

POSTURE & MOBILITY GROUP

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2012 13th April 2012 at Warwick University

Chair: Clare Wright (CW)
Vice-chair: James Hollington (JH)
Honorary Treasurer: Rakesh Shukla (RS)
Minutes: Olwen Ellis (OE), PMG administrator

1. Apologies: none received.

2. Minutes of AGM 2011: Barend ter Haar (BtH) proposed that the minutes of AGM 2011 be accepted as correct. James Foy seconded, and the minutes were approved by those present. No matters arising.

3. Treasurer's report: RS provided a verbal report on PMG's income and expenditure for 2011. He announced that there were anomalies in the audited accounts for 2011 and they had been returned to the auditors prior to the AGM. They will be posted on the PMG website as soon as they have been re-audited.

4. Membership retention: RS requested those present to consider the following proposals:

- i) raising PMG membership fee to £40pa in order to maintain a working surplus for the group;
- ii) putting in place a Direct Debit facility for members to pay subscriptions annually to help ensure membership retention. In the first year the fee when paying by Direct Debit would be £25, increasing to £40 in the following years.
- iii) CW noted that the current membership fee of £25 had been in place since 2006, and that the proposed increase to £40 still represents good value for money.
- iv) BtH moved that £25pa be charged for members choosing to pay via Direct Debit, with a fee of £40pa for all other methods of payment - the additional £15 to cover administration costs. The meeting approved the motion unanimously.

5. Chair's report:

- i) Dave Long (DL) requested that PMG accounts be included in NTE delegate bags in future years if possible.
- ii) DL proposed that the Chair's report be accepted by those present; BtH seconded. Approved unanimously.

6. SPMN and PMG

Catherine Mathieson (CM), chair of the Scottish Posture & Mobility Network (SPMN), reported on the recent dissolution of the group due to continued lack of support for its activities in Scotland:

- i) After lengthy negotiations with CM, JH had recently made the offer, on behalf of PMG, for the membership and assets of SPMN to be absorbed by PMG, thus creating a UK-wide group;
- ii) The SPMN membership was consulted on the proposal in March 2012 and gave their overwhelming support;
- iii) At a meeting on 27th March 2012, the membership ratified the proposal and SPMN ceased to exist.

PMG representatives welcomed SPMN, reflecting on this sad moment, but also expressing confidence in the exciting future ahead for the expanded group.

JH and CM announced the formation of a Scottish promotional group which will endeavour to increase PMG membership in Scotland, and also encourage Scottish members' participation in PMG activities.

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7. Nomination for committee members

The chair reported the following re PMG executive committee:

- i) JH standing down as PMG vice-chair to focus his energies on the Scottish promotional group.
- ii) Richard Earl has agreed to become vice-chair of PMG
- iii) Helen Hislop returns to PMG executive committee to complete her second term of office, after taking a year out on maternity leave
- iv) Nigel Shapcott and Carolyn Nichols did not stand for a second term
- v) Alison Johnston has been nominated to serve for a second term
- vi) Paul Dryer and Alexander Kamadu have been nominated to join the executive committee for 3 years
- vii) Jane Chantry is taking a sabbatical from her second term on the executive committee whilst on maternity leave

Those present voted in the three nominees to the PMG executive 2012/13:
Paul Dryer, Alison Johnston and Alexander Kamadu.

8. There was no further business. Date and venue of AGM 2013 to be notified to the membership in due course.