

Brighton Ki Society
January 2017 AGM

Present: Petr, Peter, Bob, Yianni, Adrian, Bene, Elaine, Jim and Annette

Apologies: Suzanna, Tom, Don, Adrian and Simon

Officer reports on 2016

Chair report: Bob

- We had two Kiatsu seminars, one with Tam Sensei and one with Tabatha Sensei, completing the Kiatsu course
- Cameron and Petr did Dan gradings
- Classes were up and down in 2016
- This year we have full BAB association - Bob voted in the AGM

Yianni: Bookings have been good this year for the venue - which has helped with cash flow

Treasurer report: Bob

Overall income: £21,686.61

Overall outgoing: £21,463.21

(see the annual financial statement for full breakdown)

- We have broken even this year
- Biggest outlay was approx. £4,000 on refurbishments i.e. shower and carpet
- People need to claim back any money they pay out of their own pocket through a BKS cheque - it is easier to keep track of cheque payments than cash
- We will be having the dojo rent reviewed this year
- This year we could think about applying for funding through the lottery

Maintenance report: Petr and Yianni

- Bathrooms were fitted
- New carpets
- Wall repairs
- Two new lamps for external door

Promotions/advertising

- Andrea created a fantastic new website
- 200 people like our Facebook page
- We are using Facebook advertising - need more people to click and join group to continue to make us popular

- We had \$10,000 grant from Google AdWords. Bob has been working on this - keeping it to the Brighton area. (Note - it's not real money, just for the cost of the clicks on their own google search engine but does make us more visible to the outside world.)

Instructors reports

Bob

- Monday classes recently filled but lots of beginners, not very fulfilling for the people who come regularly
- Sat children's class is very quiet
- Monthly events are well attended
- Taigi is a bit quiet
- Wednesday is quite busy now

Petr

- Kids class on Monday is a nice group of kids - they pay attention. But it is difficult to get kids here because of the timing
- Petr thinking of opening Steiner after-school club or at the Dharma school
- Sat morning need people to help with kids class. It would be good to try and link Monday with Sat
- Wed afternoon has a dedicated group of 3 people. Andrea helps out. Trying to get people from local business involved.
- Had some good gradings with the kids

London dojo report - Peter

- Achilles, Alex, Dom, Simon and Adrian are regular students/members
- Daniel is currently not available to teach due to family commitments
- Class numbers are low - partly due to room changes. The dojo needs to promote itself better
- Dom has had to work extra hard to keep the club running, with assistance from Adrian and Peter

There are three classes per week:

- Tues - Peter (SOAS)
- Thursday - Adrian (Imperial)
- Sunday - Dom (SOAS)

Manchester dojo report - sent from Sayan

- Sayan is finding it hard to find a place to host the class
- He is wanting to experiment and run a class combining classical ballet and ki
- He is travelling a lot for work so this has also made it difficult to run the classes
- If Sayan leaves he could give his mats to the Brighton dojo - there about 30 of them and they are fairly new

Kiatsu Report: Bob

£1554 was taken across the year from Kiatsu activities - this could be used to sponsor more Kiatsu activities in 2017.

Voting for officers

It was agreed that if everyone was happy with their current roles they would remain the same for the coming year.

Planning for 2017

Ki Society HQ

- They will be doing more activities in Tokyo - there is a new dojo where most international activities are happening
- Tohei Sensei might be visiting the UK - he has requested a visit
- Tabatha Sensei is visiting Southampton where he will run a seminar on the 5/6th Sept. Then he is running the annual national seminar in Wales 8-10 Sept.

Brighton Ki Society

- Bob is going to teach in Prague 28 April - 1 May
- Bob is considering going to Japan to do some training. It's also important to reconnect with Japan.
- There is a black belt grading 25/26 March. It is available for other students to watch. There will be a celebration at the Blueman afterwards. On the Sunday from 10-12pm Rhys Edwards Sensei will run a feedback session on what has been learnt from Japan (if you go to Japan for a training it is generally understood that you must teach others here what you've learnt)
- Potentially summer school 8/9 July
- Fringe taster Sunday 28th May. Kiatsu in the morning and taster in the afternoon

Publicity

- Petr and Andrea working on a new leaflet
- Petr has put his phone number on the website and has got lots of interested calls
- We will continue with Facebook as it has been pretty successful. Every month we need to promote the beginners class. We also need to promote the kids class more on Facebook. Bob said we can spend £50 - 80 per month on promotions online
- There is a new poster in the alley way near the dojo which is also an experiment
- Need to remember to ask new students how they found out about us

London publicity

- Dom has a WhatsApp group

- Also Facebook page which Peter is going to put more regular updates on. It would be good if other people could click and like these
- Also put stuff on London Facebook page if you're putting it on Brighton Page. Peter to invite us all the like London FB page
- Refresher week in Feb - might need people to help out with demo.

Classes

New Tuesday Ki class introducing Kiatsu 7.30 - 9pm. £7. Petr is running this as drop-in

Maintenance

- Getting new radiator
- Stain block on back wall or Techoseal
- Painting all walls white but leaving ceiling
- New outdoor lights gone up