

MINUTES

WADA ETHICS AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Hotel Continental Oslo, Norway

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2000

OPENING REMARKS, WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS. The Chair (Dr. Don Vereen) welcomed all members, invited guests and observers to the third meeting of the Ethics and Education Committee. Dr. Vereen thanked all in attendance for taking time out of their busy schedule to help achieve the goals set by the Committee in helping WADA succeed.

BUSINESS MEETING. Chair asked for comments to the minutes of August 3-4. **Minutes Accepted**

MEMBERSHIP ISSUES.

- Chair stated it was important for this committee to continually invite experts from different parts of the world to broaden the knowledge of the committee to help better understand world-wide educational needs.
- Committee members inquired about the status of a South African representative. The Chair informed the committee that the recruitment of a South African representative was in the process and expected to be present for next Ethics and Education meeting to take place in South Africa.
- Vice Chair informed the group that the committee is collecting resumes from Russia, Iran and Egypt.

TERMS OF REFERENCE. Chair recommended the committee review the Terms of Reference at each meeting to ensure they are meeting the goals and vision of the committee. **All agreed.**

- It was recommended that the Terms of Reference from all committees be circulated to the Ethics and Education committee to provide better knowledge about the work of other committees, and common projects.
- Chair indicated that the Terms of References have been received by WADA and Mr. Richard Pound, WADA President, was in the process of reviewing them.

Terms of References ACCEPTED

ACTION: 1. Circulate all Terms of Reference to the Committee

PROJECT UPDATES

Athletes' Commission. Ms. Charmaine Crooks

- In 1980 the athletes' commission held an advisory position within the IOC.
- In 2000 the athletes' commission currently has a voting capacity within the IOC, thanks to the vision of Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, IOC President.
- Athletes elect all members of the athletes' commission.

- Athletes see themselves as having a very important voice within the IOC and would like to have more involvement with WADA.
- The athletes' commission is involved in several projects including: Education, Olympic Academy, and reviewing the code of ethics.

Council of Europe. Matthias Kamber

- In 1989 Council of Europe introduced the Anti Doping Convention, managed by the Sport Division
- Forty member states hold a vote
- Consist of four working groups: science, technical, legal and education.
- All countries completed a questionnaire outlining doping issues. The questionnaire covered anti-doping programs, laws and education. It was agreed that Matthias would provide a summary of the questionnaire to the Ethics and Education Committee.
- The Council of Europe is exploring the idea of having a world conference on ethics and education. Presentation of the material would be ISO certified to help provide a consistent and positive message.
- The Chair indicated that Ethics and Education Committee would like to work with the Council of Europe in the development of a world conference on ethics and education.
- The committee recommend that WADA be a central location for housing information related to Ethics and Education.

ACTION: 2. Matthias Kamber to provide a summary of the C of E questionnaire to the Committee

Athlete Passports (Dr. Angela Schneider/Johann Koss). Results from the Australian and Canadian pilot project were circulated to the group.

Summary of the Australian Pilot Project:

- Five mail outs to the top 1800 athletes -- 600 passports were validated and 420 surveys were returned.
- Athletes received a passport that recorded tests.
- Issued a tattoo for athletes to display their commitment.
- 98 % of the survey respondents felt the passport was a good idea; 78% felt the passport would be difficult to coordinate world-wide.
- **Concerns** -- Blood sampling might not be secure and research conducted on samples might go beyond what they agreed to.

Summary of the Canadian pilot.

- 1200 surveys sent to athletes and 300 were returned.
- Overwhelming support for doping control.
- Willingness to accept blood testing, act as role models and allow samples to be used for research.

Reservations of athletes.

- Felt playing field was uneven.
- Concerned about the safety of blood testing.
- Concerned about privacy of the research samples.

Issues.

- Feeling that they were viewed as criminals when tested.
- Worried about inadvertent doping.
- Feeling that they were prohibited for taking over-the-counter cold remedies.
- Unable to trust nutritional supplements.

Needs.

- Positive education,
- Permit self medication for colds
- Definitive answers on the status of nutritional supplements.

Passport general comments.

- Acceptance of the passport but wonder if this is what athletes really need.
- The passport has to be a positive educational piece.
- Johann Koss felt the Canadian passport had good balance by incorporating the passport and a training diary.
- The Chair suggested that the project continue. **ALL AGREED**

ACTION: 3. It was recommended that the committee should have something ready for the Salt Lake City Olympics.

Athletes Survey – Rob Donovan.

- A draft questionnaire was circulated for comment. Comments should be sent directly to Rob Donovan.
- The survey is based on personal morality – why do people use drugs.
- Survey would reach athletes, gyms and schools.
- The survey will be forwarded to the Athletes Commission for feedback.
- The implementation of the project will be contracted out but remain a property of WADA.

ACTIONS: 4. Members to send comments to Rob Donovan

5. Survey to be forwarded to the Athletes Commission for comment

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

Education Fundamentals on Doping in Sport - Ms. Deanna Binder. A summary of the presentation was circulated to the committee. One of the key issues is understanding the process and challenges of planning a comprehensive international education initiative focussed on the issue of doping.

Concerns: Violence, cheating, doping and fair play.

Key Issues:

- Need for a pedagogical approach.
- Facilitate learning.
- Understand the meaning of fair play.
- Long-term involvement in sport doesn't mean high morals.

Development:

- The culture within sport develops values.
- Hands on learning.
- Sensitivity to cultural diversity.
- Early planning.
- Regional representation.

Norwegian Confederation for Sport, Anti Doping Program -- Mr. Petter Kristiansen. A summary of the presentation was circulated to the committee.

- \$1.1 million budget per year.
- Focus of the organisation is attitude shaping, preventative work, doping control activity, research and international activities.
- 2,700-3000 tests per year. 70% no-notice.
- 50 active doping control officers.
- ISO 9002 certified.

Drugs in Sport – a Moral Justification of a Ban - Dr. Sigmund Loland. A summary of the presentation was circulated to the committee. Overview: Dr. Loland presented to the committee issues surrounding the moral justifications of a ban for the use of a

prohibited substance. Dr. Loland pointed out before we can start justifying banning athletes we need to revisit the arguments on why such rules are in place.

- **Fairness argument:** A set of rules can be interpreted many different ways and one of the major problems is applying a set of rules that are referenced against other rules. This is not clear to the athletes.
- **Health argument:** The ban of drug use is in place because of the health risk to athletes. The argument can be had the sport itself has health risks.
- **Genetic Factors:** Some athletes have an edge over other because of their genetic make up.
- **Drugs List Revisited:** There is a need for the banned list to be revisited, but only at such time that we know the reasons why substance are banned.

Dr. Loland concluded that there is a significant justification for education and practical implementation of why we ban athletes for using prohibited substances.

The Banned Drug List – Dr. Roald Bahr. Dr. Bahr explained that there is a need to have a clear rationale approach to the banned substance list. The problem we are facing is the lack of a uniform list and rules that govern that list.

Issues.

- If there was no doping control applied to the banned list, would this be fair?
- If there was an unclear list and effective doping control would this be fair? No.
- The only way to address the issue is to have a clear banned list with effective world-wide testing.

The next steps to improving the banned list.

- Define doping.
- Why substance are on the list. A clear justification needed. Are they performance enhancing?
- Harmonize the IOC, IF, NOC rules.
- Establish an international research foundation to improve detection methods.
- Consider three samples, one to be used for research.
- Establish a review board.

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Budget Items For 2001. The 2001 budget to be presented to the Executive Committee was circulated to the Ethics and Education committee and **ACCEPTED**.

Future Committee Meetings. It was **agreed** that the next meeting of the committee would be held in South Africa. It was recommended that a subcommittee be formed to gather information to better understand the education needs in South Africa.

Athlete's Passport Educational Content. APPROVED – Lead: Dr. Angela Schneider and Mr. Johann Koss.

Athlete's Survey (PACT). APPROVED – Lead: Mr. Rob Donovan

Collection of educational materials/projects, "Clean Sports Guide", WADA Code of Ethics.
APPROVED - Lead: Mr. Matthias Kamber

Research Ethics and Review Board and Ethics and Education Committee research projects.
APPROVED -- It was **agreed** that a sub-committee be formed to coordinate the projects consisting of:
Dr. Tom Murray
Professor Gunnar Breivik
Dr. Angela Schneider

Media education forum. APPROVED. It was **agreed** the co-ordination of the project will be contracted out but remain the property of WADA.

Education conference. APPROVED. It was **agreed** to initiate an organising committee for the conference.

Internet project. APPROVED. It was **agreed** Mr. Matthias Kamber would coordinate the project with Mr. Harri Syvasalmi.

Other budget items. Framework for Ethics and Education Strategy – it was agreed to develop a strategic framework to put the projects into perspective including a marketing and public awareness campaign.

WADA SECRETARY GENERAL, HARRI SYVASALMI. Mr. Syvasalmi thanked the committee for their support and commitment in helping WADA succeed. He stressed the importance of educational initiatives with international federations, athletes and the public. Mr. Syvasalmi informed the committee that an ethicist (Doctorate in Ethics) would be appointed as an Independent Observer for the 2002 Salt Lake Winter Olympics.

NEXT STEPS

- The next meeting of the Ethics and Education Committee will be held in South Africa.
- Dr. Fan Hong informed the committee that China would like to hold the next meeting of the Ethics and Education Committee.

Linkages with other agencies. The committee identified key stakeholders to help provide assistance to the committee:

- International Federations
- The Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport

MEETING ADJOURNED