



Yoga Scotland

(incorporating the Scottish Yoga Teachers' Association)

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF YOGA SCOTLAND

HELD AT CARMICHAEL HALLS, EASTWOOD PARK, GIFFNOCK, GLASGOW, AT 12.45PM ON SUNDAY 25TH MARCH 2007

Present: 55 members were present.

The meeting was chaired by Fiona McOwan and minutes were taken by Margo Romberg.

- 1. Welcome and Apologies:** Fiona welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from 32 members.
- 2. Minutes of previous meetings:**
 - (a) Annual General Meeting on 19th March 2006:** Adoption of the minutes as a correct record of the meeting was proposed by Jean Stewart, seconded by Sue Devlin, and carried unanimously.
- 3. Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.
- 4. Presentation of Annual Report by Fiona McOwan:** Fiona drew attention to the phrase "Restricted Funds on the back page". She explained that "Restricted Funds" are monies given by a grant or legacy, restricted to a specific purpose. The correct term which should have been used here was "Designated Funds". An error here has also led to misalignment of words and figures. The correct entry should be:

Designated Funds

Foundation Course Fund	19,495
Teacher Training Course Fund	50,617
On-Going Training Fund	15,702

Free places for Trustees/Committee Members at Annual Seminar: OSCR regulations require that Trustees (i.e. committee members) receive no remuneration, in cash or in kind. About 10 years ago association members had proposed that committee members have a free place at the St Andrews Seminar. This proposal requires to be ratified. In discussion it was agreed that if any given committee member was required to be present at the Seminar, this should be regarded as a necessary committee expense. Frances Corr proposed that elected Trustees should have free places at the Annual St Andrews Seminar; this was seconded by Laura Ellis. The proposal was carried nem. con. with two abstentions.

Questions on the Annual Report: There were no questions.

Adoption of the Annual Report was proposed by Jan Culpan, seconded by Katy MacFarlane, and carried unanimously.

- 5. Presentation of Annual Accounts by the treasurer, Ann Hunter:** Ann explained that the change in layout of the Annual Report was intended to make it clear that Teacher Training funds are used for that specific purpose. The sundry expenses including admin support are £3246. £2548 is the amount for the clerical support and the balance is for sundries.

In response to the query "Why has OGT got so much money in hand?" Ann explained that £5000 was injected into this fund to set it up, but that this was now to be reabsorbed into the General Fund.

Ann also drew attention to the statement in the Annual Report about the setting up of a Bursary Fund.

Adoption of the Annual Accounts was proposed by Sue Devlin, seconded by Barbara Williams, and carried unanimously.

6. **Resolution:** The Resolution set out in detail on the Agenda sheet proposes the replacement of the word “auditor” with the phrase “independent examiner”. It was explained that an “audition” is carried out by a qualified accountant, and is required if annual income of the association is over £100,000. This does not apply to Yoga Scotland: we require an “Independent Examiner” who must be a qualified accountant. The resolution was proposed by the Executive Committee, seconded by Carol Soutar and approved unanimously.
7. **Appointment of Independent Examiner:** As our auditor Allan Macmillan now wished to stand down, the Executive Committee had investigated a suitable replacement. The Committee therefore proposed that Charles Leigh Brown & Son, of 64 Main Street, Cambuslang, be appointed as Independent Examiner. This was seconded by Aileen Hughes and approved unanimously.
8. **Executive Committee Elections:**

Margo Romberg had announced her decision to stand down from the Committee. The following were elected or re-elected to the Committee:

 - ◆ Donna McNeil was nominated by herself, seconded by May Crombie; carried unanimously.
 - ◆ Ann Hunter was nominated by herself, seconded by Aileen Borthwick; carried with one abstention.
 - ◆ Joanna Reilly was nominated by herself, seconded by Catherine Robinson; carried unanimously.
 - ◆ Lorna Meston was nominated by herself, seconded by Jackie LeBrocq; carried with 7 abstentions.
 - ◆ Rosalind Batchelor was nominated by herself, seconded by Jackie LeBrocq; carried with 5 abstentions and three opposing.
9. **AOCB. The following points were raised:**
 - ◆ **Q:** How much time did committee work take up? **A:** This depends on the role of the committee members; often some periods were very busy, other periods less so.
 - ◆ **Q:** Why was it not possible for a student teacher to attend a BWY In-Service Seminar taught by Ruth Gilmore? **A:** BWY allow student teachers to attend IST days. However Yoga Scotland reaffirmed three years ago that only teachers could attend an IST/OGT event. This is obviously an anomaly, but we are governed by our rules.
 - ◆ **Q:** Are there any plans to introduce training for teaching children? **A:** There is a BWY module offering this training, and all BWY modules are open to YS members.
 - ◆ **Q:** Is there any information about how many Foundation Courses will run from September 2007? **A:** This will depend entirely on the number of applicants. So far there are only 5. There have also been only a few applications so far for the Teacher Training Course. It was agreed that all Yoga Scotland teachers should continue to encourage suitable students to come forward and apply for these courses.
 - ◆ **Q:** What news is there about the application for Governing Body Status? **A:** There are various stages that the application to Sport Scotland has to go through. Assessment and ratification at Senior Board Level will take place in May; this had then to be approved at supra-national level, probably early in July. We have letters from BWY and the Scottish Iyengar Association supporting our application.
 - ◆ **Q:** Any plans for a Yoga Scotland T-shirt? **A:** Promotional materials were discussed at the last committee meeting. The possibility of a T-shirt is on the agenda for the next committee meeting
10. **Date and Venue of Next Meeting:** The Executive Committee is currently discussing the appropriate end for our financial year, in order that our annual accounts will give a more realistic picture of our finances. This would also entail a change in the date of the AGM. It was agreed that the Committee should look for a suitable date and venue for next year’s AGM, and inform members once a decision had been taken.

The meeting closed at 2.00 pm.