

SPMN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

3rd February 2009

MARGARET ROSE ROOM, SMART CENTRE, EDINBURGH

1. Persons Present

Catherine Mathieson(CM)

Brian Shields(BS)

Barend ter Haar(BTH)

Anke Baillie(AB)

Joyce MacDonald(JM)

Luke Meighan(LM)

Pam Harper(PH)

Jenny Hooper-Roe(JHR)

Ann Allan(AA)

2. Apologies for absence

Ailsa Taggart sent apologies

3. Previous Minutes

Minutes of last meeting approved

4. Matters arising from minutes

PH updated committee that we actually made a profit from Falkirk of £100 and that a fifth has been transferred to the PDF.

5. PMG

- BTH reminded the committee that the next NTE is the 16th and 17th April in Warwick University. There will be a half day training event on the day before.
- Membership of SPMN entitles us to PMG members rates for PMG events which include early bird discounts.
- Agreed that PH would email the updated SPMN membership list to Olwin Ellis in order to inform them of the NTE.
- Early bird discount is a £25 book token this year. Cut off date for this is 14th February.
- CM reported that Janice Clark had offered to do a Poster Presentation for NTE.
- BTH made a suggestion that SPMN members could pay an additional £10 membership fee which would entitle them to receive the PMG journal.
- SPMN website has a link to PMG.

6. International Conference

- Joint chairs of the organising committee include Dave Long, Barrend ter Harr and Bart van der Hayden.
- To take place on the 9th-11th June 2010 at the SECC.
- The conference will focus on Best Practice guidelines. Most groups have already been established for the various topics. SPMN's contribution is on "Supported

Lying” – Group leader is Joyce MacDonald with CM as the facilitator. Outlines for the presentations etc should be ready by the end of February.

- Plenary opening session plans are for a speaker from the arts or theatre to present on a real life experience of a disabled person who has been successful in this area.
- SPMN will be take responsibility for the social events around the conference, eg, whiskey tasting, civic reception, gala dinner and celidh.
- Next meeting of the Conference Planning Committee is 26/02/09 at the SECC where CM and LM will attend.

7. Membership

169 ordinary members

7 Corporate members

8. Finances

Current account £696.47

Savings account £16,109.65

PDF £859.57

PH was pleased to inform that we received a donation of £50 from the Yorkshire Building Society Charitable Organisation.

LM suggested that this could be put towards a specific purpose maybe to start a library of books for lending to members. More discussion required.

9. Website

Dec 2445 hits

Jan 2300 hits

LM requested biographies from BS, AB and AA for posting on website.

LM will update the mailing list to allow access for AA.

10. PDF

There was agreement that 20% of the money from SSR goes directly to the PDF.

JHR asked that the PDF fund could be made up of two pots, one for expenses and the other for books.

BTH informed us that new books might be available for free. He is aware of this as having previously worked in publishing.

There was general agreement that the fund be renamed CPDF.

Everyone is asked to check the criteria on the website for applications to the CPDF and suggest changes if necessary.

11. November 2009 Event

PH updated us of the availability of the Quality Hotel which only has 70 rooms. Will look into possible extra accommodation at the Queens Hotel across the road.

LM to look into prices for having our own laptop, projector and microphone, which could be used at our events instead of having to bear the high rental costs.

BTH suggests that he check with Banana computers who are reasonably cheap.

Day one on Thursday starting at 10am will be devoted to Posture. Bart van der Hayden has been suggested as a possible speaker. The second day will focus on Mobility. All to be arranged for a 3pm finish.

12. A.O.C.B.

Nothing to report

13. Next Meeting

Monday 23rd March at 10- 12.30 in Margaret Rose Room, Smart Centre, Edinburgh