

GITANANDA YOGA ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC. AGM 2006

Present: Gita Anwar-Joesoef, Trevor Fox (Murali Dharan), Wendy Snape, Dawn Williams, Jean-Michel Ruffier (Devidasan Giri)

Apologies: Paul Riley (Shivan), Dagmar Riley (Hemawaathi), Devaki Kerin.

Chair and Minutes: Jean-Michel Ruffier (Devidasan Giri)

Meeting started at 11.55am Queensland time on Sunday 26 March 2006.

Third AGM for the Gitananda Yoga Association of Australia Inc.

ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS AGM

To have an Ezine web newsletter set up and operating.

OUTCOME: Those present unanimously agreed that this would be too time consuming for the members and may not be effective in promoting Gitananda Yoga and its teachers in Australia.

Teaching Acharyas to contact the White and Yellow Pages to include a free entry for the Gitananda Yoga Association of Australia Inc. as well as their personal contact.

OUTCOME: This was reinforced at the AGM by Devidasan. If not to promote the Association then at least to promote the teachers' own Gitananda Yoga schools.

To persuade all Acharyas (teachers) living in Australia listed on the Indian international Gitananda website maintained by Dr Ananda to become members of the Gitananda Yoga Association of Australia Inc. -Devidasan Giri by formal invitation.

OUTCOME: No action has been taken on this matter. Devidasan will draft a letter of invitation to all teachers residing in Australia whose name appears on the international Gitananda Yoga website. Draft letter to be sited by all committee members for approval.

To make arrangements for Dr Swami AnandaKapila Saraswati (Dr Jonn Mumford), Ambassador of the Gitananda Yoga Association of Australia Inc. to be the honored guest and speaker at the next Yoga Meet Down Under in 2006 and to advertise this fact to other Acharyas as well as to their students. Murali to organize travel and accommodation arrangements for Dr Jonn Mumford.

OUTCOME: Dr Jonn Mumford was the guest of honor at the 2006 Gitananda Yoga Association of Australia Inc. Yoga Meet. Murali organized travel and accommodation for Dr Jonn Mumford. Dr Jonn Mumford provided a 3 day workshop in fractional relaxation and autogenic training.

Pamphlet promoting the Gitananda Yoga Association of Australia Inc., Gitananda Yoga and its Acharyas in Australia to be available for all next AGM in 2006 - Devidasan Giri.

OUTCOME: Those present unanimously agreed that this would serve no purpose. The Gitananda Yoga Ananda Ashram website fulfills this.

2006 GITANANDA YOGA AGM AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS

The rules of the Gitananda Yoga Association of Australia Inc. were reiterated. Gitananda Yoga Association of Australia Inc. is a non-profit registered incorporated association in Australia. As set in the rules, the objects or purposes of the Association are the following:

- i) To promote Gitananda Yoga in Australia.
- ii) To promote the interest of Gitananda Yoga trained and qualified teachers residing and teaching in Australia.
- iii) To promote Gitananda Yoga trained and qualified teachers teaching the 'Yoga: Step-by-Step Correspondence Course' in Australia (with the understanding that the property and fee obtained from this course remains the entire property of Yoga Jivana Satsangha, Tamil Nadu, South India)
- iv) To create and maintain an educational and cultural link between Yoga Jivana Satsangha (international), Tamil Nadu, South India and Gitananda Yoga Association of Australia inc.

We will endeavor to do the above by:

i) Promote Gitananda Yoga in Australia

- * Gitananda Yoga Ananda Ashram website maintained up to date with details of Acharyas residing in Australia.
- * By actively teaching Gitananda Yoga in Australia and/or promoting it.
- * Yellow and White Pages free entry in each state.
- * Create independent Australian website.
- * Private seminars by guest speakers to members.
- * Create quarterly newsletter for members.

ii) Promote the interest of Gitananda Yoga trained and qualified teachers residing and teaching in Australia.

- * Gitananda Yoga Ananda Ashram website maintained up to date with details of Acharyas residing in Australia.
- * Yellow and White Pages free entry in each state.
- * Create independent Australian website
- * Private seminars by guest speakers to members.
- * Create quarterly newsletter for members
- * Directory in Yoga Life.
- * Annual AGM and Yoga Meet Down Under.

iii) Promote Gitananda Yoga trained and qualified teachers teaching the 'Yoga:Step-by-Step Correspondence Course' in Australia

- * Create quarterly newsletter for members.
- * Mention in quarterly newsletter for members.
- * Mention in Yoga Life.
- * Own advertisement.

iv) Create and maintain an educational and cultural link between Yoga Jivana Satsangha (international), Tamil Nadu, South India and Gitananda

Yoga Association of Australia Inc.

- * Links on Gitananda Yoga Ananda Ashram website.
- * Yoga Life.
- * Create independent Australian website with links to Ananda Ashram website.
- * Visits of Association members to Ananda Ashram, Tamil Nadu, South India.
- * Private seminars to member by Gitananda Yoga Association of Australia Inc. patron ambassador Dr Jonn Mumford (Swami AnandaKapila Saraswati).

It was unanimously decided by those present that all private seminars by guest speakers to members would incur a \$50 non-refundable deposit by those desiring to attend. Guest speakers at AGM Yoga Meet Down Under would be organized 4 months in advance (i.e. November / December).

MEMBERSHIP

As at 26/03/06, date of the AGM, latest ANZ Business Cash Management Statement (19/01/2006 to 17/02/2006) for the Gitananda Yoga Association of Australia Inc. show a Closing Balance of \$168.55.

Those present unanimously voted and agreed for an increase in membership fees. Annual Membership fees are now \$50 per person for full membership for teaching Acharyas/Acharinis and \$30 per person for non-teaching Acharyas/Acharinis, Associate membership and Honorary membership. This will make the Association more financially viable, offering more to members as well as offset the \$2.50 per month bank fees.

BENEFIT OF MEMBERSHIP:

- * Solidarity and support in promoting Gitananda Yoga in Australia.
- * Attendance at annual AGM and Yoga Meet Down Under.
- * Your input into the Association - making a difference and shaping the future of Gitananda Yoga in Australia.
- * Attendance to private seminars presented by guest speakers.
- * Quarterly newsletter of the Association and your opportunity to contribute articles.
- * Promote your Yoga school/classes on the independent Australian website.
- * Access to the Minutes of the AGM and Association documentation.
- * Lapsed Members can rejoin at any time upon payment of membership fee.

APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMITTEE

Clause 6.2a in the Rules for Gitananda Yoga Association of Australia Inc. states: The Committee shall be comprised of a chairperson, national secretary, treasurer, public officer and four or less committee members.

A vote was called for the maintenance of the committee as per Clause 6.2a above.

The committee members present voted and unanimously agreed to the following offices:

Public Officer - Jean-Michel Ruffier (Devidasan Giri)
Treasurer - Jean-Michel Ruffier (Devidasan Giri)

Chairperson - Trevor Fox (Murali Dharan)
Secretary - Jean-Michel Ruffier (Devidasan Giri)

Due to other commitments, Paul Riley (Shivan Giri) is no longer able to hold the office of Chairperson. Trevor Fox (Murali Dharan) was unanimously voted as the new Chairperson of the Association.

NEW ACTION ITEMS

* Devidasan Giri (Jean-Michel Ruffier) to draft letter of Membership and send to all Gitananda Yoga trained teachers residing in Australia - by 30/04/06.

* Murali Dharan (Trevor Fox) to organize independent Australian website through Yahoo - initiated by 30/04/06 and completed by 31/12/06.

* Devidasan Giri (Jean-Michel Ruffier) to create Association Newsletter with first edition to be available/sent to members by 30/06/06.

* Teaching Acharyas in each state to contact the White and Yellow Pages to include a free entry for the Gitananda Yoga Association of Australia or their own Gitananda Yoga school - asap.

Meeting concluded at 1.05pm Queensland time on Sunday 26/03/06.