



Tai Chi Union for Great Britain

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Tai Chi Union for Great Britain will be held on **Saturday 18th April 2015 at Wu's Academy Unit 2a, 1st Floor, 449-453, Bethnal Green Road, London E2 9QH commencing at 3.00pm (doors open at 2.30pm)** for the following purpose:

AGENDA

- 1. To read the Notice convening the Meeting.**
- 2. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting and any matters arising.**
- 3. To receive the Annual Report as required by the Constitution (Brief Finance Report attached).**
- 4. Nominations for Executive Committee members and Officers in accordance with the Constitution. Present holders are:**

Gary Wragg (Executive)

Marnix Wells (Executive and Vice Chairman)

Peter Ballam (Executive and Secretary)

Mark Peters (Executive)

Tony Ulatowski (Executive)

Dan Docherty (Executive & Chairman)

David Hackett (Executive)

Faye Yip (Executive)

Shelagh Grandpierre (Executive)

Non Executive Officers:

Ronnie Robinson (Membership, Promotions & Publicity Officer)

Aileen Cromar (Treasurer)

Please note that all members of the Executive Committee are required to retire after one year, all present members offer themselves for re-election to their current posts. Nominations for new members of the Executive Committee must be made by members of the TCUGB who are eligible to vote. Nominees can only be considered if they can fulfill the requirements set out in Clause 8 b. of the Constitution. The Constitution restricts the maximum number of Executive members to 10. Nominations must be received by the Secretary on or before the Annual General Meeting. Following the AGM the nominations will be posted on the website along with the arrangements for voting. Members will have until 31st May 2015 to vote for the candidates. The new Executive will take their posts following the voting period.

5. Nominations for Honorary Posts

Nominations for the Honorary Posts of President and Vice President are invited from members. Nominations are to be made to the Secretary by 31st May 2015. The nominations will be considered by the Executive and any new appointments will be posted on the website by 31st July 2015

6. Any Other Business.

If a member wishes to raise any item under this section, please ensure that a written submission is made to the Secretary at least 10 working days before the meeting so it can be considered for inclusion by the Executive members.

By Order of the Executive Committee.

Date: 25th February 2015

Note: A member entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint a Proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf, such Proxy needs to be in writing.



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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR PERIOD 1ST APRIL 2014 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2014

NB To ensure the financial information was available for the AGM the accounting year has been amended to 31st December

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013/14</u>
INCOME		
Membership fees	£ 35,379.78	£ 43,904.23
Insurance Premiums	£ 23,463.00	£ 35,569.00
Magazine Sales	£ 1,769.00	£ 2,368.75
Magazine Adverts	£ 2,502.50	£ 3,542.75
Certificates	£ 300.00	£ 375.00
T Shirts	£ 90.00	£ 71.00
Online Sales	£ 1,508.34	£ 1,081.00
Interest	£ -	£ -
Miscellaneous	£ 552.50	£ 223.60
TOTAL	£ 65,565.12	£ 87,135.33
EXPENDITURE		
Insurance Costs	£ 20,113.83	£ 28,249.60
Magazine Production (2 copies produced in this period)	£ 8,888.00	£ 13,513.00
Postage & Stationery	£ 6,173.33	£ 11,704.77
T Shirts/Badges	£ 9,947.00	£ 7,162.50
Administration	£ 5,912.00	£ 6,824.00
Executive Ctte Expenses	£ 2,749.93	£ 2,600.50
Website Maintenance	£ 1,465.88	£ 1,321.38
Update Software	£ 88.35	£ 621.57
Paypal Costs	£ 346.19	£ 556.89
Broadband/Web Hosting	£ 343.24	£ 557.34
Refunds to members	£ 663.00	£ 1,668.00
Misc. Expenditure	£ 2,257.05	£ 1,851.59
Bursaries/Members Funding	£ 2,698.81	£ 6,947.18
TOTAL	£ 61,646.61	£ 83,578.32
PROFIT/LOSS (-)	£ 3,918.51	£ 3,557.01

STATEMENT OF RESERVES

Balance Brought Forward	£ 44,630.41	£ 41,073.40
Profit/Loss this Period	£ 3,918.51	£ 3,557.01
Balance Carried Forward	£ 48,548.92	£ 44,630.41

BALANCE SHEET

Debtors	£ -	Creditors	£ -
Cash at Bank	£ 48,548.92	Reserve Provision	£ 48,548.92
	£ 48,548.92		£ 48,548.92

13th February 2015

The Tai Chi Union for Great Britain



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE TAI CHI UNION FOR GREAT BRITAIN HELD ON 12th APRIL 2014 AT 449-453, BETHNAL GREEN RD., LONDON E2 9QH.

Apologies: Faye Yip, Mark Peters, Aileen Cromar & Ronnie Robinson

Present: **Executive Members and Officers;** Tony Ulatowski, Sheilagh Grandpierre, Dan Docherty, Peter Ballam, Gary Wragg, David Hackett and Marnix Wells were present in addition to 7 members

THE NOTICE CALLING THE MEETING was taken as read and the meeting commenced with Dan Docherty in the chair.

1. **Minutes of Last Annual General Meeting & Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising from the previous Minutes and these were unanimously accepted as a true record.

2. **Annual Report:**

Treasurer – Unfortunately Aileen could not attend this year and her report was not received in time for presentation to the meeting. It was agreed that the report would be circulated with the Minutes so members have the information and an opportunity to raise any questions. The Executive would also consider ways of avoiding a similar situation in future years. (Report attached)

In the absence of the accounts for the last financial year, the meeting took another look at the accounts for 2013 and some general points were raised regarding the need for greater detail on the breakdown of costs, in particular the bigger items of expenditure such as the production of the Magazine. It was agreed that a revised format would be developed to provide the level of detail required.

Chairman – Dan Docherty confirmed that the Union will continue to offer financial support to members wishing to participate in competitions, and other activities recognized by the TCUGB.

Dan advised the meeting that the TCUGB would be celebrating the 25th Anniversary in 2015/6 and it was intended to organise some special events.

Dan also mentioned that the Taijiquan & Qigong Federation for Europe (TCFE) hold a forum and competition on alternate years. This year the TCFE forum is to be hosted as part of Tai Chi Caledonia event. Caledonia will be celebrating its 20th year. The organiser, Ronnie Robinson, has requested financial support from the TCUGB to make this joint event a special occasion for all who attend.

The next TCFE competition will be held in Latvia in September/October 2015.

Dan invited Gary Wragg to speak about the event he was organising.

Gary informed the meeting that his Wu Tai Chi Chuan Academy was celebrating its 25th anniversary and in May/June they would be running a number of events culminating in the 3rd International Wu Style Tai Chi Chuan Federation Competition on the 1st June 2014. Gary is also seeking financial support from the TCUGB to help with the cost of hosting this event.

3. Nominations for Executive and Posts:

Peter advised that all the current postholders had agreed to stand for re-election and no new nominations had been received prior to the meeting. Although further nominations were invited from those present none were received.

The nominations are :

Gary Wragg (Executive)	Peter Ballam (Executive & Secretary)
Dan Docherty (Executive & Chair)	Tony Ulatowski (Executive)
Mark Peters (Executive)	Marnix Wells (Executive & Vice Chair)
Faye Yip (Executive)	David Hackett (Executive)
Shelagh Grandpierre (Executive)	

Non Executive Officers:

Ronnie Robinson (Membership, Media & Promotions Officer)
Aileen Cromer (Treasurer)

Ballot papers and the arrangements for voting are available on the website, please note eligible members have until 31st May 2014 to vote.

4. Any Other Business:

- a. **Website Update** – Peter informed the meeting that following last years comments the website is being revised and John Johnson the “webmaster” is currently setting up the new website using Wordpress and looking to migrate information from the current site.

The current site has “evolved” over the years and is difficult to navigate. The new site should be simpler and more user friendly.

John is hoping to have the site available in the near future for a final review by the Executive before it going “live”.

- b. **Sponsorship** - It was reported that obtaining sponsorship from the commercial sector for competitions etc. was difficult to obtain by individual members of the TCUGB and would it be possible for the TCUGB to offer some tangible return to sponsors, such as promotion of their product for a limited period at all TCUGB events..

Dan and Gary explained that most of the events such as the British Open and Caledonia are not TCUGB events but organised by individual members. As the TCUGB does not organise major events on a regular basis there was little that could be offered in the way of an advertising opportunity to potential sponsors.

It was confirmed that the TCUGB would continue to invite and consider requests for funding from both individuals and organisations seeking assistance in attending or organising events.

- c. **Interaction between Styles** – It was suggested that the TCUGB should arrange events to encourage instructor members to meet to exchange views and to reinforce the principles behind the organisation.
- d. **Attendance/Participation at AGM** – It was suggested that in addition to the Notice of the AGM appearing on the website and Magazine that an email should be sent to all members reminding them of the event and seeking suggestions etc. for consideration.

David Hackett did comment that members frequently forget to update their contact details so emails may not be received.

As there was no further business, Dan thanked Gary and his team for hosting the Annual General Meeting and the meeting closed at 3.20pm.

Account Summary March 2014

Starting Balance	£	41,073.40
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<u>Income</u>	Apr 13 - Mar 14	
Membership fees	£	43,904.23
Assessments	£	48.00
Certificates	£	375.00
Magazine Adverts	£	3,542.75
Mag Sales	£	2,368.75
Paypal Sales	£	1,081.00
T-Shirt Sales	£	71.00
Insurance fees	£	35,569.00
Misc	£	175.60
Interest	£	-

Total		£87,135.33
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Expenditure

Insurance fees	£	28,249.60
AGM/Travel Expenses	£	1,341.80
Exec Expenses	£	805.70
Internet/Comms	£	557.34
Administration	£	6,824.00
Stationery/Office Equipment	£	1,994.06
Database Updating/Software	£	621.57
Postage	£	9,710.71
Web maintenance	£	1,321.38
PayPal sales payments	£	556.89
Competition Expenses	£	653.00
Bursary's	£	6,294.18
Membership Refunds	£	1,668.00
T-Shirts	£	7,162.50
Magazine Adverts	£	1,113.62
Magazine Production	£	13,513.00
Misc	£	737.97
TCFE Expenses	£	453.00
<u>Expenditure Total</u>	£	83,578.32

<u>Balance(+ve/-ve)</u>		£3,557.01
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End/Actual Balance	£	44,630.41
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Account Summary 2013 and 2014

<u>Income</u>		2013		2014	
Membership fees	£	35,920.67	£	43,904.23	
Assessments			£	48.00	
Certificates	£	376.00	£	375.00	
Magazine Adverts	£	5,147.75	£	3,542.75	
Mag Sales	£	1,805.49	£	2,368.75	
Paypal Sales	£	1,015.99	£	1,081.00	
T-Shirt Sales	£	362.00	£	71.00	
Insurance fees	£	29,578.28	£	35,569.00	
Misc	£	356.00	£	175.60	
Interest			£	-	
Total	£	74,562.18	£	87,135.33	

Expenditure

Insurance fees	£	26,731.38	£	28,249.60	
AGM/Travel Expenses	£	949.79	£	1,341.80	
Exec Expenses	£	1,034.20	£	805.70	
Internet/Comms	£	499.35	£	557.34	
Administration	£	6,285.00	£	6,824.00	
Stationery/Office Equipment	£	1,595.91	£	1,994.06	
Database Updating/Software	£	562.60	£	621.57	
Postage	£	7,396.38	£	9,710.71	
Web maintenance	£	1,603.88	£	1,321.38	
PayPal sales payments	£	786.24	£	556.89	
Competition Expenses			£	653.00	
Bursary's	£	7,273.14	£	6,294.18	
Membership Refunds	£	469.00	£	1,668.00	
T-Shirts	£	7,659.60	£	7,162.50	
Magazine Adverts			£	1,113.62	
Magazine Production	£	15,318.57	£	13,513.00	
Misc	£	341.22	£	737.97	
TCFE Expenses			£	453.00	
Expenditure Total	£	78,506.26	£	83,578.32	
Balance(+ve/-ve)	£	(3,944.08)	£	3,557.01	