Minutes of the meeting of the Karten Network held on 19th November 2015 at the offices of RNIB 105 Judd Street, London WC1H 9NE

Present

Christine Price (Acting Chair)
Mubina Asaria
Dawn Green
David Fullerton
Tim Simon
Rohan Slaughter (remotely)

In Attendance

Anthony Davis
Ceri Hibbert
Angela Hobbs
Martin Pistorius

1.   Apologies

Joel Elias
Arwyn Jones
Matthew Kayne

2.   Minutes of the last meeting (23.07.15)

The minutes were approved as a true record.

3.   Matters arising from the minutes

None

4.   Appointment of Network Development Manager

The board gave their congratulations to Dawn for her new appointment as Network Development Manager which will commence on 1st February 2016. Dawn said how much she had enjoyed her role as the Network Chair and was very much looking forward to the challenges ahead.
CP distributed a paper containing suggestions made by the applicants for the Network Manager position.

5.   Structure of the Network Board

Prior to the meeting CH distributed a paper listing suggestions for the composition of the Network board and protocols for its operation.   **CH/DG**
CH and DG said they would contact a few people who had shown an interest in joining the board as Directors and invite them to attend the next meeting.
The meeting did not decide on the protocols, but will wait for the appointment of the new Chair.
CH to email all Network Directors asking if they would like to put   **CH**

their name forward for the appointment of Chair. Election would take place at the next meeting.

After a new Chair is elected the Articles of Association need to be looked at as they may require some amendments to the constitution.

A discussion took place about the payment of expenses to attend board meetings. The Trustees of IKCT agreed that travel expenses should be paid.

It was suggested that Directors should attempt to attend most of the meetings either in person or remotely via telephone link.

6. Regional Events 2015 – initial feedback

A discussion took place about the various regional meetings held this year around the country. All agreed that these were very successful. CH will give feedback after analysis and put information in the next newsletter, as well as creating a resource covering all of the events. **CH**

7. Mobile Technology Advisor demo

MP gave a visual presentation of the Mobile Technology Resource, which had been presented at the regional meetings. MP has received a lot of positive feedback and a number of useful suggestions. The board thanked MP for his demo, which was much appreciated.

8. 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.

9. Israel Representative's report

Prior to the meeting DB-T circulated her report which gave details of a very successful first Israel Conference, hosted by Ono College. Also details of introductory meetings with Gan Or and Shmaya.

10. Workplans for Noting

Prior to the meeting CH distributed copies of workplans for 2015 for herself and DB-T and one for the Mobile Technology Resource (MP).

11. Any other business

There was none

The meeting closed at 1.15p.m

Date of next meeting

Thursday 18th February at the offices of RNIB, 105 Judd Street, London WC1H 9NE