

Minutes IYNZ AGM 2019

Sunday 25th August 2.05pm

Wellington Iyengar Yoga Centre

Jo Peden welcomed all attendees and opened the meeting with a Maori prayer.

Attendees

- Jo Peden, Jyoteeka Cummings, Kathleen Powell, Rosie Percival, Renee Roos, Robert Peden, Nancy Gibson, Michelle Polglase, Lizzy Sommer, Bronwyn Poultney, Gina Inverarity, Karl Drake

Apologies

- Sue Hallas, Louisa Potter, Michelle Robinson, Jane von Roy, Erica Viedma, Eira Kramer, Rosie Holland, Taya van Roon, Wendy Weller-Davies, Wendy Cuthbert, Agata Orlowicz

The minutes of the 2018 AGM were passed by Jyoteeka Cummings, seconded by Kathleen Powell.

There were no matters arising from the 2018 Minutes.

Topic
1. The Chairperson's report was read by Jo Peden (report attached).
2. The Treasurer's report was read by Jyoteeka Cummings (report and financials attached). <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. There was discussion about the ongoing increasing costs of running assessments and the possibility of raising application fees in order to offset the losses.b. The meeting/training in Pune scheduled for December 2019 will provide clarity on the way forward for the certification process, and from there plans can be made for how to run these cost effectively in NZ.c. Timing of the AGM dependent on the accountant having financial reports ready, and this is unlikely to ever be earlier than August.
3. The A&TT report was written by Rosie Holland, and read at the meeting by Renee Roos. (report attached). <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. A&TT are looking to recruit a new member. Sandra McLellan was nominated as a possible candidate.
4. The STAG (Senior Teachers Advisory Group) report was written by Anne-Marie Tweedie and read at the meeting by Jo Peden. (report attached).

5. The Public Relations report, written by Erica Viedma, was read at the meeting by Kathleen Powell (report attached).

- a. There was some discussion around challenges of attracting younger people to Iyengar yoga given the vast array of yoga styles and cheaper options that are available now.
- b. Rosie Percival has been posting regularly to the Facebook page for the past 2 years and has built the page followers to more than 3000 (not all of these followers are NZ based). Rosie will provide some stats on who is engaging with the page. She encouraged other members to like and share the posts in order to increase engagement.

6. Election of officers

- a. Renee Roos was elected to join the Executive Committee to replace Kathleen Powell who is stepping down after her 3 year term. Kathleen will continue to manage the website and membership database, as well as events registration.
- b. Paul Gillick was elected to join the Ethics Committee.

7. General Business

- a. Nancy Gibson commended the Executive on their timely and considered response to the recent negative media coverage of Iyengar Yoga.
- b. There was discussion around the use of physical adjustments and the teacher/student relationship. Teachers are to continue to be mindful of their approach to corrections and adjustments, not only as it relates to physical touch but also choice of language and its impact in the classroom environment.
- c. The Australian association has developed a comprehensive set of documents covering 'Teachers Code of Conduct', 'Harrassment, Bullying and Discrimination Policy' as well as a Complaints Handling Procedure which are available to view on the IYA website. IYNZ may adopt these policies for use in our association.

Next Meeting Date

The date of the next AGM was set for Sunday 23 August 2020. It will be held in Auckland.

Meeting closed at 2.55pm



(Signature)

Jo Peden - IYANZ Chairperson

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