

Minutes of the meeting of the Karten Network held on 5th March 2009 at the offices of RNIB, Judd Street, London WC1.

Present

Dr Graham Jowett (Chair)
Mubina Asaria
Dave Fullerton
Christine Price

In Attendance

Ceri Hibbert
Angela Hobbs

GJ introduced Ben Deakin of Enabling Computers who had expressed an interest in attending the board meetings.

1. Apologies

Kate Gascoyne
Ian Karten
Dave Shallish
Tim Simon

2. Minutes of the last meeting (30.10.08)

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

GJ said that he will draw up a person specification for a former trainee at a CTEC Centre for a place on the board. CH will then contact the centres requesting nominations.

GJ
CH

It was suggested that 2 or 3 of the board members should set up a working group to arrange the celebration of the 1000th computer donated by the IKCT.

CH

4. Chairman's report

GJ distributed of the Accounts, Report of the Directors and Financial Statements received from Roffe Swayne for the year ended 30th November 2008. GJ to sign and return to Roffe Swayne.

GJ

5. Network Manager's Report

CH tabled her report which contained details of her visits to proposed new CTEC Centres and visits to existing centres. CH's report on the website and conference were dealt with later in the meeting.

6. Website

It was agreed that the website should be redeveloped following the virus which destroyed the site a few months ago. CH and MA have been in talks with AbilityNet with a view to building a new website. CH to obtain costs from AbilityNet and once they have issued a draft it will be viewed by board members for their comments. CH to contact CTEC Centres for input to the design of the site. **I thought I was asking them for updating of their details, in**

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a structured form

7. Conference

A lengthy discussion took place on the format of the conference which is likely to take place on either Tuesday 13th or Tuesday 20th October at Aston Villa Football Club. CH to put together a proposal for the conference. **CH** Suggestions were made to include external activity i.e. delegates from other areas of disability other than those at CTEC Centres, exhibitions from our host charities and a "Karten Award" to be presented to a person in recognition of an outstanding individual achievement.

As a donation will be given to Aston Villa for use of their conference facilities it was suggested that the Network asks for a contribution by exhibitors from external suppliers.

It was suggested that the new website could be launched at the conference.

Date of next meeting

11.15a.m. Thursday 21st May 2009, at the offices of RNIB, Judd Street, London WC1.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.10p.m.