

A&TT Minutes 1 August 2017, 1.30pm

Attendees: Tessa Meek, Susie Lever, Rosie Holland, Louisa Potter, Jo Peden

Minutes from last meeting 16 May 2017 approved.

1. Update regarding upcoming JI 1&2 Assessments 3-5 Nov

Questions for the JIs are being sent out next week giving the candidates longer than a month to return to the coordinator. Rosie to be Vanessa's main contact point with A&TT and vice versa.

JI 1: Moni Moderating, Melodie and Rosie assessing.

JI 2: Moni moderating, Susie and Melodie assessing.

2. Assessment dates for next year

These are the proposed dates for assessment 2018.

Introductory	18-20 May 25-27 May
JI1 & 2	2-4 November 9-11 November

JI 3 and SI1: 4-5 August (this date suits the Australians).

Jo to mock up panels using Anne Marie and Cornelia and check initially with Louisa then A&TT before checking panels with the Moderator Group. Anne Marie should observe JI.

3. Letter to Joy, regarding Junior Intermediate Level 1 assessing

Discussed our process around this.

Tessa to write a letter to thank Joy for her long-standing assessing work.

4. From Anne-Marie for A&TT to discuss – Assessment dates and Assessor to AAA:

Anne-Marie was interested to know the possible assessment dates for next year. Jo emailed her the proposed dates.

At the NZ All Assessors meeting the assessors voted to apply to the Executive Committee for funding for an assessor to attend the 2018 Australian All Assessors Meeting. Anne-Marie wanted to know if funding had been applied for. **Tessa** to reply to Anne-Marie saying we are pursuing this and **Susie** to write a letter to Executive that cc's the All Assessors.

5. From Cornelia for A&TT to discuss:

1. Application form for assessment: Question 9 needs to emphasise HOME practice and in brackets (this doesn't include classes attended). Candidates are currently asked for a detailed description of their practice.

2. Noted that a few of candidates weren't members of IYANZ throughout whole of training programme. The Database Administrator (currently Jo) checks all trainees are members when they send their trainee enrolment forms in.

3. Since April 2014 Guruji and Geeta expressly stated that trainees can't teach classes and only after first year of training can they teach under close supervision of Trainer or

suitably qualified local certified teacher (ji 2 and above). Noted that some of candidates are blatantly ignoring this and it seems doing so with trainer's approval.

Decided that trainers could be reminded of the rules and policies around Teacher Training. **Louisa** will draft a letter with details that can be given each year as a reminder at the All Assessors meeting. If trainers are unable to meet the obligations then they can seek dispensation from A&TT.

Would like A&TT and All Assessors to:

- *provide very clear guidelines to Trainers to ensure follow the above. (Yes)*
- *How does Association follow up that trainees are complying? (A&TT does not wish to police)*
- *C)Trainer to ensure that trainees are members and not teaching unless supervised adequately. (Currently checking membership).*
- *Overall would like Association to make clearer that Teacher Training is at the level of tertiary education and emphasise skill set that this requires. (**Louisa** to note in letter). e.g. a teacher training for primary/secondary teaching when doing practical is under supervision.*

AND: **Tessa** to put the following aside for the All Assessors meeting:

I would like the All Assessors to discuss the following (to add to the other points I sent you earlier).

- *The question on menstruation for Intro Assessment. I think it needs to stress that question needs to be answered in 2 or 3 parts. (Maybe one or two parts at intro level and 2 or 3 parts at JII level)*
- *1a) what are the asanas/pranayama for a woman's own personal practice and why?*
- *1b) what are the acceptable asanas/Pranayama to be taught for a menstruating woman in a BEGINNERS CLASS. Why are these taught like that and why is this difference accepted compared to ones' personal menstrual practice?*
- *1c) what are the acceptable asanas allowed for assessment and once again why is this difference accepted in this situation compared to Geetaji's (Geetaji letter 2003) highly recommended guidelines on a woman's menstrual practice?*

Louisa to contact Anna Timms to see if she can locate the letter from Geetaji that could be sent out to Cornelia and possibly all teachers once again.

Some other points:

- *2) Intro practice sheet- can it be clearly stated that the Asana practice is not called and that it is 2hrs long (I presume that is correct) and Pranayama will be called to let you know when progress to next Pranayama. Duration of 20mins(?) **Jo** to check and confirm with Cornelia that all is clear for the candidates.*
- *3) Can it also be stated on practice sheet as another reminder (it is in the TT Manual but can be easily missed if Trainer doesn't emphasise) that EVEN THOUGH PRACTICE SAN MUKHI MUDRA in Intro Assessment it CANNOT be taught until achieve Senior Intermediate Level Certificate.*

Louisa to draft a letter to the chair of the Australian A&TT to start the process of

investigating remedying this.

Tessa to let Cornelia know we are working on her queries.

6. Is Cornelia observing JI1 and training towards assessing JI1 (as previously discussed?)

Yes, so there will be 2 Assessors, 1 Moderator, 2 Observers.

7. Cornelia sent through her TT schedule / plan (attached below) for A & TT to read and approve or give feedback on. Did Melodie contact Cornelia about mentoring her training?

All A&TT happy with Cornelia's plan. Melodie will be Cornelia's mentor.

8. Louisa also had brought up the Sanmukhi Mudra in Bhramari in the Intro Assessment

Stephanie Quirk has said this is a mistake that needs addressing so write to Australia first and if not solved write to Geeta, as this needs to be amended. **Louisa** to do.

Other Business:

Discussed making sure assessments were held in other centres other than Auckland when sensible. When we receive the Intro applications next year we will assess where the candidates are from.

Discussed the idea of having a scholarship for a trainee which would cover their assessment costs and their association workshop and perhaps a workshop with a senior teacher.

The Enrolment Form needs updated. **Tessa** to start to arrange.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 26 September 1.30pm

Action Points: 1 August 2017 A&TT

- **Rosie** to let Vanessa know she will be her main contact point with A&TT and vice versa.
- **Jo** to mock up panels for 2018 assessments.
- **Tessa** to write a letter to thank Joy for her long-standing assessing work.
- **Tessa** to reply to Anne-Marie regarding pursuing funding for an assessor to go to the AAA.
- **Susie** to write to Exec (cc's the All Assessors) asking for funding for an assessor to go to AAA.
- **Louisa** to draft a letter of outlining teacher training obligations for All Assessors.
- **Tessa** to note Cornelia's queries for the All Assessors meeting.
- **Jo** to check Intro Practice details and confirm with Cornelia that all is clear for candidates.
- **Louisa** to try to locate the letter from Geetaji regarding menstruation practice guidelines.

- **Louisa** to send a letter to the chair of the Aust A&TT regarding San Mukhi Mudra issue.
- **Tessa** to let Cornelia know we are working on her queries.
- **Tessa** to let Cornelia know that A&TT are happy with her TT plan.
- **Tessa** start to update Enrolment Form.
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