

# Minutes of Regional Annual General Meeting Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2008

## The Ipswich School, Suffolk

Meeting opened at 10.03 by Ian Burgess (Regional Officer)

Present: Anne Raymond, Gill Pendreich, Jacquelyn Cooper, Kari Knight, Ian Burgess, David Primett, John Cain, Mike Beavan, Karen McQueen

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Helen Smith, Phil Ansty, Barbara Ives, Beverley Nolan, Vonnie Bloom, Emma Evans

**2. Minutes of 2007 AGM:** Colin Fordham clarified the comment in the minutes that his diary is always full. It was established this was not the case as he always has some availability; however the demand for First Aid courses is so high that they are always booked up very quickly.

Proposed by Jacquelyn Cooper and seconded by John Cain. Passed as an accurate record of the meeting.

**3. Regional Officer:** Thanks to outgoing officers Carole Ledger (Beds) Sophie Massey (East Essex) and Caroline Bradley (Regional Editor). Thanks to the remaining committee members for standing for a further year. Thanks to Kari for arranging the tutor and venue for the RAGM today. Karen McQueen clarified that next years AGM would be held in East Essex on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2009; tutor and venue to be advised. Ian congratulated all new teachers within the region during the past year.

**4. Regional Treasurer:** Summary of report in Spring Yoga East 2008. The Region made a small surplus of £320 with Regional assets standing at £13351. We have improved audit and financial controls within the Region and counties. The financial position of the Region is satisfactory.

**5. Regional Training Officer:** Gill offered thanks to Barbara Ives for her work as IST organiser in Norfolk. Gill clarified some issues on CPD. Forms available for all teachers in the next Spectrum. It is the individual responsibility of each teacher to decide if an event qualifies for CPD. 1 point per hour. First Aid courses qualify for 5 points, IST events 7.5 points.

The Wheel has put a hold to accrediting affiliate organisations whilst the position of Awarding body is established.

**6. Regional Editor:** Anne had nothing to add to Caroline's report

**7. Regional Website Report:** John emphasised the information available on the site including classes and handouts for teachers.

## **8. County Rep. Reports:**

**Beds-** Jacquelyn is new to role, she has shared jobs within Beds and is wanting to build on the yoga community feeling established by Carole. She is assisted by Rosie Wright IST organiser, Alison Bland Treasurer and Penny Jones.

**Cambs:** Member Chrissie Clarke mentioned the competition within Cambs from Cam Yoga who are offering an 18m training course. It led to a discussion on marketing and the profile of the wheel outside the membership. The feeling of the meeting was that as the largest Yoga organisation we have little presence at a local level, whereas other organisations appear to have a large advertising budget. It was suggested this point was taken forward from the Region to the National executive.

**East Essex:** Karen thanks Sophie, and would be arranging events at venue throughout the county in the future year.

**Herts.** nothing to add.

**Norfolk:** Mike thanked Barbara Ives. Mandy Brinkley has offered to take over as IST organiser. A full diary of events has been arranged for the coming year.

**West Essex:** Difficulty mentioned on getting on first aid courses. Gill mentioned other organisations e.g. St Johns run courses.

**Suffolk:** Kari thanked everyone for their support today. Kari thanked Enid, county treasurer. She mentioned she would welcome offers of help and support within the region particularly with bookkeeping. Kari mentioned the passing of member Sally Robinson and that her husband was receiving some request for yoga classes. It was established this may be due to adverts in Yoga 2. Kari was also looking for venues in the Woodbridge area of Suffolk and asked anyone with suggestions to contact her.

## **9. Election of Officers:**

**Bedfordshire** – Jacquelyn Cooper – Proposed by Carole Ledger and seconded by Rosie Wright. Voted In. For 2, none against nor abstentions

**East Essex** – Karen McQueen – Proposed by Gill Pendreich and seconded by Amanda Turner. Voted In. For 8, none against nor abstentions

**Regional Editor** – Anne Raymond – Proposed by Kay Russell and seconded by Enid Feinson. Voted In. Unanimous.

**Other committee members** – voted in en block.

**10. Any other business:** Gill confirmed First Aid days were 5 CPD points for 2009. Ian mentioned new teachers' logo was available from 1<sup>st</sup> November. Ian mentioned he was also the Regional Child Protection Officer and took the opportunity to introduce Angie Punaks (national CPO) who introduced herself and summarised her role.

Meeting was closed at 9.58 am