



Art, Culture and Disability Equality

Arcadea Annual General Meeting 31 January 2013

Minutes

Present: George Wallace, Pauline Heath, Kirsty Timming, Stuart Bracking, Geof Armstrong, Katy Saunderson.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Karen Sheader, Helen Atkin, Janice Irving, Paula Greenwell and Carolyn Roberts. Karen has spoken with Geof and advised that she is happy for us to sign off on her behalf.

2. Minutes of AGM 10 January 2012

The minutes of the last AGM held on 11 January 2011 were proposed by George Wallace and seconded by Pauline Heath.

3. Matters Arising

Approx 30% of Arcadea's earned income has been through inclusive work such as the involvement of the HUB Group with the World Beaters NYE Parade. We are continuing to seek out opportunities to support people into inclusive activities.

Safeguarding & planning meetings remain outstanding which, with the boards help, can become a focus in the coming year.

Monthly reporting to board and adding meeting minutes to the webpage also remain outstanding which Geof Armstrong apologised for. Recent events within the organisation have taken over and the board accepted this as understandable under the circumstances.

4. Chair's Report

The Chair's Report was discussed in detail with key elements from the 2011 2012 Narrative presented by Geof Armstrong.

The organisation is continuing to grow and has made great strides towards the objective of becoming fully sustainable. This is down to the rapid success and growth of the HUB Club, a creative day service for learning disabled adults in the community.

Our work with the British Institute of Human Rights is also coming to an end and we will now begin work on the legacy of the project.

Although the HUB Club remains the main focus for the business at this time we now plan to begin looking at ways that we can again reach out to the wider disabled community. Going forward we are looking for opportunities to work with both artists and audiences.

5. Presentation of Accounts

The Independent Examiners Report was presented.

It was noted that the higher spend compared to the previous financial year was down to 2 key factors; firstly the impact of the 6 months spent with skeleton staff and secondly the ring-fenced funding received at the end of the year to be used in the 11/12 period.

Board accepts the accounts.

6. Any Other Business

Along with her apologies Carolyn Roberts expressed a wish to resign from the board due to her being unable to commit the time she feels she should. Carolyn also has additional travel considerations she did not previously. The board understand her position and whilst they accept her resignation they would like to note their gratitude for the contribution she was able to make.

Janice Irving has also apologised for her recent period of low involvement. This was due to personal reasons, which the board are aware of. Janice wishes to stand down as co-chair but is willing to stay on as a member should the board feel this would be beneficial to the organisation.

The board would like to extend their sympathies to Janice for her recent loss and accept her resignation as co-chair. The board gratefully accepts Janice's offer to remain on as a member due to the invaluable contributions she has made over the years and would like to express their delight in thanking her for her continued support.

It was proposed that Karen Sheader should continue as Chair with Pauline Heath as Vice-Chair. All board members accept.

Diane Little suggested as a potential board member who is a parent of one of our young HUB Club members. Geof Armstrong to approach Diane along with Beth Ford of DANE who was also put forward as a strong candidate.

All in agreement that the next AGM should be held earlier if possible, Katy will look at the constitution and arrange the next meeting accordingly.

There being no further business the meeting was closed 12:30.