

POSTURE & MOBILITY GROUP (PMG)

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) 2018 MANCHESTER CENTRAL CONVENTION COMPLEX July 25TH, 2018

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

Minutes: Olwen Ellis (OE), PMG Manager

1. **Apologies** received from Rebecca Dunstall
2. **Minutes of the PMG Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2017:** Kirsty-Ann Cutler proposed acceptance of the 2017 AGM minutes; seconded by Marion May (MM). Those present approved the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
3. **PMG trustees: update from vice chair**
NR spoke to the item on Executive committee membership in the 2018 trustees' report, confirming that:
 - 3.1 Diane Hargrove had stood down as chair of PMG in September 2017;
 - 3.2 SG has been interim chair since October 2017, with NR becoming vice-chair shortly after that. Lorna Tasker became a trustee at the same time, taking up the Countries brief vacated by SG.
 - 3.3 SG has put herself forward to be chair of PMG for three years, 2018 to 2021, and the trustees have approved her appointment.
NR asked the meeting to approve the appointment of SG as chair, which they duly did.
4. **Trustees' report:** SG hoped that all those present had read the report, which provides an overview of the group's activities in 2017.
5. **Treasurer's report:**
 - 5.1 **Annual Report and Financial Statements**
PH reminded those present that the full accounts are in the Annual Report which is available to download from the PMG website.
 - 5.2 Despite general economic uncertainty and continuing low interest rates, 2017 was a much-improved year financially for PMG compared with 2016.
 - 5.3 PH reported that funds had been available not only to support another successful conference and two free training events, but also to maintain the research fund, and to meet PMG's day to day expenditure, as well as to fund the outsourcing of conference registration and access.
 - 5.4 PMG introduced a workplace pension scheme for the two members of staff and funded two members of PMG executive committee to attend a new training course hosted by the International Society of Wheelchair Professionals.
 - 5.5 The move to the new accountants has been a success, with good working relations established. The new accounting software has also been a worthwhile investment.
 - 5.6 PH feels confident that PMG is in a good position to face the bumpy financial road predicted for 2018.
Dave Long proposed acceptance of the Treasurer's report and Ali Alalshaikh seconded. Treasurer's report accepted by the meeting.
6. **Any other business**
 - 6.1 No other business had been notified; however, SG was willing to discuss the issue of poor attendance at the AGM which was raised by MM.
 - 6.2 Agreed that the PMG committee members should consider moving the AGM to a different time, with various options being put forward.
7. **Date and venue of next AGM:** 17th July 2019, The International Centre, Telford.
Later changed to 15th July 2019 at 5.30pm