

Minutes – 6/3/2016 Board Meeting

As you all know Franklin Wood moved to Oregon a few months ago. Before he left he tried to arrange for one of his students, Tammy, from Anthem to take over our classes. She was hesitant about signing a contract because her father had medical issues to deal with and she thought she might need the summer to assist him. Recently, we reached out to her, to get an update and to verify her commitment to our club. She gave it some thought and decided that it was too much of a time commitment for her.

We have located another one of Franklin Wood's students, Dan, who is teaching in Anthem. We have talked to him about teaching our classes. We also talked to the people in the Section II and Section III classes this last Thursday and Friday about their willingness to pay higher class fees for a period of time for this teacher.

At our 6/3/2016 Board Meeting, the board decided that we cannot afford to pay Dan to teach all of our classes. So we decided to leave the classes just as they are, and allow Linda V to continue to teach these classes. I have total confidence in her teaching and am grateful that she is willing to help the club in this way.

But we still are left with the problem that we have no one to teach the Section III classes. So we decided that we would offer Dan a contract to just teach that one class. We will lose some money on that class, but it will be an investment for the club to insure that we have more students trained in Section III, and can help the club in the future when we need substitute teachers, etc. We will need to negotiate a contract with Dan to start teaching the Section III class starting in October. We may need to raise the Section III class fees to \$5 per class to help us cover the expenses of this teacher.

Also, by waiting until the fall, the hope is that Linda V may have some additional students ready to move into the Section III class, which will allow us to spread the cost over even more people.

Addendum 06/05/2016

Franklin Wood called me today and said he had arranged to have another of his students, Patrick teach the Friday classes for the same fee we had paid Franklin Wood. He can start as soon as we want him.

Given this scenario, we will be able to only charge the \$3.00 class fee, as normal.

Doug will contact Patrick, and get a contract with him.

With the recent changes that have been occurring, it has become apparent that the primary goal of the club right now is to make ourselves as independent as we can. The best way of doing this is to train as many people as possible as fast as we reasonably can, so we that we can develop our own teachers. We need to insure that we have people who can take over and allow Linda to go on vacations, etc. The more advanced students we have the stronger the pillars of our club will become.

We are aware that there was a problem for a period of time when people were not advancing. We want to invite all prior members of the club to reconsider returning to the club if you are capable, and giving us a second chance. We now have a teacher who understands the above stated goals and is willing to work with the club to achieve them.

If you are interesting in returning to the club, with these changes, would you please write to me and give me a general idea of about where you were at in Tai Chi, when you left. We need to know how many people we might be dealing with, and we need to know how to divide you up if there are many people at different levels. We want to put you into a bridge class until we can help you reach whatever level you need to be at to enter the class you are best suited for, so you can advance properly.

We currently can use the Bell Aeorbics room on Fridays from 2:30 to 3:30 for this purpose. If we have too many people, we will need to find an additional date and time.

LINDA – DO YOU WANT TO JUST OPEN UP THE FRIDAY 2:30 CLASSES FOR ANYONE TO SHOW UP AT, OR DO YOU WANT PEOPLE TO ‘ENROLL’ AND ALLOW US TO TRY AND GROUP PEOPLE INTO SIMILAR LEVELS

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I will also have to talk to the RCSC to see if I can reserve another time for the singing bowls (remember that ongoing issue)? Nothing changes.

We have been trying to determine the future direction of the club. Linda Voorhees is a born teacher, and she will only get better with experience. I am really happy that we have her as a resource. Tammy has decided that our club would be too much of a time commitment for her. We have been in the process of negotiating with Dan about helping us out. He wants \$75-\$100 per class. We absolutely cannot afford to pay him that much. But we are considering hiring him to teach the Friday 12:45 class for Section III. We will definitely make a loss on that class, but will have to write it off as an investment in the club.

We have decided that we need to get as many people through Section II and Section III as we reasonably can to help give the club stability and strength. So that will be our primary goal and challenge. We hope to hire you and Dan to do fairly frequent intensives to help us finesse what Linda and Dan teaches us in the regular classes.

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