

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Dorset and Hampshire Iyengar Yoga held on Saturday, 11th July, 2020 at 10 am via Zoom

Present

Committee:

Jenni Doohan (Chairman), Bridget Campbell (Treasurer), Aimee Lou Magee (Membership Secretary), Ingrid Masters (Recording Secretary), Iris Lee (Hampshire Events Coordinator), Kim Trowell (Dorset Events Coordinator), Cheree Low (Media Coordinator), Pauline Green (IYUK Ex Rep), Louisa Elliott and Libby Lee

Members:

Jackie Newman Kathleen Vaile, Diane West, Chris Maclean, Mary Heath, Giulia Howard Hole, Zoe Hobbs, Thai Lee, Cath Otway, Anna Finch, Suzie Walker.

1. Welcome from the Chairman

Chairman's welcome including thanking Cheree Low for hosting the meeting and Bridget Campbell for helping to format it. Due to the coronavirus pandemic the meeting is held via Zoom.

2. Apologies for absence

Jackie Newman gave her apology but did attend.

3. Approval of minutes of 27th April, 2019

Minutes were approved.

4. Matters arising

Since a request was made at our last AGM for confirmation of attendance at the Professional Development days for teachers, a form has been created and all teachers who attended our last PD day, which was moderated by Sheila Haswell, were given the form.

5. Chairman's report

Committee members introduced themselves and the Chairman read out her report.

DHIY Executive Committee Update

Two committee members are stepping down:

Iris Lee has served as Hampshire Events' Coordinator since 2018. Iris has done a laudatory job organising DHIY events in Botley. Under her leadership, Hampshire has held its first First Aid Day for teachers and its first National Iyengar Yoga Day. Thank you Iris for being meticulous, enthusiastic, welcoming and witty.

Today marks the end of my 2nd 3-year tenure as Chairman. I am the second committee member who is stepping down from the committee today. I would like to express my thanks to everyone who has helped me on my journey as chairman. It has expanded my normal boundaries and has taught me many useful lessons. DHIY has been a part of my life for many years now and I look forward to continuing to be part of our positive and supportive community.

Two other committee members have reached the end of their tenure:

Kim Trowell has been on the committee since 2005. She became the Events' Organiser in 2005 and, when the role was split between the two counties in 2007, Kim became the Dorset Events' Coordinator. Today marks the end of Kim's long tenure. Having organised many yoga days, Kim is well known in our local yoga community. I thank Kim for her many years of dedicated service,

looking after our visiting teachers, her attention to detail, and her sense of humour. Kim will be standing as a general member of the committee today.

Cheree Low has reached the end of her 2nd 3-year tenure as Public Relations. Cheree joined the committee in 2014 and has brought DHIY into the modern age. Cheree has been responsible for the revamping of the website and the newsletter, launching the Facebook page, and designing the DHIY tee shirt. Thank you Cheree for your positive vision, indefatigable efforts and innovations. Cheree is standing again for a role on the committee today.

Bridget Campbell has served as our Honorary Treasurer since 2015. Bridget has been dedicated and punctilious on her role. She has overseen bringing in the new online payment system for our yoga days and for making sure that the prices for membership and yoga days remain affordable for our members. Thank you Bridget for all your time, effort and expertise that you put into your role as Honorary Treasurer. Bridget is standing for the role of Chairperson today.

Aimee Lou Magee joined the committee in 2018 as Membership Secretary. Aimee Lou has overseen our membership renewals and has been a friendly and enthusiastic presence in our committee. Thank you Aimee Lou for all that you have done for DHIY. Aimee Lou is continuing on the committee as a general member.

Since the last AGM, two members have been co-opted onto the committee:

Louisa Elliot and Libby Lee. They will both be standing officially as general members at the AGM today.

Events Held Since the Last AGM and Status of Upcoming Gabriella Giubilaro Weekend

In Botley, there have been three general yoga days. The teachers were Margaret Rawlinson, Lydia Holmes, and Andrea Smith. In Bournemouth a general yoga was taught by Marios Argiros and a general yoga morning was taught by Kirsten Agar Ward. Due to the corona virus, we have had to cancel yoga days with Judith Jones (rescheduled to October '20), and Aisling Guirke (rescheduled to July, 2021) who was due to teach today.

Events held for teachers included a Professional Development day moderated by Sheila Haswell in Botley, and a teachers' afternoon workshop in Bournemouth which was taught by Kirsten Agar Ward. The PD day in June in Bournemouth which was to be moderated by Mary Heath had to be cancelled but we plan to reschedule it in the next membership year, following guidance from IY (UK). Both Botley and Bournemouth enjoyed National Iyengar Yoga Day events in January. The teachers who taught the free classes were Elaine Rees and Marcelle Edwards in Southbourne and Rachael Lovegrove in Botley.

Due to uncertainty and logistics, we have had to cancel the Gabriella Giubilaro weekend in October in Bournemouth. We hope to reschedule the event for 2021.

Thank you for your support

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help over the year, serving on the executive committee, on sub-committees, helping at yoga days, or writing articles for the newsletter. Recently it has been a very difficult time for all. We hope that soon we will be able to get back to meeting face to face again. Thank you for supporting me as your chairman for the last six years.

6. Treasurer's report

Bridget referred to the report sent out with the agenda.

Dorset and Hampshire Iyengar Yoga
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FROM 1st APRIL 2019 TO 31st MARCH 2020

RECEIPTS	£	£	Notes
Membership	1,067.00		120 members, 1 sec mem
Events	3,898.42		
Special Events	-		
Training	1,161.43		
Interest	8.04		
Donations	-		
TOTAL		6,134.89	
PAYMENTS			
Membership	-		
Events	4,186.09		
Special Events	217.00		Gabriella Hotel
Training	801.76		
Admin	359.47		Newsletter printing £287
Postage	562.42		IYN 35 & 36 + Newsletters
Travel	-		
Donations	95.00		IYDF
Stationery	2.99		
Library	94.32		
Publicity	184.77		Includes T-shirts
TOTAL		6,503.82	
SURPLUS/ DEFICIT		- 368.93	
B/FWD		7,950.21	£
TOTAL CAPITAL		7,581.28	BANK BALANCE 7,564.05
			PETTY CASH 17.23
			TOTAL ASSETS 7,581.28

Accounts Prepared by Bridget Campbell

Date

Accounts Reviewed by Paul Newton

Bridget Campbell

15th June 2020

Paul Newton

Events

We received £360 in the previous year in bookings for events held in 2019-20. Similarly we have received £177 for workshops arranged for later in 2020 during the year being reported on.

Some of our events don't cover their costs but others make a surplus. As providing events is a key objective of DHIY then it is reasonable to spend more than we receive for events.

We introduced the online booking system for events planned for 2020. We pay a monthly fee of £9 for the system and also pay a transaction fee to Stripe, our payment partner, for each online payment made. Total Stripe fees from November 2019 to March 2020 amounted to £27. We think these are reasonable costs to provide a more convenient booking method for our members and non members, which enables them to pay online and cancel or transfer bookings.

Special Events

These are the weekend workshops and, as we did not run a weekend event in the year, the only cost is for the hotel booking for the weekend that was planned for later in 2020.

Training

These are the PD Days and other events exclusively for teachers. We always set the price for these events to ensure that they do not make a loss.

Postage

IY(UK) charge DHIY £3.50 for the postage to each of our members of 2 issues of the IY News magazine each year.

Donations

We make an annual donation to the Iyengar Yoga Development Fund which was initiated in honour of Guriji's 95th birthday.

Publicity

The costs and sales of our t-shirts are included in the publicity costs.

Summary for the Year

Overall in the year we spent just under £369 more than we received, reducing our balance to £7,581.28. This is a very healthy position which allows us to provide services for our members such as our newsletters and the library, which we continue to add to.

Bridget noted that the hotel payment has been refunded in the new financial year for the cancelled September event's teacher.

There were no questions from members and the financial report was approved unanimously.

7. Membership Secretary's report

DHIY Membership Numbers

Non Teacher Total 55
Dorset 33
Hants 17
Middlesex 1
Somerset 3
W Sussex 1
Teacher Total 57
Dorset 25
Hants 23
Wilts 4
W Sussex 3
Texas 1
Somerset 1

Aimee Lou took us through the report which shows members at June 18th 2020. Membership renewal went out at the end of March. Since the latest report was published there were some additional members. 16 ex-members have not yet renewed this year. Aimee Lou will contact them. 1 person failed to renew due to technical difficulties, another's person contact details were no longer current.

8. Change to the constitution

After BKS Iyengar's death the following request from IYU was made to change our constitution.

Following a decision by the EX Committee of Iyengar Yoga (UK), Iyengar Yoga (UK) have amended the model constitution for Member Groups. As a result, DHIY needs to adopt the following change:

Remove clause 81, which reads: 'The President of the Organisation shall be Yogacharya BKS Iyengar. The Executive Committee shall appoint a new President to fill any vacancy in the Office of President.'

And replace with the following: '8a All Member Group official correspondence documents, and websites may carry the sentence "In the Light of BKS Iyengar" in its header sections.

The change was unanimously approved.

9. Elections to the Executive Committee

Jenni explained that after we held the vote on the Chairperson, the new Chairperson will take charge of the meeting.

We have received 1 nomination for Chairperson and that was from Bridget Campbell. Bridget was nominated by Pauline Green and seconded by Kim Trowell.

Bridget was elected Chairperson with 17 votes.

Jenni handed the meeting over to Bridget, the new Chairperson.

With Bridget being Chairperson, there is now a vacancy for treasurer. Cheree had withdrawn her nomination. Chris Maclean was nominated by Cheree Low and seconded by Jenni Doohan.

Chris was elected treasurer with 17 votes and 1 abstention.

General members,

Cheree Low, nominated by Pauline Green and seconded by Jenni Doohan. Cheree received 18 votes.

Libby Lee was co-opted during the year. She is nominated by Jenni Doohan and seconded by Iris Lee. Libby received 15 votes in favour, 1 no vote and 2 abstentions.

Louisa Elliott was co-opted during the year. She was nominated by Kim Trowell and seconded by Jenni Doohan. Louisa received 17 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

Kim Trowell was self-nominated and seconded by Bridget Campbell. She received 14 votes in favour, 1 no vote and 4 abstentions.

Cheree, Libby, Louisa and Kim were confirmed as committee members.

Bridget thanked everybody for their contribution. She pointed out that there is still 1 vacancy in the executive committee and that interested members can be co-opted during the year.

10. Any other business

Bridget thanked Jenni for her work during the last 6 years as Chairman. Jenni received an electronic clap.

Suzie Walker enquired about future events. Bridget explained that we follow advice from IYUK. Cheree explained that we had to cancel the September event because of uncertainty in the current climate.

Kim pointed out that 2 events had already been booked for 2021. Bridget reminded us that we had to wait and see what restrictions were in place by then.

Kath Vaile asked why we had many events in Botley. She asked for more events held in Southbourne. Anna Finch echoed Kath's request. Bridget reminded us that events cannot be held in Southbourne any longer. The executive committee will look into these matters.

Jenni asked for Zoom yoga days to be considered by the committee.

There were no further matters raised.

Bridget thanked Cheree for hosting the meeting and everybody else for their attendance. She closed the meeting.

Ingrid Masters

(Recording Secretary)

Bridget Campbell

(Chairperson)