**Minutes of HBETA Meeting on April 7, 2016**

Held at Taradale High School in the Library at 4.30pm

<http://hbeta.wikispaces.com/>

Minutes approved by Cath

1. Chairperson's Report.
2. Treasurer’s Report. John Bird presented his 18th? and final report. He was thanked and presented with gifts.
3. Election of officers. Treasurer - Karen Beaumont. Amy Price nominated her. Secretary. Amy Price nominated Zanita Thompson. Jo Morris seconded. Chairperson. Jo Morris nominated Amy Price. Judith Findlay seconded.
4. Debating - Jumbo Day organisation and Adjudication.

These are the coordinators for 2016:

Year 9 - Rachael Sweetapple - Napier Boys' High School

Year 10 - Amy Reid - Woodford House

Year 11 - Nicola Littley - Havelock North High School

Year 12/13 Lyndie Balfour - St John's College

Hamish noted that timing of debates affects availability of adjudicators. Y12/13 main issue. Can host schools provide adjudicators so that coaches can see at least one of their teams debate?

Top y 13 debaters can adjudicate junior debates for Y9, 10 and 11 - two students panel adjudicating.

For senior debates can the host supply adjudicators.

Hold debates earlier in the time to avoid clashes with assessments.

Can the chairperson send a letter to principals via their association, thanking them for releasing teachers for debating. Stress the importance of having experienced adjudicators.

1. HBSSPA PLD Funding. Can we tap into this fund for our PD? Jo Morris. The national moderator can come and speak $300 plus accommodation. Amanda Johnson suggested a Friday afternoon. A show of hands showed interest in this.
2. Big Day Out 2016. For our term 4 meeting this year? Karamu can host it. 11th Nov. date as there are no exams that day. Do the John McKenzie prize at the end of the day and presentations.
3. Digital Moderation. Judith said submissions close 18th April. Info available on the NZATE Facebook page on how to do this. Here is a link to the website about digital moderation <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/consultations-and-reviews/consultation-on-digital-moderation/>
4. Selina Tusitala Marsh - poem for the Queen <https://soundcloud.com/strummer89/unity>
5. Charity Norman - Creative Writing PLD. Her novels include:

Second Chances. (Titled After the Fall in the UK)

The New Woman. (Titled Luke Livingstone in NZ)

The Son in Law. The School Speech Day episode!

Freeing Grace.

A note from Marty:

Louise Wallace established Starling: an online literary journal publishing poetry and prose (short fiction, creative essays, etc) by NZ writers under 25 years old.  
  
You can check out our first issue here: http://www.starlingmag.com/issue-1/contents  
  
It includes 16 young writers, 3 of whom are high school students as young as 13 years old!  
  
Our next deadline for Issue 2 is just two weeks away. We have two deadlines per year: April 20 and October 20.  
  
Obviously not every submission can be selected - for our first issue we received over 100 submissions! But it is still a valuable experience for students, and something they can continue to aim for.

Also, The Spinoff website is useful for NZ scholarship students.