

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Dorset and Hampshire Iyengar Yoga held on Saturday, 27th April, 2019 at 1:21 pm at Trinity Methodist Church, Southbourne

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

Members:

Jackie Newman, Kathleen Vaile, Zoe Hobbs, Giulia Howard-hole, Cheryl Bates,
Tarya Armitage, Ann Oickle, Carol Batterson, Bobbie Vallis, Semra O'Reilly, Sharon
Cox-Button, Catherine Otway, Christine Maclean, Star Hobby, Louise Kirby, Chrissie
Barrett, Judy Price

1. **Welcome.** Chairman's welcome including thanking Cheree Low for taking the minutes on behalf of Ingrid Masters.
2. **Apologies for absence.** Pauline Green, Lone Mehta.
3. **Approval of minutes of 28th April, 2018.** Approved unanimously.
4. **Matters arising.** No matters arising.
5. **Chairman's report.**

Hello and welcome to our 14th Annual General Meeting of Dorset and Hampshire Iyengar Yoga (previously called Dorset and Hampshire Iyengar Yoga Institute). We are delighted to have Brenda Booth teach for us again.

A sad event has happened since our last AGM - the passing of Geetaji, B.K.S. Iyengar's daughter. Several of our members were fortunate to have been at the convention at Balewadi outside of Pune hours before Geeta took her last breath. Our community is so blessed to have many memories, articles, books, and dvds reminding us of Geeta's brilliant insights and clear teachings. She will continue to live in our hearts and minds.

This is my fifth AGM as chairman. I am lucky to have a strong and dedicated team forming the executive committee. On the bottom of the agenda you will find a list of their names and roles. In case you do not know them by sight, please will the executive committee stand up and say your name and role? Absent is Pauline Green

(formerly Collison) who is the IY (UK) EX rep. She is at their meeting today in Manchester. I am pleased to announce that all 8 executive committee members are happy to carry on for another year. Our constitution stipulates that there can be up to 10 people on the committee which means there are currently two general posts vacant. In a year's time, there are three members who will have reached the end of their second three year tenure. They are Cheree Low, Kim Trowell and me. It is important that we get new people with fresh ideas stepping forwards to take over the reigns. If you would like more information about serving on the committee in any capacity, please let me know.

Since our last AGM, we have held three yoga days in Botley. The teachers were Margaret Rawlinson, Uday Bhosale, and Edgar Stringer. In Bournemouth, we hosted a sold out weekend event taught by German teacher, Rita Keller. The theme was "Yoga for Healthy Ageing". We also had Marios Argiros teach a general yoga day in Bournemouth. Events for our teacher members included a First Aid day in Bournemouth and, for the first time ever, a First Aid day in Botley. Lynda Purvis moderated the professional development day which took place in Southbourne. In January we offered free classes to celebrate National Iyengar Yoga Day in Southbourne. We were fortunate to have Pauline Green, Star Hobby, and Chrissie Barrett teach for the morning classes. The aims were to celebrate Iyengar Yoga and to introduce new people to the method. Over the last year we had another social gathering at the vegan cafe Mad Cucumber in Bournemouth. A delicious dinner was followed by a short dvd screening of our revered Geeta teaching Trikonasana.

Our members continue to make use of our mobile library. I have heard that another member group was so impressed by our efforts that they were going to set up their own library similar to ours. The DHIY Facebook group has 151 members. Please feel free to request to join the group by visiting the page. I have received many positive comments about Yoga Prajna, our newsletter that comes out twice a year. Finally, we now have beautiful tee shirts, which were designed by Cheree, for sale.

Thank you to all members who have volunteered to help over the year - serving on sub committees, helping at yoga days and the weekend workshop, manning the library, selling tee shirts, and writing articles for the newsletter. We really appreciate your support which ensures that DHIY continues to thrive and blossom. Thank you for attending this AGM.

6. Treasurer's report

- Bridget explained that the donations on the report are due to reimbursement for fraudulent charges.
- Judy Price questioned the need for the amount allocated to the DHIY Library. Bridget explained that the budget goes towards continuing acquisitions. Semra O'Reilly thanked DHIY for providing a library and says the other member group to which she belongs, does not have a library.

Dorset and Hampshire Iyengar Yoga
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FROM 1st APRIL 2018 TO 31st MARCH 2019

RECEIPTS	£	£	Notes
Membership	1,172.00		132 members, 2 sec mem
Events	4,862.00		
Special Events	5,235.00		
Training	2,418.00		
Interest	5.47		
Donations	59.90		Refunds - fraudulent DDs

TOTAL		<u>13,752.37</u>	
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PAYMENTS			
Membership	21.46		Posting membership cards
Events	4,369.74		
Special Events	4,314.14		
Training	2,039.18		
Admin	488.60		
Postage	767.89		IYN 32, 33, 34
Travel	102.30		
Donations	95.00		IYDF
Stationery	-		
Library	198.89		
Publicity	1,251.14		Includes T-shirts

TOTAL		<u>13,648.34</u>	
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SURPLUS/ DEFICIT		104.03	
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B/FWD	<u>7,846.18</u>	BANK BALANCE	£ 7,932.98
TOTAL CAPITAL	<u><u>7,950.21</u></u>	PETTY CASH	<u>17.23</u>
		TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>7,950.21</u></u>

Accounts Prepared by Bridget Campbell *B Campbell*

Date *23rd April 2019*

Accounts Reviewed by Paul Newton *Paul Newton*

7. Membership Secretary's report

Membership data April 2019

Non Teachers	35 Dorset
	20 Hampshire
	1 London
	1 Somerset
	1 Wiltshire
	58 TOTAL

Teachers	27 Dorset
	22 Hampshire
	3 Wiltshire
	1 Somerset
	3 West Sussex
	56 TOTAL

A fall in the number of non teacher members this quarter. However a significant number of renewal advices still being sent to me on a weekly basis. As an experiment I waited until the 31st of March to do my own renewal. I received notification of my renewal on the 23rd April. As there is no penalty for renewing later than March 31st I expect non membership renewals to continue and numbers to rise. If agreed I will send a reminder to all non renewers.

8. Changes to the Constitution

Resolution 1: Confirm approval of changes that were advised in November of the change of name. Unanimously approved.

Resolution 2 : In order to clarify the limits on tenure of Officers we propose to amend clause 4 b as follows: Add the word 'then' to the first sentence so that it reads: 'All Members of the Executive Committee should have a tenure of three years. Executive Committee members may stand for a second term but there must then be a gap of one or more terms before anyone can occupy the same position again.' Unanimously approved.

Resolution 3: The Officer titles of the organisation defined in clause 4 a are not consistent with the Officers in post, namely there is no longer an Honorary Secretary and instead there is a Membership Secretary and a Recording Secretary. We propose the following amendments: In clause 4 a, replace the words 'Honorary Secretary' with the words 'Membership Secretary, Recording Secretary' and replace

the word 'seven' with 'six' and the word 'four' with 'three' so that it reads: 'The Organisation shall appoint at the Annual General Meeting an Executive Committee to be constituted as a Chairperson, Honorary Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Recording Secretary and up to six and not fewer than three other members including any other office bearers deemed necessary.' Remove clause 8 c relating to the role of Honorary Secretary and renumber clause 8 d as 8 c, 8 e as 8 d, 8 f as 8 e and 8 g as 8 f. Unanimously approved.

9. Elections to the Executive Committee. No new nominations were received. Members unanimously supported all current executive committee members to remain on the executive committee.

10. Any other business. Star Hobby requested that attendees of Professional Development days receive a certificate of participation for their records and to provide to third parties (such as REPS.)

11. Date of next meeting. TBC.

The meeting was closed at 1:51 pm.

Cheree Low
(Acting Minute Recorder)

Jenni Doohan
(Chairman)