

The Tai Chi Union for Great Britain



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE TAI CHI UNION FOR GREAT BRITAIN HELD ON 4th APRIL 2009 AT BLACKBIRD LEYS SPORTS CENTRE, OXFORD.

Apologies: No Apologies

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:** There were no matters arising and the meeting unanimously accepted the Minutes as a true record.
- 2. Annual Report:** Karen gave her financial report and confirmed that funds were in a healthy position with income up on 2008. There are now approximately 1,000 members made up of 733 instructors, 224 associates and 90 subscribers.

Insurance is becoming more significant with 310 instructors now taking out the cover. Following an approach by the TCUGB the brokers have agreed to a loyalty discount for those with 5 years or more without a claim, the discount is £5.00 for those with basic cover and £10.00 for those taking the higher cover.

The Chairman reported that the TCUGB had sponsored a team to take part in the European Championships in Sweden and the team had done well. Such activities strengthened our ties with Europe and China and the TCUGB had invited two teachers from Holland to run workshops as part of the days' activities.

The TCUGB had received an invitation to send delegates to the Qi Gong conference in Shanghai in August; the Union will support Faye's attendance, while Mamix Wells would be attending a martial arts conference organized in May in Portugal by the Journal of Asian Martial Arts. Both will write reports for the magazine. The TCUGB is also sponsoring Qi Gong events in various locations throughout the country. It is hoped to hold events in Birmingham, Manchester, Glasgow and London. Faye Yip will attend all the events and teach Qi Gong exercises. Full details of the events will appear on the TCUGB website.

Ronnie gave a report on the Magazine and stated that more material was needed especially from the BCCMA. He made a plea for instructors to submit information for the "meet the instructors articles" and reminded all the members that we publish approximately 2,000 copies of each magazine with 1,000 of them being sent to members that meant that only one additional copy was being sold for each instructor. Instructors are encouraged to try and sell additional copies to students as this will help fund the TCUGB.

Faye spoke about opportunities for members to attend events in China and encouraged more members to take advantage of these events to gain experience and strengthen the links between the UK and China.

3. Nominations for Executive and Posts:

The following nominations were received and approved:

Gary Wragg (Executive)	Peter Ballam (Executive & Secretary)
Dan Docherty (Executive & Chair)	Karen Limb (Executive, Membership Secretary & Treasurer)
Mark Peters (Executive)	Marnix Wells (Executive & Vice Chair)
Faye Yip (Executive)	David Hackett (Executive)

Shelagh Grandpierre had indicated that she did not wish to stand for re-election and the Executive wish to thank her for the support and help she had provided over the years.

The nominations have been posted on the website, members have until 4th May 2009 to cast their vote before the members take up the posts.

4. Any Other Business:

- a. A proposal to amend the Constitution to allow the Executive to create and award Honorary positions to acknowledge the contribution made by some individuals to promote and support the TCUGB and Tai Chi and Qi Gong in general, was discussed and it was agreed that a final wording would be posted on the website to allow members to vote on the adoption of the amendment.
- b. David commented on the level of “bounce back” from e-mails sent to the addresses supplied by members and the need for members to ensure that Karen is advised of any change of address or e.mail contact address.
- c. Ronnie suggested the issuing of a Newsletter with each magazine so that members can be kept up to date on events and other matters affecting the TCUGB. It was agreed that this would be introduced with the next copy.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 2.15pm.