

**Yoga Society of New York, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Saturday, May 11, 2013**  
**Blue Sky Center, 2 pm**

**Trustees Present:** Carol Rollinger (Kiranavali), Margaret Dillsaver (Purnima), Scott Moss (Kamala Kant), Anne L. Gaines (Radha)

**Present electronically on GoTo Meetings :** Eve Kudler (Prajna), Lindsay Stroh (Nandini)

**Others Present:** Bharati E. Balmes (Bharati)

**A. Welcome and Meditation**

**B. Minutes**

- a. Special Board Meeting Minutes April 13, 2013-Approved
- b. Board Meeting Minutes April 30, 2013-Approved
  - i. Please note that the April 13 resolution for Andy's Electric was modified and passed earlier at the special board meeting of April 30<sup>th</sup>

**C. Financial Report**

- a. Scott Moss (Kamala Kant) presented the financial reports
  - i. Balance Sheet April 2013
  - ii. P & L April 2013
  - iii. AP Summary May 2013
  - iv. P & L Oct-April 2013
- b. Financials Passed

**D. Committee Reports** D.a.ii. & D.c.2a. corrected at June 15, 2013 Board Meeting

- a. HRC-Scott Moss (Kamala Kant)
  - i. Re-Evaluation of guest monthly rates >summer guest rates
  - ii. The policy on special student discounts for ISEWU courses and workshops is being reconsidered
  - iii. Kitchen
    - 1. Spring clean up and painting have been completed
    - 2. Ordering will remain within our firm budget and still retain quality
- b. Shrine Committee
  - i. Bharati reports they will meet next Tuesday, May 14
  - ii. Waiting for estimate from engineer who did Perk tests on 5/7
  - iii. Fund Raising Letter will be sent out to devotees/students/disciples, special friends
- c. Buildings and Grounds
  - 1. UV System Evaluation
    - a. MH system needs to be moved into the housekeeping room
  - 2. Catch Basin Work
    - a. John S. and Joe A. will need to work on it
  - 3. Lakehouse Trench by Joe Amato
    - a. Requested report on its effectiveness
  - 4. Appreciation of Mark Howie's productivity
  - 5. Newman House squirrels
    - a. Need to be removed

- 6. Pool should be opened by Memorial Day
- d. Program Planning Committee
  - i. All confirmed programs through Labor Day are on the website

#### **E. Other Reports**

- a. Panini Annex
  - i. Electrician finished
    - 1. Inspection passed May 9th
  - ii. Heating system and insulation will be completed this next week
  - iii. Locked doors
    - 1. The locks will be changed this week
  - iv. Dave Turner
    - 1. Fixed handrails in exchange for 2 yoga classes
- b. Fund Raising Committee
  - i. Will do some at front desk for beautification and landscaping
  - ii. Krishna Devi's funds are only for front of main house as per her fundraising letter
- c. 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning
  - i. Invitation letter was written to "Special friends of Guruji"
    - 1. Defined as those members were around at the time that the ashram founded
    - 2. Will be sent as soon as mailing list is set up

#### **F. Resolutions:**

1. **Whereas** the Yoga Society of New York, in cooperation with the Baba Bhagavandas Publication Trust and the Board of the International Schools of East-West Unity, desires to move forward with the project of a shrine to be built in honor of the Founder and Guru, Shri Brahmananda Sarasvati, to be completed by Ananda Ashram's 50th Anniversary, July 4th, 2014, it is now

**Resolved** that the Yoga Society of New York hereby forms a "Shrine Planning Committee," as follows:

The Committee members shall be Bharati (Bharati E. Balmes), Kiranavali (Carol Rollinger), Radha (Anne L. Gaines), Satya Narayana Charka, Purnima (Margaret Dillsaver), Tara Federman, Ma Bhaskarananda [and Roop Verma, part-time];

George Bailin and George F. Leone shall be considered Senior Advisors to the Committee;

The Purpose of the Committee is to propose and facilitate the steps necessary for the project of a memorial shrine to be built and completed by Ananda Ashram's 50th Anniversary, July 4th, 2014;

Bharati shall be the Chairperson of the Committee. She will bring specific proposals for evaluation and discussion. Committee members will be expected to attend regularly scheduled meetings either physically or electronically;

The Committee shall make recommendations and shall report back to the Board;

The Committee shall propose methods and procedures for raising the necessary funds for the project, but shall have no power to begin fundraising or to expend any sums for any reason unless approved by the Board in a separate resolution;

The Committee shall defer to the Board of the YSNY and the BBP Trust in matters related to the planned subdivision of the "Guru's Cottage" premises;

Each Committee member shall sign the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Policy, acknowledging receipt and review of the same.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain    Disqualified Person/ Conflict of Interest   

2. **Whereas**, Prime Security has recommended the installation of two plastic boxes to cover the pull station in the Main House Addition by the exterior doors, it is now **Resolved**, that the Board retroactively approves the purchase of two plastic boxes to cover the pull station in the Main House Addition by the exterior doors being the boxes which were previously ordered.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain    Disqualified Person/ Conflict of Interest   

3. *TABLED until we receive quote*

**Whereas**, Storm Sandy has caused considerable damage to Ananda Ashram's lawns, it is now

**Resolved**, that the YSNY will hire \_\_\_\_\_, to repair those lawns after having obtained multiple bids, for a total cost of \_\_\_\_\_ to be taken from \_\_\_\_\_ account and \_\_\_\_\_ shall have the authority to enter into such an agreement, and shall further report to the Board at each meeting until the same has been completed.

Yes    No    Abstain    Disqualified Person/ Conflict of Interest   

4. **Whereas**, there is a need for miscellaneous funds to be spent on an as needed basis, and **Whereas**, pursuant to the By-laws, "Committees shall have no authority, except to report and advise the Board, unless such authority is specifically given to a committee by the Board of Directors."

**Whereas**, the EC and HRC Committees have no spending authority, now it is

**Resolved** that the EC and the HRC Committees, shall have the following "time sensitive" spending authority: up to the sum of \$1000.00 per month for the EC Committee and spending authority of up to \$500.00 per month for the HRC Committee, which allocations shall be reported to the Board of Trustees, at their next meeting, and placed in the minutes, as to the use of those funds. This authority shall terminate on December 31, 2013 unless sooner terminated or extended by the Board of Trustees.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain    Disqualified Person/ Conflict of Interest   

Closing Meditation

Respectfully submitted by  
Nandini (Lindsay Stroh)