

Minutes of the meeting of the Karten Network held on 23rd July 2015 at the offices of YMCA, Onekx, 120 Cromer Street, London WC1H 8BS

Present

Dawn Green (Chair)
Joel Elias
David Fullerton
Arwyn Jones
Christine Price
Tim Simon
Rohan Slaughter

In Attendance

Anthony Davis
Ceri Hibbert
Angela Hobbs
Martin Pistorius

1. Apologies

Mubina Asaria
Matthew Kayne

2. Minutes of the last meeting (23.04.15)

The minutes were approved as a true record.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

CH's investigation as to why there was poor attendance for the on-line event showed that it was mainly down to staff being unavailable on the day, due to work commitments.

No progress on a possible Make-a-Thon event. CH to action in due course. **CH**

4. Chair's Update

DG said that over recent weeks there had been significant restructuring and staff losses in Centres. RS (Beaumont College) and CP (Portland College) have left their respective posts but have expressed a wish to remain on the Network board. CH said she will continue to follow up with centres after receiving a grant, and DBT does the same. This enables us to keep contact and also get reports on the use of equipment.

CH/DBT

CH to draft an amendment to the agreement paperwork for senior management of colleges/charities asking them to guarantee that when a Karten grant is awarded they will be committed to ensure that the items purchased are used as appropriate.

CH

5. Structure of the Network Board

DG pointed out that only two of the Karten Network board are now employed in member host charities. A discussion took place about the possibility of getting people from the Centres to commit to one year's attendance at board meetings. DG and CH to discuss and then draft a paper for the board. **DG/CH**

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. Details of the planned Regional events were discussed and also an update on enquiries for the recruitment of her replacement.

7. Israel Representative's Report

TS met with DB-T in Israel in June. They visited Ono Academic College and the Centre for Deafblind. DB-T is planning a Regional Event on 26th October at Ono College at which TS will be in attendance.

8. Mobile Technology Advisor report

Prior to the meeting MP circulated his report to July 2015. Most of his activities have been focused around the Mobile Technology Resource and assisting Centres.

9. Workplans for noting

Prior to the meeting CH circulated her update of workplans for 2015. She intends to incorporate DB-T's plan and her plan into a single document..

10. Regional events 2015

Plans are underway and bookings made at 5 Centres in U.K. and one in Israel. They will take place in October and November. CH to email centres for suggestions for speakers, but some are already agreed. The dates already booked are:
20th October: Young Epilepsy
26th October: Ono Academic College (Israel)
4th November: Percy Hedley
5th November: Seashell Trust
10th November: Beacon Centre
Tba: Schonfeld Square

11. Any other business

TS gave his thanks to CP for organizing a "Karten Day" at Portland on 7th May. All agreed that it was an excellent, enjoyable day. AJ was invited, and agreed to join the Board of Directors. AH to send him the relevant papers to sign. **AH**
AH said we had now held the final meeting arranged at RNIB. A

decision was taken to hold 3 meetings per year (November, February and July). AH to contact RNIB and, subject to their approval, arrange the meeting rooms in exchange for our usual donation of £1,000. **AH**

The meeting closed at 1p.m

Date of next meeting

To be advised.