

SCOTTISH POSTURE AND MOBILITY NETWORK

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: 17 November 2005

Venue: Dean Park Hotel, Kirkcaldy

Alistair Murdoch (chairperson) gave a warm welcome to all those attending the meeting and thanked the committee for organising what had been a very successful study day.

1. Apologies for absence: Cathy Dowell; Lesley Purvis; Helen Loy; Katie Robson; Ann Milne; Gail Rose; Ben Cox

2. Persons Present: 25 people attended the meeting which included all the committee members.

3. Minutes of the AGM 2004: The minutes were proposed by Libby Davies and seconded by Joy Blakeney with the addendum that Alistair D Murdoch had been coopted onto the committee at last year's AGM.

4. Chairperson's report: Alistair highlighted the reasons for the organisation changing from SSWG to SPMN which in summary was to broaden our areas of interest and remit and encourage a wider team membership. He focussed on how the membership had agreed upon having network in the name as networking was a significant and integral part of the organisation. He reported how it was quite an achievement that the organisation now has its own website and thanked Andrew Rose for his assistance with this. Alistair thanked all other committee members for their hard work and assistance over the past year, stating that this had culminated in today's successful study day. Alistair reported that the committee still had strong links with PMG and that we would attempt to send a representative to some of their committee meetings. Finally he highlighted that the professional development fund is underused and that the committee wanted to encourage people to make applications for use of this.

5. Treasurer's report: Pam Harper (treasurer) reported that last year the organisation made £1,600 from the study day held in Kirkcaldy. The current bank balance is £1,112.05 and the deposit account is £9,840.60. Corporate membership has dropped from 9 to 3 since 2004. Ordinary membership is 126 which rose to 140 after today's events. She highlighted that we were still receiving money from Gift Aid and urged members to sign up to this. This is an easy one off exercise which involves completing the appropriate form which is sent out at the time of membership renewal and which will also be accessible on the website. Finally Pam stated that we are awaiting some income from the conference held in Exeter earlier this year which SSWG jointly organised with PMG.

6. Appointment of Auditor: Pam Harper reported that Mrs Patricia Gibb will continue in this role.

7. Membership Fee: This still stands at £7 which is quite low compared to other organisations. There was some debate about a small increase in the membership fee, however it was agreed that for the time being that it should stay at this amount and that a possible increase could be discussed at next years AGM.

8. Committee Membership: There is a full compliment of members on the committee and the term of office will be for 3 years in the first instance.

9. Revised Constitution: The constitution has been revised for the purposes of our change of name and wider remit. We need to adopt the new constitution so that the organisation can be recognised as a charity. The old and new constitutions will be sent out to all members so that a vote can take place.

10. Future Activities: It was agreed that judging from the success of today's study day that future events like this ought to take place. Pam reported that SSR and SHIF have a technological based study day on 17 March 2006.

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Postural care subgroup: Joyce McDonald (O.T) fed back that the group have identified areas of interest and themes within the group members which are: best practice; outcome measures and carers training. Ideas for future development are: compiling assessment documentation for outcomes; carers training day (information about postural management) as well as a formal carers training programme; training for other therapists. Moira also highlighted that NHS Quality Improvement Scotland have highlighted that one of their 5 top clinical improvements were the implementation of 24 hour postural management and the team hoped to investigate this further.

National review of wheelchair service: Geoff Bardsley (clinical engineer) voiced that as the outcome of the review carried out by Frontline earlier this year had been published then SPMN ought to make comments regarding this as a committee. He stated that the response to the draft document had to be in by 26 January 2005. Catherine Mathieson (Physiotherapist) suggested an extra ordinary meeting to discuss this. There was some debate about how the committee should approach this but it has been agreed since the meeting that the document would be added to the agenda for the next committee meeting and an extra ordinary meeting would not be necessary.