

TAOIST ARTS ORGANISATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21st June 2025

Committee Members present:

Gareth Pryce (Chairman)

Marie Hartshorn (Treasurer)

Shaun Cahill (Secretary)

Members present:

Peter Thompson	Julian Padget	Susan Gobardansingh
Jennie Dawson	Edward Purcell	Gareth Pryce
Renée Pryce	Abraham Phillip	Shaun Cahill
Andy Fletcher	Scott Pladdys	
Sian Thomas-Samuel	Marie Hartshorn	
Karin Harvey	Robert Smith	
John Ainsley	Julia Hibble	
Tony Skinner	Janet Edwards	

Subject	
1.	Welcome, Introduction and Apologies Shaun Cahill, Secretary introduced himself, welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Apologies: JF, JW, AR, ER, SG, VR, LJ, MD
2.	Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting 2024 Annual General Meeting Minutes were approved by MH and seconded by STS.
3.	Chairman's Report The Chairman summarised his printed report, which was available to everybody present at the meeting (and was emailed to all members). German video was shown which will be loaded onto German website and social media platforms to attract new members. SC asked why Germany was leading on this and not the UK. GP said database was 90% ready. This was disputed by SC who said the database was not fit for purpose and is unavailable to instructors for class admin. SC asked about the class situations of the class mentors. There were a number of questions regarding the Archive regarding member/instructor access and content. GP listed technical issues as reason for lack of access. SC questioned the current state of the German and French committees and the 3 year rotation. GP stated that both German and French committees are not complete and therefore not able to take control.

4.	Technical Director's Report The Secretary read the TD's printed report, which was available to everybody present at the meeting (and was emailed to all members).
5.	Treasurer's Report Marie Hartshorn read through the Treasurer's Report and asked for any questions. £300 banking charge was detailed in response to question in that Lloyd's now charge. Cheque and euro conversion incurs fees. Stripe incurs fees although these are covered by the membership charge. Copies of the Treasurer's Report and Accounts were available to everybody present at the meeting (and was emailed to all members). The Secretary asked the members if they were happy to verify the Accounts. Accounts unanimously verified.
6.	Matters Arising from Committee Discussions GP and MH were nominated and seconded for Chair and Treasurer respectively. SC stood down as Secretary and Scott Pladdys (SP) was nominated and seconded to this position. All nominees were voted in by the attendees.
7.	Members Items Suggestion that there should be more than three people on the UK committee to hold voting rights to make it more democratic. Secretary to send out email to all members asking for views on this. Non TAO classes should contribute to the TAO. How this is to be achieved needs more discussion. GDPR currently precludes sending non TAO info to members.
8.	AOB AGM minutes to be uploaded to the website and also emailed to all members. Further discussion on how to promote the TAO generally and to a younger demographic. RP discussed possible entry to corporate institutions could generate significant funds but how this is to be achieved is unknown. SC raised the TD's situation and what is planned going forward. GP stated that this is unknown currently.
9.	Close The Secretary brought the meeting to close .

The meeting closed at 11.15am.