

POSTURE & MOBILITY GROUP (PMG)

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) 2019 THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, TELFORD 15TH July, 2019

Chair: Susan Gold (GD); **Honorary Treasurer:** Pamela Harper (PH); **Vice chair:** Nathan Robson (NR)

Minutes: Olwen Ellis (OE), PMG Manager

1. **Minutes of the PMG Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2018:** Tim Adlam proposed acceptance of the 2018 AGM minutes; seconded by John Lindley. Those present approved the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
2. **Trustees' report:** SG hoped that all those present had read the trustees' report which gives an overview of the group's activities in 2018/19. She highlighted key points as follows:
 - i) **Best Practice Guidelines (BPG) - Transportation of people seated in wheelchairs.** In 2018, PMG commissioned Bob Appleyard to carry out the revision of the above BPG; version 2.0 will be launched tomorrow at the PMG 2019 conference.
 - ii) **External funding.** The review of PMG's research fund is complete, with a report by Susan Hillman (SH) available to read via the Research section on the PMG website. Following the review, the research fund was dissolved; a further survey of members is planned for the autumn to establish themes for any future funding for research commissions, potential BPGs, and training, which were the top three funding areas voted for by members. In answer to Tim Adlam's concerns, SH gave assurances that PMG would wish to continue funding evidence-based practice again when finances allowed.
 - iii) SG thanked Joanne McConnell and Carolyn Nichols who are standing down from the Conference, Education and Communications committee; also welcomed Gill Packham who was selected to join the committee through the recent election process.
3. **Treasurer's report**
 - 4.1 **Annual Report and Financial Statements**

The PMG treasurer PH reminded those present that the full accounts are in the 2018 Annual Report which is available to download from the PMG website.
 - 4.2 PH reported that the group's overall income in 2018 may have been affected by the biennial European Seating Symposium having taken place one month before the PMG annual conference. The implications of this going forward are to be considered by committee members.
 - 4.3 **Savings accounts**

One of the group's savings accounts held by Clydesdale Bank (CB) has been closed, following the bank's new ruling that savings could only be withdrawn into a CB current account. PMG is happy enough with its present current account, plus it would create an administrative headache to change it. The treasurer therefore withdrew all savings held by CB and undertook the search for a suitable alternative account.
 - 4.4 Overall, despite the continuing economic uncertainty, PH feels confident that PMG remains in a good financial position.

Craig Egglestone proposed acceptance of the Treasurer's report; Gill Packham seconded. Treasurer's report approved by all those present.
4. **Any other business**

No other business had been notified; however, SG was willing to re-open discussions on the issue of poor attendance at the AGM. Some of the same suggestions put forward at last year's meeting were mentioned again, along with fresh proposals. SG thanked those present, assuring them that all ideas would be considered.
5. **Date and venue of next AGM:** TBC