

Minutes from Scandinavian Sarcoma Group`s

Board meeting

Telephone conference, time 15.00 – 16.00, 2017-01-31.

Attendees

Kirsten Sundby Hall
Eva-Mari Olofsson (meeting secretary)
Mikael Eriksson
Thomas Baad-Hansen
Jukka Kanerva
Fredrik Mertens
Hans Kristian Haugland

I. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

Minutes from the last meeting on January 31, 2017, was approved after a minor discussion/clarifying on the decision of the registration fee. The decision of early bird registration was turned down after the meeting, by voting via email.

II. Economy

Fredrik Mertens, treasurer, gave a report of the economic status for SSG. The current amount per May 1st is 2,051,284 SEK. The situation has improved considerably since the last meeting due to monitoring/coordination costs has decreased and the SSG XXII and ALT-GIST study has brought in a couple of more hundred thousand SEK. We don't know if enough paying participants will attend the meeting in Aarhus and the costs rECCur study is a bit unsure. We have discussed to apply for money from e.g. Kamprad stiftelsen this autumn.

Conclusion: Two years ahead looks good! What is worrying is the outcome of the meeting in Aarhus and the ALT-GIST study.

III. Status of the plenary meeting in Aarhus 2017

- a) Registration per May 30: 18 registered participants.
- b) Abstracts: 18 abstracts are still pending from the invited speakers. 24 abstracts will be chosen as free presentation or poster. There are two abstracts not relevant for the meeting and will be discussed within the abstract committee.
- c) The possibility for Nurses & Physiotherapists to sign up only for the workshops was discussed.

Decision: The board agreed to make this possible (only for this group) with a registration fee of 1100 SEK. Eva-Mari will get in contact with Reachem to add this registration possibility on the registration site.

- d) No major changes in the program have been made except a new speaker at the opening session on Wednesday 20.
- e) Kirsten and Eva-Mari are busy working with the contracts and invoices with the sponsors.

IV. Morphology/tumor biology/molecular genetics subcommittee (how to move on)

The planned review meeting to be held in Tampere, Finland, was inhibited due to too little action from the chairman of the group. Fredrik Mertens suggested that we should do genetic studies, this was also discussed on the last WCM in Malmö. A study was recently published by the French sarcoma group (A. Italiano et al, Lancet Oncology 2016, 17 (4): 532) and a suggestion is to do a similar study within the SSG pathology group. Responsible person for this kind of study must be a pathologist.

Decision: Kirsten will talk to Bodil Bjerkehagen (former chair of the group) how to move on and suggest bring it up for discussion at the next WGM.

V. Working group meeting in Malmö, February 5-6, 2018

The preparations for the upcoming WGM in Malmö has started and proposals should be sent to Kirsten at hallkirstensundby@gmail.com.

VI. SSG Plenary Meeting Bergen, May 8-11, 2019

Venue for the meeting is not yet decided. Board representatives in the committee will be decided at the Board meeting in Aarhus.

VII. Other issues

Eva-Mari gave a short brief of the problem with the website.

VIII. Next SSG board meeting

Next face to face meeting for the board will be in connection to the meeting in Aarhus in September, 2017 (Sept 19, 2017, 17:00).

The next planned meeting after that will be at the WGM in Malmö, Sunday February 4, 2018.

Eva-Mari Olofsson (sign)
Meeting secretary

Assisting help from
Hans-Kristian Haugland (sign)