

CONNAUGHT HALL, LONDON, 11.30am

1. Welcome

Chair Angie Buxton King welcomed those attending - Tim Ridge, Jean Galbraith, Katrina Brook and Michelle Langdon. Apologies for absence were received from John Phelps and Graham King.

2. Matters arising

- ABK advised that she had enjoyed a very productive meeting with Louse Wilde with regard to the DHN website.
- Signatories for cheques had been confirmed as TR, JG and JP.
- GK had received a list of current membership from JP. Eventual access to the currently non-accessible members' website would confirm the accuracy of this list, as well as any pockets of activity in the regions. Until that was confirmed ABK would defer any visits to the regions. ABK would have further conversation with JP concerning the .net website.
- Till the information on the .net site was accessed, GK would be unable to follow up on lapsed members.
- ABK confirmed that she had received no response to her inquiries about the direction in which members would like to see the DHN to go.

3. Membership forms

The style of membership forms was reported to be satisfactory, once some of the more inquisitive personal questions had been removed. It was agreed that the phrase "Are there any skills you would bring to the DHN?" was less potentially threatening than the current wording: "What particular skills would you bring?" It was confirmed that historically most people had joined via friends. It was agreed that forms and membership packs should always be available at meetings. And that there had been interest shown on those occasions when this had happened. Forms would also be available to download. On line applications were not seen as particularly advantageous.

4. Information to be shared on members' activities

It was agreed that everything presented for advertising and distribution would be assessed on its own merit. Not everything submitted would appeal to everyone, but as this was a members' only service, we did not need to be too cautious about possible esoteric content. As an organ for members to share news of their activities, the Del Ralph site was confirmed as dormant. It was agreed that an e mail be sent to members to confirm who would like to subscribe to this e mail distribution website. Material submitted would only be sent to those who had opted in. Louise Wilde would be invited to manage this site.

5. The DHN and Research

It was agreed that the DHN should promote and foster research and that there were likely to be members who would wish to take part in research projects. A statement concerning research would be formulated. It was agreed that the currently dormant Research Committee should be subsumed into the National Committee and that £5000 of our current reserves of £14000 be placed in the Research Fund, thus leaving a healthy reserve balance for possible future events such as conferences.

6. DHN patrons

TR reported that he had emailed Michael Dixon concerning becoming a patron and was waiting a response.

7. Membership Packs

- It was agreed that the Pack should contain:-
- A gatefold leaflet
- A booklet of members
- A welcome letter

Reports of places where integrative work was being done would be considered for possible inclusion at a later date. Other material, such as press articles and items relating to research which was currently being sent out, would be reconsidered and updated. Material available only as hard copy would be scanned by KB.

ABK reported that after research by a number of people, Louise Wilde had presented the most competitive price for reprinting the gatefold leaflet.

It was considered important the Membership packs (as well as application forms) be available at DHN meetings.

8. The Regions

ABK would ask regions to copy their activities to the National Committee, so that there was some central awareness of what was happening in the regions.

Once the database was complete and up to date, approaches would be made to those who have expressed interest in working regionally.

9. The Websites

Members were not updating their details; for this reason it was considered that the DHN needed a Database Manager.

It was reported that there had been positive feedback on the simplicity of the website and that it was easy to follow. However the website was receiving only a small number of hits.

It was considered important that in the future Power point material be placed on the website for those members who might wish to give a presentation.

A disclaimer would be put on all Website Links.

Articles would continue to be posted. An abridged version of Saima D'Adam's article on healing at UCL hospital had been well received.

It was considered that a periodic newsletter would be useful, biannual in the first instance, with a strong visual element, and which would provide the opportunity to cover events which had taken place in previous months.

10. Where are we going?

It was felt strongly that the immediate concern was to establish an accurate picture of the membership, to confirm all DHN procedures and documentation and to finalise the organisation of one website. Other areas of development for the future would then be considered. It was considered that the DHN title carried a lot of potential weight.

There was further discussion on what was considered to be the DHN's unique selling feature. It was felt that this was precisely what was already happening in active areas ie healers, therapists and doctors were coming together to hear about integrated models of practice.

11. AOB

It was felt that the DHN could consider hosting stands at events held by organisations where the content would be in sympathy with DHN aims eg the BSIM (British Society of Integrated Medicine).

It was agreed that therapists working with the Quantum Touch modality were eligible to become members.

JG reported a recent talk she had given at a Scientific and Medical Network conference on Healing Intent at the Royal College of Medicine which was attended by a number of medical practitioners, therapists and healers. There had been interest from some members of the audience that JG's was the only presentation which had mentioned, not only the intention of the healer and the healee, but also the intent of Higher Consciousness beyond that of the individual.

It was agreed that the DHN would benefit from changing its currently single named membership of the Integrated Health Forum (enabling the named member to take 2 guests and costing £75 pa). It was considered advantageous that the DHN should now subscribe to a corporate membership at a fee of £300 PA, entitling any member to attend. This was also seen as a possible selling feature to potential new DHN members.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 1.30 pm.