

**Minutes of SVN AGM  
Charney Manor  
Sat 8th October 2016 at 2:30pm**

**Present:** Pauline, Richard, Jen, Julia, Susie, Nick, Geoff, Ann, Julian, Tricia, Carol, Kris, Alexandra, Mary, Ingebord, Non, Pam, Jane, Suzanne, Janice.

**Apologies:** Gilly

**1. Circle Meditation.**

Pauline acted as chairman, and called us together with a short meditation. We sent good wishes to Gilly who had returned home due to illness.

**2. Apologies:** Gilly.

**3. Minutes of 2015 AGM.**

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were signed off.

**4. Matters arising.**

Jen as treasurer reported that the 2015 accounts had been posted on the website in January as promised at the last AGM and also published in the newsletter. Pauline stated that the minutes of the Steering Group meetings had not been put up on the website as promised at the last AGM, but were available at Charney in the soul voyagers folder for all to consult.

**5. Treasurer's Report.**

Referring to the 2015 accounts, Jen explained that the reason the balance in the account had dropped to £140 last year was because of the original altruism in the setting up of the Network. The current balance was £1504-14 which is looking much healthier and the result of economies by the Steering Group in their organisation of their year's event. Jen handed out a summary of the current situation. Appendix 1.

**6. Steering Group report.**

Pauline stated that the group had fulfilled the terms of reference set out at the start of the year. see appendix 2. The group had had monthly meetings by Skype and one face to face meeting during the year. Richard reported that the number of members in the network had increase by about 12 during the year to 128. He stated that the website was adequate for the current needs of the network. There seems to be little use made of the forum part of the website for members to use to chat. Newsletters had been produced monthly and had been appreciated by members of the network present today, but there had been little wider feedback from the membership. Non, Nick and others appreciated the newsletters and said that the lack of response did not mean a lack of appreciation. Ingebord suggested that members might like to contribute snippets of stories or feedback on the retreat. Other comments were that using a website might not be easy for more mature members and that the website needed to be made as easy as possible to use and the forum made more obvious.

**7. Financial Projection.**

See appendix 3. The profits from retreats will build into a financial cushion over the next three years as long as we have more than 20 attendees at the retreat and as long as presentations are gifted by the members free of charge. No subscriptions will be required. Geoff noted that this was a vulnerable strategy and wondered whether other

sources of income might be available such as donations or charities. Julian suggested that charitable donations may be available. This would need more research.

#### **8. Constitutional update.**

Pauline explained that it was not clear in the constitution how long Steering group members can remain in office. The steering Group need to be voted in each year at the AGM. She suggested that the minimum term is one year and the maximum three years without a break. Members can be nominated at the AGM as long as they are proposed and seconded. It was agreed to trail the above arrangement for 2 or three years and then review. These arrangements will be publicised in the newsletter.

#### **9. Election of Steering Group for next year.**

No nominations came from the AGM this year.

Gilly has stood down for health reasons.

All the other members of the steering Group were willing to continue in office.

Suzanne was proposed for chairman by Pauline, seconded by Non, and elected.

Richard was proposed for Secretary by Pauline, seconded by Jen, and elected.

Jen was proposed as Treasurer by Pauline, seconded by Julia, and elected.

Pam was proposed as member by Pauline, seconded by Jen, and elected.

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(note, there was a general consensus in the room over nominations and the above names were attached to the nominations for convenience).

#### **10. Council of Elders.**

All the Elders are willing to continue in office. They comprise Pam, Kris, Carol, Julia, Mary and Geoff, They were all thanked for their input over the past year. Its was suggested that they may arrange a Skype meeting for themselves in the coming year.

#### **11. Our purpose.**

An open session of ideas came up with the following points.

- Uplifting consciousness.
- Journey of the soul.
- We are all soul voyagers, we are more diverse than just graduates of DMP.
- We share a vision of soul healing.
- We are a vanguard group.
- How do we open up and involve the young people who instinctively know about these issues?
- If we do move in that direction it would be a major change from what we have done previously. The observation was made that up to now we had a background of a soul family gathering around the work and person of Roger Woolger. It would perhaps be difficult for outsiders to understand that and take it on board.
- Potential for sacred activism.

#### **12. Letting go of the old and bringing in the new.**

Pauline encouraged everyone to write down on paper of those things in the network that we needed to move on from and let go, and those new ideas which we needed to bring in for the future. These could be committed to the fire during in a brazier in the courtyard in a transformative ceremony.

The AGM was closed at 4pm.

**Addendum.**

Ingebord Borst was proposed for the Steering group by Jen and seconded by Nick and elected during a session the following day.