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

**Board Meeting Minutes (approved)**

**Saturday, September 12, 2015**

**Blue Sky Center, Time: 2:00 pm**

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

**Other Trustees present electronically**: Lindsay Stroh (Nandini), Bruce Bulkin (Shantananda)

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

**Board Meeting Topics**

1. Welcome and Meditation
2. Minutes
   1. June 2015- minutes approved
3. Financials
   1. Financials were read, discussed and approved
   2. Increased memberships were noted and appreciated
   3. Mid-week discount coupon will be discussed at the EC meeting
4. Committee reports
   1. Buildings and Grounds
      1. Met this week, KY came and helped to make a to-do list
      2. Still searching for a head of maintenance
         1. Will get posted onto Facebook and Newsletter
         2. If ashram page is built in time it will be posted there also
      3. Most of the window replacements are getting done by Josh Geller and are still on budget, more info coming on storm windows
   2. Digital Media Committee
      1. Trip Advisor Response- HRC will respond asap
      2. Content building is being addressed
   3. Sacred Settings
      1. Attorney George Lithco has been contacted to get documentation about cremains on our property by Purnima
      2. We are waiting for the board to decide on two areas or one area
      3. Purnima will show Bharati the area and Nand will send her the marked map
   4. Membership Committee
      1. CRM Method software is on schedule moving forward
      2. Dinesha will be the office/Quickbooks administrator for CRM
      3. Membership has greatly increased
   5. Program Planning
      1. Bharati discussed that October 2-4 will be the last big weekend up until Thanksgiving so this could be a good time to the dining hall roof
   6. HRC
      1. Meet on Wednesdays at noon and then department heads at 12:45 then staff comes at 1:15
      2. Maria is not taking the position of office manager
      3. They are working with Jane LaGuardia
         1. They showed her around and she is interested
         2. Background check will be initiated

Resolutions:

1. Whereas the eligibility criteria for voting membership stipulated in the By-Laws includes the following:

* Demonstrated dedicated service, work, financial or other major contributions to the Corporation
* Active participation in the programs, activities of the

Corporation or equivalent participation at other affiliated Ashrams

* Study the teachings, philosophy and practices of Yoga as

taught by, Shri Brahmananda Sarasvati, founder and Spiritual Director of the Corporation

Whereas, the Membership Committee recommends that there be a longer period in which to fulfill and demonstrate these criteria and therefore suggests that the length of time as a non-voting member be extended from two years to three years, now

Be it Resolved, that the YSNY Board of Directors accepts the recommendation of the Membership Committee to extend the period of being a non-voting member from two years to three years, and that this change in By-Laws, if approved by the Membership at the October 2015 Membership Meeting, will apply to all persons joining our membership after October 17, 2015.

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

Note: Sarasvati voted electronically

1. Whereas, the Lake House dining hall roof needs to be replaced, and

Whereas, the Yoga Society of New York’s Board of Directors has discussed various options for the replacement of the roof, and

Whereas, Kamy (Kamala) Netram is offering to contribute the architectural plans for the renovation which will include a gabled roof and a second floor storage area above the dining hall, now be it

Resolved, that Kamy (Kamala) Netram is authorized to have the architect draw up the architectural blue prints so that we can take the next steps in the project.

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

Note: Electronic Voted from Sarasvati

Closing Meditation

Respectfully submitted by:

Nandini Lindsay Stroh

Board Secretary