

Derby Property Lawyers Association

Minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2011 5.15pm, The Duke of Clarence, Mansfield Road, Derby.

PRESENT

Chris Mills
Liz Knott
Linda McCauley
Michael Sayer
Joanne Jones

APOLOGIES

Emma Bramley
John Rourke

1 Previous Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

CM

2 Treasurers Report

Liz gave an update on the finances. She had yet to transfer money from the Derbyshire account. She was due to pay Emma. She expected a bill from the Spot. An invoice from the SRA was also due. She was concerned funds were at risk of being exhausted as some of the presentations were losing money.

LK

She had not renewed the PO box fee as she felt that this was not of great benefit to the Association. It was better to conserve funds and be able to employ an administrator. This was accepted. Joanne agreed to allow her firm's address to be used in correspondence and on the web site. She would email Chris the necessary information for him to send on to Martyn Page for updating the web site. Chris also agreed to email the SRA to ensure that the invoice was received appropriately.

JJ

CM

3 Secretary's Report/AGM

Chris had nothing to report. However, the matter of the AGM was discussed. Chris had emailed Emma to see if there were any dates at the end of January or early February that she could not attend. Chris favoured early February owing to other commitments.

CM

At the meeting in July it was suggested that John ran a quiz at the AGM rather than hold a presentation. This was discussed further. Joanne agreed to contact John to see if he could still do this and if there were any dates he favoured. Thought would be given to charging an entry fee as the venue and catering would need to be paid for.

JJ

Chris was concerned that we might not get the numbers to attend if no CPD

presentation was offered. He agreed to cover with a talk on notices if the need arose. The preparation would not be wasted as it could be delivered at a later date if not used at the AGM

4 Matters Arising

Chris commented that he felt the last two presentations had been worthwhile. The turnout was disappointing at the CLS presentation, but this could not be helped owing to the police incident in the vicinity. The material had since been provided.

CM

It was quite a surprise to learn that the Landmark presenter had travelled from Glasgow. However, it was believed that he was combining the trip with another visit. Chris had provided the wine for the presenter and held a spare bottle as he did not know whether there would have been two presenters.

CM

5 FUTURE PROGRAMMES

No future presentations were discussed other than in relation to the AGM

6 Any other business

Chris asked the others about their experiences with the Customer Team working arrangements at Land Registry.

CM

Chris asked whether the committee felt that members might benefit from the plans skills and other experience of a senior Land Registry employee who had recently left the organisation and wished to consider providing a consultancy. It was agreed that he would speak with the person and any details could be circulated with other notices to members.

CM

7 Date and time of next meeting

No meeting was specifically arranged but it was agreed that it would need to be held early in January.

