

SUN CITY TAI CHI CLUB BOARD MEETING

07/29/2016 2:00PM – 4:00PM

Attendance:

Carolyn Filer, President
Doug Niebruegge, Treasurer
Linda Voorhees, Student Leader
Barbara Ranous, Student Leader
Cliff Hughes, Publicity Chairman
George DeHaven
Dora Veach
Elisa McArthur

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Doug gave the financial report for 06/2016. See the Financial Report on the club website.
- The June 2016 ending bank balance of \$4077.00 is significantly ahead of the June 2015 balance of \$1373.00 plus petty cash of \$300.00.
- The expenses are lower this summer because:
Adam's classes have been cancelled from July through September.
Linda Voorhees has been accepting payment based on the number of students attending in the interest of keeping the club viable. Thanks were expressed to Linda .
- Special note was made that guest fees were at a surplus due to the use of RCSC punch cards.
- Special note was made that class fees collected, during the summer, go down by half so it may be beneficial to stop classes next summer. This will be determined next spring.

Carolyn moved to accept the financial report and this was seconded by Elisa.

LAST BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

- The teacher from Anthem, Dan, was not able to agree on fees for his services with the club.
- Tao Sifu asked Patrick to teach a Section III class and Patrick has accepted. Classes are ongoing.
- Thanks made to Elisa for Special Events work.
- Minutes of the last board meeting were accepted.

TEACHER'S FEES:

- Carolyn wants to give the contracted student teachers the benefit of not having to pay for the classes they attend as students.
- Cliff suggested that the teacher gets one free class, attended as a student, for one class they teach. Barbara R. and Linda V., our current contracted teachers, both, said they were happy to keep paying.
- All other meeting attendees approved Cliff's suggestion so it passed.

VOLUNTEERS:

- Proposal: The club is a volunteer organization and its very existence depends on members helping with all the various duties and responsibilities that keep the club going. Many of the duties are required by the RCSC. Volunteering can be a fun way to participate and get to know others. Too much time and effort has been falling on the shoulders of the President. We need to request volunteering among club members.
- Dora V. suggested that the club have a team of members trained in certain duties to call on.
- Doug suggested that volunteering be mandatory for advanced students. The beginner classes could volunteer, but, it would not be mandatory.
- Club members could sign up for a committee of their choice and the Chairperson could fill slots needed from that list.
- Linda Voorhees suggested the sign up be "first come first served".
- Discussion was made about how many hours were mandatory for full time and snow bird members. No set time was established.
- Carolyn is to write up a final proposal and let others give her input.

NEW CALENDAR ON WEBSITE:

- Carolyn has created a calendar for the classes and special events throughout the year.
- Elisa asked if the club could attach the special events flyers to the calendar for each date.
- Special note: Carolyn was to research this. Carolyn did find a way to do an attachment .

PRACTICE SESSIONS:

- A monitor is required by the RCSC for any practice and it is a good idea for emergencies.
- There will not be an instructor assigned. Members can practice on their own or with a friend.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- There is a man who teaches a Tai Chi Cane class. The board would like to preview a presentation and discuss if a class for canes, walkers and chair could be combined into one class. Carolyn will contact this instructor. Possible time slot for an event is the 1st Friday in January.
- There are 30 minutes available for setup between a class and special event. We will need a volunteer group to help move chairs into place. We can only use our side of the room at Bell Social Hall 2. Extra chairs may be available.
- Tom Moore (11/19/16 & 03/09/17), Emily Sonina (02/02/17) need an hour to setup. We may need to shorten class times for setups or move a class to another location.
- Carolyn reviewed all the events on the calendar with the group.
- The open house is on 11/19/16. It will include: Adam doing a presentation, slides, videos, student volunteers doing a demo. Members can bring friends. Treats will be served.

- A publicity committee is needed. Cliff H., Barbara R. and Tina Y are to be members. The committee will create all types of advertising needed. The club needs volunteers for this committee, immediately, since the article for the Sun Views must be submitted by 09/05/16.
- Letters to presenters with the room floor plan need to go out so the club will be able to accommodate the setup for each presenter.
- The fees for events will be \$7.00 preregistration and \$10.00 at the door. Doug will accept payment (via check) by mail, at his address, with a deadline of two weeks before the events. Preregistration can be done, in person, during regular class time. These payments would be accepted by the monitor and can be made at any class prior to the day of the event.

REVIEW OF THE NEW CLASS SCHEDULE:

- Carolyn has put many hours into the scheduling. It is still being reviewed. Carolyn did projections on where students may be by fall to anticipate classes needed for Sections II and Section III. It is difficult to project because snowbirds' needs are different than year round members. More discussion is needed on how to handle getting snowbirds back into appropriate classes for them.
- The club may need two Section III classes on Fridays. Linda advised that Patrick may be available
- Beginners' classes will continue on Tuesday evenings moved to 5:45PM - 6:45PM followed by a possible one hour Qi Gong class at 7:00PM- 8:00PM with a 30 minute practice at 8PM.
- Beginner class Section IA, on Thursday, will move to 11:15AM- 12:15PM. A golf class is penciled in for 10:00AM to 11:00AM. A Section IB will be at 12:30 – 1:30PM followed by Section IIA at 1:45PM. We will have practice from 2:45PM – 3:30PM. Some dates will be cancelled or moved due to special events or holidays.
- Fridays will have a Section IIB class at 12:45PM- 1:45PM with Section III class to follow. There may be another Section III class as well. If not, the time can be used for practice with a board meeting at 3:30PM to 4:30PM every 1st Friday of the month.
- Adam will be teaching two new classes starting October 10th. The new classes will warrant a special announcement in the Sun Views. Adam will have a Foundation class at 9:15AM – 10:15AM. He will teach a Tai Chi 24 Form class for 12 weeks from 10:30AM – 11:30AM and Tai Chi 8 Form for 12 weeks from 11:45AM – 12:45AM.

MEMBERSHIP & CLUB FEES:

- Membership fees for new members: A new member between October 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016 will be paid up through December 31, 2017.
- The annual membership fee will be raised to \$10.00 to reflect current rates of other clubs.
- Class fees will stay as they have been for this year into 2017.
- RCSC purchased a building on Grand Ave. The Tai Chi club does not have permanent equipment that needs dedicated space. The club will not participate.
- Doug thanked Carolyn for all her work. We all added our thanks.

Respectfully submitted by Elisa McArthur