



SSSC Regular Meeting –June 29, 2016

Mission Statement of the SSSC

With the guidance of God and the grace of the Guru it is the mission of the SSSC to protect, preserve and cultivate the prosperity of the constituent community and its assets; listen to, serve and elevate the constituent community; support the non-profit and for profit entities and the family of constituent communities; and live to and hold the values of the teachings of the Siri Guru Granth Sahib and the Siri Singh Sahib Bhai Sahib Harbhajan Singh Khalsa Yogi Ji: selfless service, compassion, kindness, honesty, integrity, trustworthiness and Guru inspired consciousness.

Vision Statement of the SSSC

To Serve, Align, and Grow our Family of Organizations to Uplift All.

Agenda

1. Update on Satpal Singh – 60 Minutes (Shanti Kaur, Kirtan Singh)

We have requested Shanti Kaur (Interim Director of Public Affairs) and Kirtan Singh (Chairman of SDI) to brief the SSSC on the situation with Satpal Singh.

2. 3HO Europe Board Clarification - 30 Minutes (Dharm Singh)

We need to revisit the 3HO Europe board member process. Currently there are two European non-profit organizations:

Stichting 3HO

European 3HO Foundation Stichting (usually referred to as 3HO Europe)

Stichting 3HO owns 100% of the Amsterdam Ashram, 100% of the La Fontaine Property and 50% of Chateau Anand

European 3HO Foundation Stichting owns the other 50% of Chateau Anand and produces the European Yoga Festival. This organization has the tax exempt status similar to what we have in the US (501- c3) for our non-profits.

You cannot combine the two organizations as you would lose the tax exempt status.

In the past the same board has served both organizations. When we voted to approve the 3HO Europe board we did not specify that the board we were selecting was being approved for both organizations. This is largely a housekeeping item and should be able to be accomplished quickly. The new motion to be brought by Dharm Singh is:

Until otherwise determined by the SSSC, the board of Stichting 3HO shall consist of the same members as the board of European 3HO Foundation Stichting.

3. Letter from European Sangat Member regarding 3HO Europe Board (Satwant Singh)

Sat Nam dear Gurujodha Singh, sat nam dear members of the SSSC,

thank you for the opportunity to talk to you during the German Yoga Festival.

At the Festival we had a meeting scheduled for/with you to talk about the SSSC. During this meeting, with a strong suggestion of Krishna Kaur, who sat in shortly, we talked about the possibility, the need to build a stronger European non-profit structure.

At the moment 3HO Europe is practically its board, which just got expanded. There is a website and once a year the main event for the non-profit 3HO Europe is the European Yoga festival. However, there is not much else regarding structure, organization, cooperation, exchange and synergy amongst the European countries that have sizable Kundalini yoga Sangats and teacher trainings.

The idea is to build a stronger non-profit European structure. The aim is to make the European Sangat stronger and enable us to better work together for all aspects of Kundalini Yoga. There are many different areas that would benefit from such a European approach: Information: who is doing what and what is happening in the national Sangats. Lately Kundalini Yoga is growing so fast and vast, to keep it organized and together. Exchange/ Cooperation/ Synergy: what works, where can we learn from each other, offer help, where can we work together... Business opportunities, Events (more, bigger etc.)

A possibility to build such a structure is under the already existing non-profit 3HO Europe. We suggest to invite representatives from all national European KYTAs and also from European Teacher Training Schools and Sat Nam Rasayan plus teacher trainers or other active members from countries that don't have a national KYTA. 3HO Germany has a form of organization and a structure that could be an example of how to establish a stronger structure for 3HO Europe.

However, to start with, we suggest that Sat Dharm Singh presents this idea to the European Sangat at the 2016 Level 3 Mela in July in France to interview the participants about their interest in such a cooperation and what kind of benefits and contributions they could see for their own networks.

Also, at the European Yoga Festival in August a meeting should be scheduled to further discuss and present this idea.

If we find enough interest and support we will start designing what kind of infrastructure such a platform would need and invite national representatives for a first meeting.

We hope that we reflected the outcome of our conversation correctly and we understand that you would be supportive of such a stronger European non-profit structure and cooperation.

Please bring this idea to the attention of the SSSC and we would very much like to know how they feel about it. We hope that the SSSC will be backing and supporting such a stronger European cooperative structure.

Thank you very much for your time and traveling to Europe.

Sat Nam in Love and Light

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4. Executive Director's Update

Approval of Minutes

The presiding officer simply states, "Are there any corrections to the minutes as sent via email?" If there are none, or after all corrections have been made, the presiding officer may say, "If there is no objection, the minutes will be approved as presented (or as corrected)."