

Minutes of the meeting of the Karten Network held on 23rd April 2015 at the offices of RNIB, 105 Judd Street, London WC1H 9NE.

Present

Dawn Green (Chair)
Mubina Asaria
Joel Elias
Christine Price
Tim Simon
Rohan Slaughter

In Attendance

Anthony Davis
Ceri Hibbert
Angela Hobbs
Martin Pistorius

1. Apologies

David Fullerton
Matthew Kayne
Arwyn Jones (Beacon Centre)

2. Recruitment of Network Development Manager

CH had circulated her job description to the board prior to the meeting. In the absence of DG and RS, who wish to apply for this post, the following decisions were made

- a. Advertise early August via various forums and the Karten mailing list, but mention in the next newsletter
- b. Closing date for applications end of week 1 September
- c. Interviews mid September
- d. AD to chair the interview panel
- e. CP,DF,JE, MP also on the panel
- f. Applicants will be asked to give a presentation
- g. Interviews to be held at Jewish Care, Golders Green

3. Minutes of the last meeting (22.01.15)

The minutes were approved as a true record.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

No progress on CH's investigation as to why there was poor **CH** attendance for the on-line event.

Various suggestions were given in respect of contacts which could be **RS** approached regarding a possible Make-a-Thon event. CH to talk to the TOM people in Israel about their plans for an event in the UK **CH**

5. Chair's Update

DG said she had attended various meetings and found that many

organizations are feeling the funding squeeze and there will be restructuring in many of our centres. It is important to keep in touch with key people as staff change.

6. Network Manager's Report

CH tabled her report, which contained centre visits and other activities. This had been distributed to board members prior to the meeting. The board agreed that it would be useful to have a list of suppliers for printing items etc. CH to email members to find out which suppliers they are using. CH

7. Israel Representative's Report

Prior to the meeting the board received a brief summary from DB-T detailing her workplan. Also an update on Israeli CTEC Centres.

8. Mobile Technology Advisor update and demonstration

Prior to the meeting MP circulated his report to April 2015 and workplan. A discussion took place then MP gave a short presentation on how the mobile technology resource will be used. It was agreed that the website log-in for the Mobile Technology Resource should only be available to Network members. A launch event was discussed (see item 10).

9. Karten Network Strategy

Prior to the meeting CH circulated her update of workplans for 2015. CH invited the board to contact her after the meeting if they had any questions.

10. Regional events 2015

CH said she had sent an email to Centres asking for suggestions for themes for Regional events. As yet nothing forthcoming. A discussion took place as to possibilities, perhaps focusing on the elderly, autism, dementia, sensory or printing. CH to send out a reminder. CH said she would assist DB-T with arrangements for an event in Israel. CH
A discussion took place about the possibility of launching a small event for Mobile Technology Resource within the Regional events. CH has discussed with Eddie Erasmus the possibility of an event at Young Epilepsy with a filmed session by learners, and will follow up. CH

11. Portland event, 7th May

Many board members will be attending, which starts at 12 noon. TMS agreed to give a short talk at the event. TMS

12. Any other business

On 23rd February DG agreed and signed the 2014 Karten Network accounts, copies of which were circulated to the board shortly after.

The meeting closed at 1.30p.m

Date of next meeting

11.15a.m. on Thursday 23rd July 2015 at the offices of RNIB.