

Scottish Posture Mobility Network

Meeting Minutes - 23rd March 2009

Ainslie Room, Smart Centre, Astley Ainslie Hospital, Edinburgh

Persons present

Catherine Mathieson(CM)

Jenny Hooper-Roe(JHR)

Janice Clark(JC)

Ann Allan(AA)

Pam Harper(PH)

Anke Baillie(AB)

Brian Shields(BS)

Apologies for absence

Luke Meighan(LM), Joyce MacDonald(JM) and Ailsa Taggert(AT)

Previous minutes

Minutes of last meeting approved

Matters arising

- PH has forwarded members details to Olwen Ellis of PMG.
- JC is no longer required to do a poster presentation at PMG's NTE in April.

PMG

- JHR and AT will be attending NTE in April. They will look out for possible speakers for our event in November. PH asked that they write up the event for the website. CM to check if she is able to attend as well.

International Conference

- CM and LM are SPMN's reps for the planning committee and both attended the last meeting on 26th February in Glasgow.
- CM reported that she also attended a meeting the day before with the staff from Glasgow City Marketing Bureau. This is an extremely helpful organisation. Help and advice is available from choosing accommodation to arranging entertainment such as ceilidhs, whisky tasting and arranging a civic reception. They also informed the meeting that a Subvention grant may be available to help with the costs.

- At the meeting on 26th February Barend Ter Haar gave an overview of the programme as it looks so far and details of the progress of the different Best Practice Groups. A summary giving details of group membership, scope of recommendations, planned work and expected outcomes is requested from each group by 31st May 2009.
- With respect to SPMN's input, JM is taking the lead and has already identified her members. The meeting felt that more international input would be desirable. JM has already suggested an Australian physio but BtH offered to follow up another Australian contact when he visits soon and Geoff Bardsley will do the same when he attends the International Seating Symposium in Iceland in May.
- PH has given contact details to Barend ter Haar of a possible candidate for Plenary opening session.
- Next meeting 23rd June 2009.

Update of Membership

173 Ordinary Members

7 Corporate Members

Update of finances

Current Account £316.13

Savings Account £14,460.65

CPDF £2,559.57

Website

CPDF(carried over)

- AA to email everyone to look at the website for this and let Luke know your thoughts, so as to finally remove this from the agenda.

November 2009 Event

- PH confirmed that we have booking with the Quality Hotel. Although they have gone into liquidation they are optimistic that their hotel will be business as usual. The committee agreed that we should go ahead with the venue.
- AB pointed out that the APCP event overlaps with ours but it was felt that there would be no need for us to change dates.
- BS was happy that there would still be plenty of interested exhibitors despite the clash of dates
- PH reported that the Queens Hotel was looked into and was found to be too expensive.
- Option of sharing a twin room to be put on booking form.

- Approval was given by the committee for LM to go ahead and order the audio-visual equipment. PH to email LM to inform him and make arrangement for payment.
- PH asked that the committee check and decide for the next meeting what kind of lunch should be served on the Friday.(not included in the delegate rate)
- Roy Wild from the Association of Wheelchair Children is very knowledgeable about Children's Mobility, CM will contact him as a possible speaker.
- AB suggested Jo Jexx from Active Design as a speaker for the Friday. CM will contact her.
- PH was contacted by the Care Commission News who were interested in publishing an advertisement in their news letter re our conference and website.
- BS to run by the committee any specific companies for possible exhibition space.
- CM has been asked to be a speaker on the Friday, presenting an overview of the Wheelchair review.
- BS, PH and AA to visit the Quality Hotel on 11th May 2009 for a reconnoitre.
- Committee agreed that the next meeting should see us firming up the programme and therefore everyone should come with ideas.

A.O.C.B.

- CM reported on the launch of the Wheelchair Services modernisation project which took place at the Smart Centre on the 3rd of March. Shona Robison the Minister for Public Health officiated and it was attended by the Chief Executive of NHS Scotland amongst others.
- CM reported that Jo Jexx from Active Design has been discussing organising some training events with her. The meeting felt that this should be promoted by SPMN. AB suggested Braidburn School as a possible venue.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 12th May 10-12.30 in Margaret Rose Room, Smart Centre, Edinburgh