

DHN NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

SATURDAY MAY 3rd , 2008

3, LINCOLN'S CLOSE, ST ALBANS, HERTS

The meeting opened at 1pm

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from John Phelps.

Committee roles

Angie Buxton King was elected as National Chair (proposed by Jean Galbraith and seconded by Tim Ridge. Angie spoke of her sense that this was an exciting time for the organisation and that there was a real opportunity to make a difference. It was confirmed that Tim Ridge already held the post of National Vice Chair.

It was agreed that any Membership Secretary would need to work closely with the Treasurer. John Phelps had agreed to offer his services in the latter role and was elected to the post. Graham King was elected as Membership Secretary (proposed by Tim Ridge and seconded by Katrina Brook).

Katrina's offer to act as Minute Secretary was accepted. It was agreed that Minutes would be posted on the Members' website.

The issue of co opting additional Committee Members was discussed. It was agreed that Angie should invite Michelle Langdon onto the Committee, as she had demonstrated a long history of commitment to the aims and ideals of the DHN.

Honorary Titles

Confirmation was made of Dr Dan Benor's election at the AGM as President and Michael Dibdin's election as Vice President.

There would be further discussion at a later date on the concepts of Fellowship and/or Honorary Life Membership.

Dr Michael Dixon, who has a holistic centre in Devon, would be invited to be a Patron. Tim Ridge was to make the approach.

Website

It was agreed that updating of the website was important for public perception and interest and that Angie would meet with Louise Wilde to discuss pro rata rates for any work we may ask her to do on the website.

Roles in relation to work on the website would need to be clearly defined.

It was agreed that for reasons of security and efficiency, pass words should be in the hands of more than one person. This would be discussed with John Phelps.

ABK, TR, JG and KB agreed to act in an editorial role with regard to future material submitted for the website, which included the re- examination of current text. Angie and Tim would also check the suitability of current Links.

It was agreed that a single website would more adequately meet the needs of the DHN.

The DHN Member's Pack

It was agreed that the new member pack should contain suitable material, as the current pack tended to be photocopied and contained some rather out of date press material. This would be archived.

KB offered to help to put some of the hard copy material into PDF format.

ABK would re-examine the text of the current gatefold leaflet and circulate to the rest of the committee. There would be liaison with Louise re the technicalities of reproducing any future revised version. Old versions would be recycled

It was agreed that Graham King's personal address should be advertised a working address for DHN correspondence.

Finance

It was agreed that Jean, Tim and John should be available to act as signatories for cheques. It would be confirmed whether Michael Dibdin was currently registered for this role. The current requirement for 2 signatories on cheques would be retained and details would be confirmed with John.

The Regions

ABK offered to visit active DHN regions. It was agreed that their committee dates and meetings would be recorded on the website.

GK would break current membership data down into regions; this would provide useful data and would make the sending of block e mails a simpler process.

ABK would introduce herself to members via an e mail letter and would be asking members what they feel is the purpose of the DHN and what could be expected of it.

Membership

GK would follow up on lapsed and resigned members.

GK pointed out that the current Access database was rather unsophisticated, as it was not able to link the different fields. He suggested that an ACT contact database would be more efficient.

ABK indicated that she would be mentioning the DHN at all of her talks and lectures and would have gatefold leaflets available, with the expectation of raising awareness, as well as membership numbers.

AOB

The committee confirmed the importance of the presence of members from Norway and Finland at the AGM.

Jean informed the meeting that she was hoping to speak on Consciousness and Conscious Intent at the Royal Society of Medicine on June 9th and that she was currently writing an article for Dan Benor's ezine. This would provide an update for DHN members in the USA on changes in the UK organisation and the progress made in the area of healer doctor interface.

Angie proposed that in recognition of her contribution to the DHN over recent times, that Jean be invited to assume the role of Vice Chair. This was seconded by Tim.

Dates for future meetings were set for June 22nd 11am / September 7th 11am / Nov 29th or 30th 2007. The AGM would take place during April 2009.

The meeting closed at 4.40pm