

10 September 2017: Minutes of the AGM of the Iyengar Yoga Association of New Zealand.

Present: Anna Timms (Chair), Roger Brown (Secretary), Jyoteeka Cumming (Treasurer), Kathleen Powell, Erica Viedma, Tilak Raj, Michelle Polgase, Clare Davenport, Colleen Adamson, Kate Coull, Rebecca Boot, Sally Mekalik, Julie Forman, Nadine Holinski, Anne-Marie Tweedie. This constitutes a quorum.

Meeting commenced 1.06pm

1. Invocation.
2. Apologies: Jo Peden, Frances de Haas, Melodie Batchelor, Glenn McBeth and Wendy Brown.
3. Minutes of 2016 AGM Approval proposed by Anna Timms, seconded by Roger Brown. Motion carried.

Matters Arising

Conversion of tapes from analogue to digital – still on-going. To be put on to Agenda of next Exec meeting. Valuable material will be lost altogether if we don't act. Exec will follow this up. Tilak suggested Cloud storage – maybe this could be accessed from the web-site.

4. Annual Financial Report: (Report attached)

MYOB is now up and running. Demelza has been doing a great job, and relieved the enormous pressure previously placed on the Treasurer. Our Association is approximately \$91,000 in credit. Discussion about print Link costs. Discussion about reducing the costs of Assessments. Financial report attached.

Matters arising:

Questions arose about the mediation costs listed in the financial report: Exec explained to the AGM that this mediation was forced upon us, and as both parties agreed to confidentiality cannot be discussed further.

Financial report passed by Anna, seconded by Roger. Report accepted.

5. Committee Reports:

Chairpersons report: Anna gave a brief outline of the activities of the Executive Committee over the past year. Exec has functioned well and efficiently, and had met on skype on a monthly basis. All minutes are posted on the association web-site.

A&TT Report: Provided by Tessa Meek (attached). Discussion about increasing fees for assessments.

Discussion about Geeta's letter to the international Iyengar community. The meeting felt that IYANZ has these matters in hand, and will continue to maintain close contact with Pune in all respects of governance, teacher training and assessments.

Events Report: Presented by Anna. (attached)

Communications:

Link: Presented by Kath. (attached) Michelle questioned the benefit of Association membership to non-teachers. Discussion about providing extra benefits for members. Rebecca suggested video tutorials 'on-line' – maybe video subscriptions which might generate revenue. Videos could be available on web-site. Discussion about the need to support our teachers more, and more inclusivity. Promotion plan/international position? We would like to see increasing membership. Talik suggested more 'Yoga Days' using senior teachers.

Bookshop: Prepared by Glenn (attached).

Library: Presented by Jyoteeka.(attached).

PR Committee: No further activity to report other than having explored some PR packages which proved far too expensive for the Association to sustain.

6. Election of Officers:

Melodie wishes to step down as Chair, and Anna has offered to replace her. Anna nominated by Roger. Jyoteeka seconded. Anna new Chair.

Roger is stepping down as secretary having served the maximum of six years. Kath has agreed to become the new secretary. Kath's nomination as new secretary proposed by Anna, seconded by Roger: elected unopposed.

Jyoteeka stays on as Treasurer.

A new Exec member sought, and Erica Viedma has agreed to fill this vacancy. Erica's Exec membership proposed by Clare, seconded by Michelle: elected

unopposed. Exec is delighted to have a Christchurch committee member after many years without representation.

Michelle has agreed to take over the web-site from Anna now that Anna is chair. Although Melodie has stepped down from Chair she will remain a member of Exec.

Events Committee: Local events committee Claire, Frances and Julie (South Island Committee).

Events Committee North Island: Discussion on-going

PR Committee: Discussion on-going.....

AOB

Wendy Brown has been awarded a Life Membership of the Iyengar Yoga Association of New Zealand. This meeting recognises Wendy's long standing service and commitment to Iyengar Yoga. Sadly Wendy was not able to be present at the meeting due to ill health, but the meeting presented her with a certificate to this effect, and a card. The presentation was videoed.

Guruji's 100th birthday: Suzie Lever suggested a celebratory repast after or during next year's Association workshop. Discussion about this celebratory event (the repast) being scheduled in the middle rather than the end of the activities. (It was felt that if scheduled for the end of the workshop, many would be heading home). It was suggested that for Guruji's centenary we could publish another celebratory Link. Also discussion about further celebrations of Guruji's birthday which could happen on the day (14th December 2018). Christchurch attendees suggested this could evolve into a 'Yoga in the Park' event. It was pointed out that this could generate some media interest.

Further discussion about the ageing student base, and the need to attract more younger practitioners.

Meeting closed 3.00pm

Exec. Wishes to thank to all attendees. Huge thanks also to Colleen for hosting the meeting and organising a wonderful lunch.

