

POSTURE & MOBILITY GROUP

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014

9th July 2014

Motorpoint Arena, Cardiff

Chair: Clare Canale (CC)

Vice-chair: Richard Earl (RE)

Honorary Treasurer: Pamela Harper (PH)

Minutes: Olwen Ellis (OE), PMG Manager

1. Minutes of AGM 2013

Kirsty-Ann Cutler proposed that the minutes of AGM 2013 be accepted; Linda Marks seconded. Those present approved the minutes as correct.

2. Treasurer's report

- i) Following the request at AGM 2013 for a breakdown of expenditure & income, these details were displayed on the screen, the official end of year accounts having been available on the PMG website for a few weeks.
- ii) PH feels that PMG runs very economically, and the balance in the accounts at end of 2013 was even higher than that shown at end of 2012. Despite this, no financial commitment had been made re the urgent requirement to update the website, until the outcome of NTE 2014 was known. Based on current projections, this can now go ahead.
- iii) PH reported that she is actively looking into better interest rates for the group's reserves.

Dave Long (DL) proposed that the 2013 Accounts be accepted; Carolyn Nichols seconded. The 2013 accounts were approved by the meeting.

3. Chair's report - CIO

- i) CC reported that from approximately 400 current members, only 90 had voted in the recent ballot on whether PMG should become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO); 89 had voted YES, with 1 voting NO. However, without having indicated that by not voting by a certain date, a member would be assumed to be in agreement with the change, the result of the ballot would have to be discounted and a vote now taken at the AGM.
- ii) In answer to Martin Moore's question on liability, CC explained that the tax payer would carry the burden in the event of bankruptcy. Barend ter Haar added that in the event of deliberate financial misdemeanour, the trustees would still be legally liable.

A vote was taken, with the meeting unanimously approving that the change to CIO be put into operation.

Action CC

4. Free membership and online journal

- i) RE explained that the resources spent on gathering the annual membership fee is disproportionate to the amount of money raised, and hence the executive committee has decided to recommend moving to free membership of the group. This would also encourage the signing up of potential members who are put off by the fee for various reasons.

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- ii) RE also presented the recommendation to cease producing the paper journal, moving instead to a more regular and accessible online format; explaining that the level of human resources required to produce the paper journal and run all the other PMG projects and schemes has become untenable.

After much discussion the meeting decided as follows:

- A. Free membership approved, and will come into force in 2015
- B. More information required about the benefits for changing the format of the journal. An online vote to take place, or the item brought back to AGM 2015.

Action: CC, OE, RE

5. PMG Committee membership/trustees

- i) RE presented gifts to Paul Hewett and James Hollington who are ceasing their involvement with PMG committees, and also to James Foy in his absence.
- ii) The meeting ratified the nominations of the following new trustees to join the executive committee:
Rasheed Ahamed
Susan Gold
Diane Hargrove
Lisa Ledger
Henry Lumley
David Punt
- iii) The meeting ratified the following for a second term as trustees on the PMG executive committee:
Helen Rourke
Gail Russell
- iv) The following are continuing their terms as trustees:
Clare Canale
Kirsty-Ann Cutler
Paul Dryer
Richard Earl
Pam Harper
Alison Johnston
Joanne McConnell

6. A.O.B.

Book Tokens

- i) DL made the case for keeping the book token scheme which was initially created to promote the education of the membership.
- ii) Others felt that £10 was too small an amount to make the token of any real worth, and that spending more on bursaries is a more valuable method of promoting

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education. In addition, no-one had asked about the book token during the course of NTE.

*After much debate, DL's motion to keep the book token scheme was carried by a majority, as opposed to greater spending on bursaries**

Action OE

7. Next meeting

The 2015 AGM will be at the University of Leeds, date and time to be notified.

POST SCRIPT

*DL made a request after the meeting for a post script to be added to the minutes stating that he had intended declaring an interest in the Book Tokens item, as he has a relevant book published.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Clare Carole". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.