

The Tai Chi Union for Great Britain



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE TAI CHI UNION FOR GREAT BRITAIN HELD ON 31ST MARCH 2007 AT FURNIVAL BUILDING, ARCHWAY CAMPUS, HIGHGATE HILL LONDON N19 5LW

Present: G. Wragg, D. Doherty, M. Wells, K. Limb, D. Hackett, D. Prince, J. Storey, M. Pearl, D. Spargo, G. Joly & J. Joley.

Apologies: R. Robinson, A. Schoter, S. Grandpierre, F. Yip, M. Peters, C. Haley, K. Alker, I. Kendall, K. Allen & W. Thorne.

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

- 1. Minutes of Last Annual General Meeting:** There were no matters arising and the meeting unanimously accepted the Minutes as a true record.
- 2. Annual Report:** Gary gave a brief report on the activities since the last meeting, a copy of his Report is attached.
- 3. Nominations for Executive and Posts:**

The following nominations were received and approved,

Gary Wragg (Executive)	
Dan Doherty (Executive & Chair)	Peter Balam (Executive & Secretary)
Mamix Wells (Executive & Vice Chair)	Andreas Schoter (Executive)
Faye Yip (Executive)	David Hackett (Executive)
Shelagh Grandpierre (Executive)	Mark Peters (Executive)
Aileen Cromar (Membership Secretary/Treasurer)	Jayne Storey (Executive)

The nominations have been posted on the website, members have 10 days to cast their vote before the new members take up the posts.

- 4. Proposed Amendments to the Constitution:** Peter Balam explained the reasons for the proposed changes. With the TCUGB being a national organization it was not easy for members to participate in the AGM and to make the decision taking more inclusive the Executive proposed changes to the Constitution to allow the members to vote on matters by e.mail or post. The wording of the Proposed Changes had been posted on the website and no comments had been received.

The meeting unanimously accepted the proposed changes and the new wording of the Constitution will appear on the website. The changed arrangements will apply to the 2008 and subsequent elections.

- 5. Register of Exercise Professionals:** One of the Union members had brought to the Executive's attention that Tai Chi instructors were not receiving referrals from GP's etc. as our instructors are not recognized by the Register of Exercise Professionals. Yoga, Pilate etc. were receiving referrals. Several people present at the meeting had experience of this problem and after some discussion it was agreed that the Executive would pursue the matter and try and agree an accredited syllabus that would allow recognition, entry to the exercise and movement category is through the appropriate sport Governing Body, so the TCUGB need to agree a system that is acceptable. Jayne Storey would be asked to co-ordinate the discussions.

6. **Future Direction of TCUGB:** Dan Docherty advised the meeting that there were various issues on an international level that required monitoring and input from the TCUGB to ensure that our members are not disadvantaged. For example the Wushu organization had introduced gradings, and it appeared the organization is canvassing to have these recognized so only the recognized instructors can teach certain Qi Gong.

The aims of the Union remain to promote traditional Tai Chi in all its forms, martial, health etc. without imposing too many rules and regulations on the members.

7. **Thanks:** Gary was standing down as Chair at this meeting having undertaken the role for 3 years, this was his second term as Chairman, and the meeting offered a vote of thanks for the work he had done during his time in office. Karen Limb was also leaving as the Membership Secretary/Treasurer after many years in the role and the meeting thanked her for her work and offered best wishes for the future.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 3.30pm.