

# The Tai Chi Union for Great Britain



## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE TAI CHI UNION FOR GREAT BRITAIN HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2018 AT Wu's Academy, Unit 2a, 449-453, Bethnal Green Road, London E2 9QH

**Apologies:** Don Spargo, Marnix Wells, Barry McGinlay, David Hackett, Mark Peters, Faye Yip and Mark Langweiler

**Present:** **Executive Members and Officers;** Dan Docherty, Gary Wragg, Peter Ballam, Tony Ulatowski, Shelagh Grandpierre and 6 members

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

2. **Minutes of Last Annual General Meeting & Matters Arising:**

Two items from the previous AGM were to be discussed. There were no other matters arising from the previous Minutes and these were unanimously accepted as a true record.

a. **Conversion of TCUGB to Community Interest Company:** At the last AGM it was agreed to consult the membership on the proposal to convert the TCUGB to a Community Interest Company as this would formalize the TCUGB and offer greater protection to members and Officers.

The consultation resulted in a positive response and so the company was formed and has now been registered at Companies House.

It is intended that the Company will become active following the 2018 election of the Executive and those appointed will become the Directors of the Company. Further information will follow.

b. **Tai Chi & Qi Gong promotion for Rehabilitation and Wellbeing for the elderly:** At the last AGM it was agreed that Mark Peters would work with Keith Sharp to investigate the possibility of the TCUGB offering an accreditation course to members as a way of obtaining recognition with Health providers etc.

As Mark was unable to be present Keith Sharp gave an explanation of the background and progress.

Various options had been investigated but the only viable option appears to be working with the Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity (CIMSPA)

CIMSPA are currently working with the NHS and general medical council etc. to agree health standards for all training in sports etc.

It is proposed that the TCUGB would become a Skills Development Partner (SDP) for Tai Chi and Qi Gong. This will ensure any enquiries are referred to the TCUGB.

It will require the TCUGB to prepare a framework for training.

Keith took the opportunity to introduce Jane Launchbury, who with her partner Patrick Foley have developed a system that teaches Qi Gong and Tai Chi.

Jane made the point that it is the elderly population that has disposable income and who most benefit from exercise systems such as Qi Gong. As these classes are very popular they help to finance Jane and Patrick's teaching of traditional Tai Chi Chuan.

It was agreed that the Executive Committee would give further consideration on how to progress this initiative and likely costs.

### 3. Annual Report:

**Chairman** – Dan Docherty spoke briefly about funding and how the TCUGB do not use TCUGB funds to support commercial event organizers but to assist members and students participating in events. Dan also talked about the Taijiquan & Qigong Federation for Europe (TCFE) and some difficulties regarding the administration that had been experienced.

**Treasurer Report** – The Accounts were posted on the website for members to view, no specific questions were raised in advance and John Roper asked for clarification on the cost of producing the magazine but Dan asked Aileen to provide some further details on the administration costs and Bursary awards. Aileen undertook to provide this information.

### 4. Nominations for Executive and Posts:

Peter advised that all the current postholders had agreed to stand for re-election and no further nominations had been 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)	Barry McGinlay (Nominee)

**Non Executive Officers:**

Aileen Cromer (Treasurer)

Ballot papers and the arrangements for voting will be issued shortly, please note eligible members have until 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to vote.

### 5. Nominations for Honorary Posts

Peter reminded the meeting that Nominations for the Honorary Posts of President and Vice President are invited from members in respect of people who have made a significant contribution to promoting Tai Chi and Qi Gong to a wider audience. Nominations are to be made to the Secretary by 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018. The nominations will be considered by the Executive and any new appointments will be posted on the website.

### 6. Any Other Business:

Tony Ulatowski asked to be allowed to address the meeting. He has been involved with taking Tai Chi into schools and has been successful in running classes in 2 inner London schools, St. Johns and Berrymede. He stressed that these classes are part of the sports curriculum and not after school activities. The schools are in deprived areas and many students have difficulties.

Over the years the TCUGB has supported these activities and most recently funded teams from both schools attending and participating in competitions.

Tony wanted to pass on the gratitude of the students and the teachers, as without the TCUGB funding, it would not have been possible for these students to be able to afford to take part. Tony also praised the commitment of the teachers who gave their own time to take the students to the competition.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 3.35pm