagi; Mr Jurith was standing in for Dr Barthwell; Mr Jung was being represented by Dr Kim; Mr Li was being represented by Mr Shi; and Dr Stretton was standing in for Senator Kemp

3. Observers

THE CHAIRMAN asked any observers to sign an attendance sheet if they wished to be included in the official record of the meeting as observers (Annex).

4. Minutes of the WADA Foundation Board meeting on 25 November, 2002

THE CHAIRMAN said that, unless he received any comments by the end of that meeting, he would assume that the minutes of the Foundation Board meeting on 25 November, 2002 had been considered acceptable as distributed.

DECISION

Minutes of the WADA Foundation Board meeting on 25 November 2002 approved as distributed and duly signed.

5. Government role

5.1 2002-2003 contributions

THE CHAIRMAN informed the members that the USA had paid its share of the contributions, as had Hungary. Almost all of the contributions had been paid. Several governments had promised payments, and he would look forward to receiving these.

DECISION

2002-2003 contributions update approved.

5.2 Instrument / Memorandum of Understanding

THE CHAIRMAN noted that the governments had agreed to a Declaration, about which everybody was happy.

MR MIKKELSEN said that this had been a constructive process. There had been some problems based on misunderstandings, but now he thought that all of the countries would sign. Eleven countries had already signed, 38 would sign that day, and 23 had said that they would sign at a later date. No country had stated that it would not sign.

MR DEVILLERS referred to the path forward. There had been an IICGADS ad hoc meeting on the previous Sunday, and a working group would meet to come forward with a convention or another international instrument with UNESCO.

THE CHAIRMAN thanked the governments for their work. If WADA could help in any way, it would be only too pleased to do so.

DECISION

Instrument / Memorandum of Understanding update approved.

6. Code – third draft and standards

THE CHAIRMAN asked whether somebody would propose to adopt the third draft of the Code and the Standards, and whether somebody would second the motion.

PROFESSOR DE ROSE proposed the motion to endorse the third draft of the World Anti-Doping Code and the Standards.

MR JURITH seconded the motion to endorse the third draft of the World Anti-Doping Code and the Standards.

MR WALKER noted that he had been asked to speak for the other European members of the Foundation Board. They were all aware of the historic nature of that day. It was a privilege for him to say that all of the European governments present at the World Conference on Doping in Sport had just given their explicit and unanimous support to the five of them to vote for the adoption of the Code by the Foundation Board. Some governments had also asked him to ask that the Code review process take account of the remarks that they had made the previous day.

MR CRAVEN asked whether he could discuss some minor issues.

THE CHAIRMAN asked Mr Craven to raise these issues later on.

All those in favour of adopting the World Anti-Doping Code were asked to raise their hands. All those opposed to the adoption of the World Anti-Doping Code were then asked to raise their hands.

The World Anti-Doping Code had been unanimously adopted, and THE CHAIRMAN congratulated the Foundation Board members. The struggle had been long and hard, but they had got there in the end.

He also thanked the Code Project Team, which had laboured long and hard and had been very diligent. Different interests had been expressed, therefore it had not been easy. He thanked the governments and, finally, Mr Young who, at no time during the process, had lost his cool.

DECISION

World Anti-Doping Code unanimously adopted
by the WADA Foundation Board.

7. Next meeting

THE CHAIRMAN informed the members that the next Foundation Board meeting would take place on 21 November 2003 in Montreal. He asked them to arrange their schedules to arrive the day before.

DECISION

WADA Foundation Board meeting to be held on
21 November 2003 in Montreal.

THE CHAIRMAN thanked all of the members for their participation. It had been a pleasure to work with them. If they wished to sign the Code, they should do so before leaving.

The meeting adjourned at 11.30 a.m.

FOR APPROVAL

MR RICHARD W. POUND, QC
PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF WADA