**Yoga Society of New York, Inc.**

**Board Meeting Minutes (approved)**

**Saturday, February 14, 2015**

**Blue Sky Center, Time: 2:00 pm**

**Trustees Present:** Carol Rollinger **(**Kiranavali), Dr. Scott Moss (Kamala Kanta), Margaret Dillsaver (Purnima), Donna Carlisi,

**Other Trustees present electronically**: Eve Kudler (Prajna), Lindsay Stroh (Nandini), Tara Federman

**Others Present:**

1. Welcome and Meditation
2. Minutes
3. Committee Reports
   1. Buildings and Grounds
      1. Dining Hall roof will be discussed at EC
         1. Scott spoke to architect, John Fuller, who will give a quote on Thursday
      2. Keeping snow off of the roofs with the snow rakes
      3. Snow removal activity is high and effective
      4. Basement of Main House, Sapphire, a shed, bridge to island are being address
      5. Panini annex update- starting primer paint next week,
      6. Exterior of BSC wood needs treatment, needs cleaning and staining
      7. Received donation of a greenhouse from James Hillers 8’ x 9’
      8. Met on Feb 8
   2. HRC
      1. Things are quiet
      2. Creating updated policies for stipends
      3. Need a simple system with an explanatory cover sheet for time sheet forms that residents and staff fill out plus other forms
   3. Digital Media
      1. Beginning alignment with other departments
      2. Hardware- discussing funnel for tech review for new software
   4. Membership Committee
      1. Discussion of databases
   5. Program Planning
      1. All-night Shivaratri Celebration is coming up
   6. Developmental Steering Committee
      1. Scott sent a summary of the minutes
      2. They are applying for grants; the schools are our best option
4. Financials
   1. Eve reported some details, had sent the 4 reports yesterday
   2. Financials were approved as presented after discussion
5. Other
   1. We’ve received a summons regarding a resident, Grant Sekora, through his attorney on January 26, 2015 for damages related to injuries from a fall on July 21st, 2014 and this summons has been sent to our insurance company
6. Resolutions
7. Whereas in the By-Laws dated October 2012, Article 8A and 8B on "Terms of Members” needs amendment as follows:

*OLD 8A. All voting membership shall be for a term of one year, to expire on September 30 of each year. New voting members shall be members from date of acceptance until September 30 with dues pro-rated accordingly.*

*OLD 8B. Voting members shall be deemed to continue on the condition that all dues and assessments are paid by November 30th of each year, unless extended by the Board on an individual basis.*

 NEW 8A: All voting membership shall be for a term of one year, to expire on the date of application each year. New voting members shall be members from date of acceptance until the date of expiration of application.

NEW 8B: Voting members shall be deemed to continue on the condition that all dues and assessments are paid each year by the date of application, unless extended by the Board on an individual basis.

Be it Resolved, that the Board will add the above proposed amendments to the Membership Election Ballot in April 2015, in order for the membership to approve these changes to the By-Laws.

Yes\_\_8\_\_No\_\_0\_\_\_Abstain\_\_\_\_\_\_ Disqualified Person/Conflict of Interest\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*This resolution will be tabled until further research*

1. Whereas, the instrument entitled Irrevocable Religious Trust Agreement,  an agreement between the YSNY and the BBPT dated August 19, 1992 and signed by the Founder and Guru, delineates that the YSNY grants an option to purchase the “Publication Center” and the “Guru's Cottage” lots to the BBPT for one dollar, thereby supporting the need for a subdivision of the Guru's Cottage lot and endorsing this subdivision as part of the vision of the Founder, and

Whereas, the Option to Purchase was restated in a separate recorded document “to be so indexed to the lands of the Society,"  dated September 10, 1993 (signed by the Founder as the chairman) and filed at the Orange County Clerk's Office on March 9, 1995, and

Whereas, at the June 23, 2012 Board Meeting the YSNY Board passed a resolution which stated: "Be it resolved that if the BABA BHAGAVANDAS PUBLICATION TRUST [BBPT] wants to hire and retain an engineer to assist in obtaining the subdivision and wishes to advance any funds necessary to obtain the subdivision, then the Yoga Society of NY, Inc. approves going ahead with all necessary and proper procedures," and

Whereas, the YSNY, with the BBPT advancing the funds, has engaged Pietrzak & Pfau, Engineering & Surveying, and the law offices of Jacobowitz & Gubits to assist in the preparation and submission of the subdivision application to the Town of Monroe Planning Board, with the Yoga Society of New York, Inc. named as the applicant, and

Whereas, February 17, 2015 is the deadline for submission of the YSNY application entitled "Two-Lot Subdivision of Lands of the YSNY, Inc." in order to be eligible for consideration at the March Town of Monroe Planning Board meeting, and

Whereas, the Subdivision Application, Short Environmental Assessment Form and Subdivision Map have been carefully reviewed by Trustees in close collaboration with the professionals, now

Be it Resolved, that the YSNY Board agrees to apply for a subdivision of the parcel of land known as the Guru's Cottage lot, which includes the Memorial Shrine, and that Carol Rollinger as President is authorized to sign on behalf of the YSNY, and

Be it further Resolved, that the Board approves the $500 Application Fee and the required Town of Monroe Planning Board Escrow Fee of $5000 (which provides for the Planning Board consultant reviews), with the BBPT advancing the funds.

Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_\_Abstain\_\_\_\_\_\_ Disqualified Person/Conflict of Interest\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* 3) Whereas, there is one seat open on the Board of Trustees that was not filled at the last election resulting in the continuation of the term of the seated Trustee until the April 2015 Membership meeting per the YSNY By-Laws, and

Whereas candidates not elected at the October Membership Meeting were asked to again serve on the slate for the April runoff election and two declined to run for the Board at this time, and

Whereas, the YSNY By-Laws provide that the Board of Trustees submit the name of at least one nominee to the Board of Trustees for the one seat open, now

Be it Resolved, that the YSNY Board approves of Bruce Bulkin (Shantananda) as the candidate for nomination at the election to be held at the April 2015 Membership meeting.

Yes\_\_8\_\_No\_\_\_0\_\_Abstain\_\_\_\_\_\_ Disqualified Person/Conflict of Interest\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Closing Meditation

Respectfully submitted by:

Nandini Lindsay Stroh

Board Secretary