

SHIATSU SOCIETY (UK)

Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

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Saturday 4th April 2009, 4.50pm

Bristol Buddhist Centre, 162 Gloucester Road, Bishopston, Bristol BS7 89T

Chair: Tamsin Grainger
Directors Present: Mick Duncan
Elizabeth Davies
David Home
Catherine Scanlon
Minutes: Samantha Haywood
Present: 28 members (the meeting was quorate)

(1) **APOLOGIES**

Cliff Andrews, Celia Little, Anne Roy, Sylvie Marshall, Char Scrivener, Kim Lovelace, Artemis Papert, Mary Parr, Richard Blair, Elaine Liechti, Donna Willis, Laura Davison, David Chatterley, Nicholas Millington, Charles Reece, Sibs Walter, Ettaline Hill, Mary Macfarlane, Daniela Coronelli, Liz Ferris.

(2) **MINUTES OF THE EGM 2008**

Tamsin Grainger proposed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting and should be approved as such. David Home seconded. All in favour.

(3) **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EGM 2008**

There were no matters arising.

(4) **PROPOSALS**

No proposals had been received.

(5) **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Newsletter

Thea Bailey stated that she did not like the new programme sized newsletter as it was not a professional representation of a quality organisation.

Tamsin Grainger replied that a topic would be started on the website discussion boards for feedback.

Communications

Tamsin Grainger stated that not all members are online so cannot receive the enews. We are aware that some items on the enews are not published elsewhere but these are usually items with tight deadlines. It was noted that sometimes members' need to be written to.

Thea Bailey felt the Society should have written to all members about the death of Chris Jarmey.

Samantha Haywood stated that many members die and it is not practical to write to all members each time to inform them. Chris's death was published in the last two newsletter, on enews and on the website. If we just write to members on certain deaths then this would be extremely unfair and unethical.

Jo Durden asked if links could be put into the enews direct to our site to make more members use it.

Tamsin Grainger replied that we could have an item each week or month that could contain a link. All agreed that a trial suspension of the security on the website be actioned so anyone can access any area of the site. Catherine Scanlon was concerned that the site could be targeted by anti CAM people. Cliff Jenkinson confirmed that only members would be able to access the discussion boards to write an entry.

5-year plan

Tim Mason asked that once the 5-year plan and/or Statement of Intent is ready to be implemented then all decisions are taken to an AGM for members to vote on before they are implemented. Tim wanted reassurance on this.

Tamsin Grainger stated that anything regarding changes to the Rules & Regulations would definitely go to the AGM but noted that the Board could put in a years worth of work on other aspects only to have it turned down at an AGM. Tamsin confirmed a lot more discussion is needed before any major changes could take place.

David Home's proposals that failed at the AGM

Tamsin Grainger suggested to David that the proposals were rewritten and brought back to an AGM.

Postal Voting

Tamsin Grainger confirmed that we have looked into postal voting many times and there are many implications but it will be revisited.

Cliff Jenkinson confirmed that a proposal at the AGM can go to postal ballot if 20 members request it.

Several members felt that the information available and discussions before the AGM was not sufficient as they felt unsure what to vote. Tamsin Grainger reminded members that written questions can be put in before the AGM and the Meeting of Friends is the chance to discuss issues. Catherine Scanlon stated that reports are given in each newsletter to give members more information. Tamsin said that we would look into this and address ways of more fully informing members prior to the 2010 AGM.

Thea Bailey felt the EGM was rushed due to overrunning and more time should be made available for it. Tamsin Grainger acknowledged that today's timings had not been good.

Mick Duncan felt that Rule changes needing 7/8ths majority was high. It was suggested that Mick could put a proposal to the next AGM to change this.

The meeting closed at 5.20pm.