

TCAA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 15 FEB

Date:	15 FEB 2021
Timeframe:	7:00PM-8:40PM
Venue:	Zoom

Attendants	Role
Mr James Gao	President Membership Manager
Mr Cyril Loa	Vice-President
Mr Ken Goh	Treasurer
Ms Amy Lee	Secretary
Ms Fang Qin	State Rep SA
Ms Brenda Hum	Ord Member SA
Mr Robert Hall	State Rep WA
Mr Stephen Lin	Ord Member VIC/TAS
Ms Gabriela den Hollander	Ord Member VIC/TAS
Mr Bruce Jin	Ord Member QLD/NT

Quorum of 3 is met, the meeting is declared open

A. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The 3rd meeting of the Committee of Tai Chi Association Australia was called to order at 7:00 pm on 15 February 2021 by the president, Mr James Gao.

Apologies: Dr. Anthony Shing, Mr. Eddy Nugent, Dr. Paul Lam, Mr. Steve Heard, Mr. Yuyuan Wang

B. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Item 1.

Minutes of last committee meeting were accepted as a true record.

Item 2. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

2.1 Publication Sub-Committee Report - Submitted by Gabriela den Hollander - see Appendix C1

2.1.1

- Gaby proposed that an Advertising Policy and Procedure be formulated, preferably before the 20th March, which is the date of the next TCAA Newsletter mailout.

Action

James offered to convene an ad hoc subcommittee for this purpose, which will meet within two weeks. The draft policy will then be brought back to a Management Committee meeting to seek support for its acceptance and publication to members. Subcommittee members include Ken, Gaby and Cyril.

2.2 Competition Sub-committee Report

2.2.1 Report of the Competition Sub-committee – Cost analysis (see appendix 2)

2.2.2 Discussions on competition 2021

- Due to Covid-safe restrictions, the competition is likely to happen in October.
- Income and expenses: The current income stream solely rely on registration fees. The three major expenses are: medals, venue hire and interstate judges' cost.
- Ken mentioned that there were material deficits on each annual competition, we need to review the forms of competition and medal issuing.
- Members vote on maintain annual competition and comes non rejections.
- Agreed on alternative Virtual Taolu competition, in view of pandemic situation and the shortage on income statement, in case we are unable to run arena type competition.

- To form up a Push hand division under competition sub-committee, led by Bruce, followed by Robert, James and Ken. it will be working on refining rules and form of push hand in the future competition.

Action:

- The subcommittee is to design details once agreed on virtual competition principle, such as how to submit videos to the judge panel,
- Timeframe: to have draft drawn by June, ideally by next meeting.
- Bruce offered to contact Damon Bramich regarding push hands judging

2.3 Updates from Health Sub-committee

2.3.1 Gaby is currently working on book review of the relationship between Tai Chi and breathing.

2.3.2 Private health insurance rebate review

Submission to the Australian Department of Health in 2020, regarding review of private health insurance rebates for Natural Therapies, including Tai Chi. Status: ongoing with report by end of year.

2.3.3 Tai Chi on falls prevention

A Review paper was sent to relevant stakeholders last December. Status: ongoing.

ITEM 3 – NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Gaby asked where documents such as minutes, policies and procedures are stored. Our Constitution requires us to make minutes of meetings available to members upon request. It was proposed to store these documents on the TCAA website. To be followed up at the next Management Committee meeting.

C. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting closed at 8.40pm

APPENDIX 1.

TCAA PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 15TH FEBRUARY 2021 *presented by G. den Hollander*

The November, December and January newsletters were circulated to 177 members and Mailchimp reports the following:

- 99.4% of these were successfully received.
- 62% of the newsletters were opened compared with an average of 57% for September and October 2020.

To date the few emails providing feedback have all been positive.

Although no **“Letters to the Editor”** have been received so far, members have been forthcoming with articles and questions. The two questions which need to be addressed by our Management Committee in writing today are:

1. What is our approved advertising policy?
2. Will TCAA be conducting competitions in 2021?

I propose that these responses be reported in the February newsletter.

APPENDIX 2.

TCAA COMPETITION COST ANALYSIS

FOR THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 15TH FEBRUARY 2021

presented by Ken Goh

The Fees and Expenditure directly related to 2019 Competition were added up with the following: notable points:

a. The expenses were about \$4000 in excess of registration fees.

2019CompRcpts	2019CompExpenses
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\$ 4,190.00	\$ (8,233.09)
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b. The major expenses were

Medals: (\$3,150.00)

Venue Hire: (\$1,620)

c. Options.

1) Stop holding competitions altogether. (This will be a major reduction of an activity we have been holding to promote Tai Chi.) If this is rejected, then 2) to be considered:

2) a) Reduce medals awarded to only GOLD; OR

b) Stop issuing medals, OR

c) Issue medals of cheaper type.

3) Reduce venue rental. (Lower cost venue not available. The Indoor Sports Centre at Riverwood is only about \$150 less for the 2020 event that didn't go ahead.)

d. My recommendation:

1) Stop issuing medals. TCAA subsidy of the event is thus reduced to about \$1000.

2. Alternative to physical Competition meetings.

Covid19 response has provided thought of the possibility of holding "virtual" competitions.

One possibility is to have registrants submit videos of their performance for assessment by a TCAA judge's panel.

This arrangement will involve the following to included:

a. A registration fee per event to prevent overload.

b. The range of events will be limited to reduce admin.

c. There should probably not be a gender or age category, as this is really an assessment of attainment.

d. Each submission assessed will be given an emailed certificate with the score attained.

e. Those attaining ≥ 8.50 points will be listed on the TCAA Website on a "Attained Taolu Performers" list.

The Competition Committee will prepare for the detailed implementation of such an arrangement.

3. Push Hands Competition.

With the experience of Covid19, and also with a view to overcoming the criticism that Push Hands frequently turn into a wrestling effort between "grunts", I shall be seeking views and ideas to improve "Push Hands" to display "true" principles of push hands in a safe environment.

Obviously "Push Hands" does NOT lend itself to become a virtual event :); and therein lies the challenge.

Committee members, please read this and if you have any comments, please raise at the 3rd Meeting.