

SPMN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
16th September 2008
MARGARET ROSE ROOM, SMART CENTRE, EDINBURGH

1. Persons present;

Catherine Mathieson(CM)	Pam Harper(PH)
Kenneth Munro(KM)	Joyce McDonald(JM)
Rob Farley(RF)	Ann Allan(AA)
Jenny Hooper-Roe(JHR)	
Luke Meighan(LH) Teleconferencing	
Ailsa Taggert(AT) Teleconferencing	

2. Apologies for absence:

No apologies required

3. Minutes of last meeting:

Minutes of last meeting generally agreed.

4. Matters arising from minutes;

Rob Farley(RF) has had to regretfully resign from the committee due to his new job.

Kenneth Munro(KM) has also regretfully given his resignation but will be available to give any advice to his successor. KM has given us a remit for the position. KM is still willing to continue in an advisory capacity on the PMG equipment sub-group.

5. Membership;

160 Ordinary members

5 Corporate

(3 corporate non renewers)

6. Finances;

Current account £414.91

Savings account £8534.26

PDF £ 809.46

Main income has come from gift aid.

Income for Kirkcaldy £1,890.00 outgoings £1,772.50.
Therefore £117.50 profit.

7. Website

2,000 hits are still coming in per month.
Annual bill of £93.41 paid.

8. International Conference

It has been agreed that the International Conference is definitely in 2010.
Possible venue for the conference were Heriot Watt or SECC, Barend Ter Haar has done the recky and suggests the SECC.

The next committee meeting is on the 17th October in Dusseldorf. LM is unable to attend therefore CM to go in his place, LM will be available for teleconferencing, **CM to investigate if this will be possible.**

9. PDF;

Criteria guidelines have to be agreed and put on paper.

Agreement must be obtained that if application successful they will be required to give a written summary which will then be put on the website.

Previous eligibility criteria has been based on SSR guidelines.

PH stated that 20% of profit from events is deposited into the PDF account, which can be changed if required. There is at present no upper limit.

PH to check present form which is on the website.

10. QIS

A meeting is taking place this week between QIS and other workshop organizers for the Nov 7th event but neither CM or JM is able to attend. JM will try to arrange for another time. JM presented a draft plan for the day. They plan to make use of some of the material from SPMN workshops on 5th November.

11. PMG

CM reported back from the PMG committee meeting in Reading on 1.09.08. Nigel Shapcott is very keen to formalise an alliance with SPMN. He has

already met with John Tiernan of Irish Posture Mobility Network and agreed that the annual subscription for Irish members to IPMN will automatically make them members of PMG. This is not required of SPMN given our already well established historical links.

Nigel Shapcott joined us briefly by teleconference to expand on his ideas for strengthening our alliance. He is keen to establish web-casting for conferenced and educational events. He wants to lobby government from a position of strength, re funding on wheelchair services, suggest that the issue might be taken to Europe.

12. November event;

KM gave details of venue which is taking place at Beancross Farm, Falkirk. **KM and CM to visit venue to confirm arrangements etc.**

Programme has been finalized RF gave copy to AA for distribution.

JHR will open the event and set the scene etc. CM will close the event.

13. A.O.C.B.;

Nigel Shapcott requests input from SPMN for April 2009 National Training Event. CM suggests redoing the QIS masterclass, to be discussed further.

14. Date of next meeting;

29th October 2008 at 11 o'clock in Smart Centre with teleconferencing.

Agenda is to be final preparations for November event.