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

**Board Meeting Minutes (approved)**

**Saturday, May 9, 2015**

**Blue Sky Center, Time: 3:00 pm**

**Trustees Present:** Carol Rollinger **(**Kiranavali), Dr. Scott Moss (Kamala Kanta), Margaret Dillsaver (Purnima) Ann Gaines (Radha)

**Other Trustees present electronically**: Lindsay Stroh (Nandini), Bruce Bulkin (Shantananda), Silvia Donates (Sarasvati), Eve Kudler (Prajna)

**Others Present:** Elizabeth Balmes (Bharati Devi)

1. Welcome and Meditation
2. Minutes
   1. April 2015 minutes approved
   2. Special Board minutes of March 31, 2015 approved
3. Committee Reports
   1. Buildings and Grounds
      1. Carpet needed immediately for the Lakehouse
         1. Replace hallway with commercial grade carpet and wooden floors for the bedrooms, 2 at first
      2. There was a fire on the grounds 12 x 50 feet long, a stump must have caught fire from a guest smoking
         1. B and G will create a smoke/sand receptacle
         2. Discussion of suggestion of enforcement policies in the future for this kind of thing and many other issues
         3. Suggestions of designated places for smokers, hidden from guests, far from buildings and not near the woods- or have a strict no smoking policy
      3. Inspection for Panini Annex for next week
      4. Electrical bid was received, Billy will review contract
   2. HRC
      1. Analyzing full and part time staff as it is a transition time
      2. Have quite a few staff on full work exchange
   3. Membership Committee
      1. Will get a demo on the CRM software for rest of the committee and Eve and Scott
      2. We will brainstorm more stringent voting membership criteria
      3. Payment plans for Lifetime Membership
         1. Membership committee will discuss past precedent and the date that Lifetime membership begins when paying in installments
   4. DMC
      1. Finished purpose statement, discussed Intranet training and use, resolving a glitch for doc storage, creating a space for audio and video storage, need board support to get office to post a daily number for the kitchen, creating a tech checklist for software and app reviews, need board resolution that no passwords may be changed without board approval, many new visions to be shared later.
         1. Send to HRC for enforcement of daily numbers for kitchen through the intranet
         2. Will write up a resolution re: passwords unchangeable
         3. Possible exchange person from Austin- Radha will follow thru
   5. Sacred Settings- waiting for lawyers statement about group cremains
   6. Development Steering Committee
      * 1. Hospitality Policy progress
           1. Reminder of old Welcome booklet from Radha and Purnima
           2. Need write up from Jennifer and input from several others
4. Financials
   1. Financials were presented by Eve and approved
   2. We are slowly coming out of our winter debt
   3. Reminds that we have several capitals projects coming up, need resources
5. Resolutions
   1. Whereas, the YSNY seeks reimbursement regarding Grant Sekora's Workers Compensation case for his room and board while he was residing at Ananda Ashram and not working following his injury, and

Whereas, the State Insurance Fund, our Workers Compensation Insurance carrier, has informed us that it would be in our best interest to hire an attorney at their expense to represent our interests, and

Whereas, Ryan, Roach & Ryan from Kingston, New York handles this type of case and has agreed to accept payment in full from the State Insurance Fund in representing us, now be it

Resolved, that Scott Moss, Vice-President, is authorized to sign a letter of engagement from Ryan, Roach, & Ryan LLP to represent us regarding reimbursement for the balance due of Grant Sekora's room and board.

Yes \_8\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_ Disqualified Person/Conflict of Interest \_\_\_\_

* 1. Whereas the Lakehouse is emergency need of carpet in the hallway and un the guest rooms upstairs is in need of repair for the summer season

Now be it resolved that the buildings and grounds committee is authorized to make such repairs up to 2,500 dollars with the funds coming from the credit card.

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Closing Meditation

Respectfully submitted by:

Nandini Lindsay Stroh

Board Secretary