

Minutes of the meeting of the Karten Network held on 18th February 2016 at the offices of RNIB 105 Judd Street, London WC1H 9NE

Directors Present

Arwyn Jones
Christine Price
David Fullerton
Tom Simon
Rohan Slaughter
Joel Elias
Matthew Kayne

In Attendance

Joe Cash (Cedar Foundation)
Anthony Davis (in part)
Dawn Green
Ceri Hibbert
Angela Hobbs
Vicki Myko (Homefield College)
Martin Pistorius

In the absence of an elected Chair, TMS opened the meeting.

Two new attendees, Joe Cash from Cedar Foundation and Vicky Myko from Homefield College, were welcomed to the meeting.

1. Selection of new Network Chair

Network Directors had been invited to put their names forward to be Network Chair. Prior to the meeting AJ and RS produced a paper on what they would bring to the Network should they be elected. The Network Board were very grateful to them both, as they both offered a wide range of skills and experience. After consideration, in their absence, it was decided that AJ should become the new Network Chair, with immediate effect. The main consideration was that AJ was employed by a charity containing a Karten Centre. RS was appointed Vice-Chair.

2. Apologies

Mubina Asaria
Alex Davis

3. Minutes of the last meeting (19.11.15)

The minutes were approved as a true record.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

None at the point as items were to be discussed later on in the agenda.

5. Structure of the Network Board

With the appointment of a new Chair it will now be appropriate to consider the changes needed to the Articles of Association. AJ, RS and DG to review and any proposed changes to be discussed at the next meeting. **AJ/RS/DG**

6. Review of Network Development Co-ordinator contract

AD, with the assistance of Roffe Swayne and Winckworth Sherwood Solicitors, drafted a new contract for DG. DG to send to boardmembers so it can be approved in principle and the resolution passed when finalised. Consideration also to be given to the position of Debbie Ben Tal and Martin Pistorius. **DG**

7. Ongoing role of Martin Pistorius

CH said that MP still had a lot to do and has not used all the hours allocated to him. He is making an excellent contribution to the centres and developing relationships with them. Martin's skills are needed for the ever changing technology. A request was made for Martin to use his remaining hours and to retain him afterwards. AJ and DG to produce a paper to present to the Trustees meeting on 11th March for consideration. **AJ/DG**

8. Regional Events 2015 and 2016

DG circulated a feedback form which focussed on future events and general comments. The Board expressed their thanks to CH for her excellent organisation of the 2015 regional events with thanks to the Centres who hosted them. A discussion took place suggesting various themes and ideas for the 4 or 5 events to be held in October and November this year. AJ asked the Board to think about the format for the events and would hold a brainstorming session at the next meeting. Meanwhile, DG to produce a note and circulate for comments. **DG**

9. 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.

10. Israel Representative's report

Prior to the meeting DB-T's report had been circulated which contained an update on the progress of the Centres in Israel.

11. Technology Advisor's report

MP had written a paper on his activities which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

12. Workplans for Noting

Prior to the meeting CH distributed copies of the ongoing workplans for herself, DG, DB-T and one for the Mobile Technology Resource (MP).

13. Any other business

The question of travel expenses for Directors was raised. IKCT Trustees to discuss at next month's meeting.

AH gave JC and VM Companies House forms for completion and subsequent return to her. **JC/VM**

DF tendered his resignation from the Network board. AJH to send him the relevant form to complete and return to Roffe Swayne.

CH expressed her thanks to DG for all the support she has given her over the years. The board also thanked DG for the excellent work in being the Network Chair for the past few years.

Sincere thanks given to CH for all the excellent work she has done for the Karten Network and Trust over the past 8 years.

CH said she will circulate details of QEF's Disability History exhibition to be held at Southbank, London between 20th and 24th April should anyone wish to attend.

DG said she found a problem with sizing of the current Karten Network logo. CP and MP offered to assist.

The meeting closed at 1.05p.m

Date of next meeting

Thursday 21st July 2016 at the offices of RNIB, 105 Judd Street, London WC1H 9NE