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MINUTES OF TWELTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MEETING DATE: 13th August 2011

TIME: 10:30 for 11:00 am

VENUE: Brisbane City Council Library, Corner of Compton & Calam Roads, Sunnybank Hills Shopping Centre

ATTENDANCE: As per the Attendance Record and Proxies recorded

APOLOGIES: Jim Ferguson, Chee Wong, Julie Khoo and James Wilson

QUORUM: Yes – By resolution of those present and a count of Proxies

CHAIRPERSON: Kim Hollow

Minutes Secretary: Mrs. Maeve Hollow

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 19th June, 2010 were read and confirmed

Moved: Maeve Hollow

Seconded: Jenny LeNeveu

Carried.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

- Prison Chaplaincy
- International Day of Peace

The above matters were adjourned for discussion by new 2011 Buddhist Council of Queensland (BCQ) Committee.

2. PRESIDENT REPORT:

Kim read and table the Presidents Report for the 2010 year, on behalf of the retiring President, Mr Jim Ferguson.

Moved: Jenny LeNeveu

Seconded: David Wee

Carried.

3. TREASURERS REPORT:

The audited net Debit balance for 2011 was (\$293.24). The Loss shown in the Auditors Report for year ended 31st December, 2010 was due an outstanding unpaid Invoices amount owed to KA & MF Hollow, for expenses incurred in postage & handling charges for despatch of the BCQ publication; "Buddhism In Queensland".

The net Credit balance in the BCQ saving account as at 31st December, 2010 was \$352.21.

The full statement of Income, Expenditure, and Profit & Loss from ordinary activities of the BCQ; is shown in the attached "Independent Audit Report" prepared by Noel R. Box Services Pty Ltd, for and on behalf of the Council.

The Treasurers Report was tabled for inspection and discussion by the Treasurer; Jenny LeNeveu.

Mr. David Wee kindly offered to pay the \$150.00 fees to Noel Box Services Pty Ltd, for the BCQ Audit to the 31st December, 2010. The Committee thanked David for his generosity.

Moved: Jenny LeNeveu

Seconded: Maeve Hollow

Carried.

4. ELECTION OF 2011-12 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The present committee then stood aside and David Wee chaired the remainder of the meeting to call to elect the new committee.

- a. **President** – Kim Hollow nominated by Jenny LeNeveu, and Seconded by Venerable Lhagsam. With no others – elected unopposed.
- b. **Secretary** – Reverend Eido McIntyre nominated by Kim Hollow and Seconded by Carl Adams. With no others – elected unopposed.
- c. **Treasurer** – Jenny Le Neveu nominated by Maeve Hollow and Seconded by David Wee. With no others – elected unopposed.
- d. **Vice President** – Chee Weng nominated by Kim Hollow and Seconded by Jenny LeNeveu. With no others elected unopposed.
- e. **Committee Members** – Venerable Lozang Lhagsam; Maeve Hollow; Richard Corby and Carl Adams. Nominated and seconded from the floor, all elected unopposed.

The new executive committee was then invited to take the floor and complete the meeting.

A formal vote of thanks to David Wee for Chairing that portion of the meeting was extended and agreed to by all.

The new President advised the new committee members that a Quorum for all future meetings stands at five. All committee members must apply for and hold, a current State Government CCYPCG Blue Card. Confirmation that those applications have been completed and lodged to be passed to the committee as soon as possible.

5. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR 2011

Further investigation is needed to establish if ongoing Audits are required, in order to apply for and receive grant monies.

Moved: Kim Hollow

Seconded: Maeve Hollow

Carried.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. **Donations** received as follows - \$150.00 from David Wee (for Audit fees); \$50.00 from Venerable Lhagsam and \$50.00 from Rev James Wilson.
- b. **International Day of Peace 2012** – It was discussed and agreed to see how the BCQ could be involved in this event. Rev. Eido McIntyre to approach “Youngcare” to see if the BCQ can provided assistance. Rev. Eido to report back at the next committee on progress.
- c. **Cambodian Aid** – Jenny LeNeveu sought advice and possible assistance from the BCQ as a vehicle to forward donations to groups such as “Choice”, “Greenstar” and other approved charitable organisations in Cambodia. Jenny currently donates monies to assist individuals and charities in Cambodia. The proposal is that future monies donated by Jenny to the BCQ be distributed by the BCQ to approved Cambodian charities. Further discussions were held regarding the appropriate ways to distribute funds – e.g. Trust Accounts, Direct Debits, Banks Cheques and etc. Carl suggested the BCQ consider looking at the process called Bitcoin. Kim will also discuss with the FABC how it collects and distributes donations overseas. Carl and Kim to report back to the committee next meeting.
- d. **Philosophy versus Buddhism** - Carl raised the possibility of a new approach to promoting Buddhism, with more of an emphasis on philosophy. Further research and in-depth discussion amongst the committee is required.
- e. **Chaplaincy** – Rev. Eido was asked by the new committee to give a brief outline on his experience with chaplaincy in prisons and hospitals. The Abrahamic faith continues to make it difficult for other minority religious organisations to have the same access to inmates as they do. This is most frustrating for the minority faith

groups. There is a particular need within the female prison system for guidance with meditation and spirituality in general. The Abrahamic faiths do not provide this assistance, leaving the Buddhists as the only source for this need. Rev. Eido is pleased to confirm one Nun has already been appointed to prison chaplaincy, after undergoing one week's training in the Abrahamic faith. This Nun is now in charge of chaplaincy for this institution. Rev Eido also sought a letter from the BCQ in support of his appointment to the Queensland State Chaplaincy Board. It was further suggested the committee contact the NSW Chaplaincy Advocate for information on their States program.

- f. **Director of Chaplaincy** - Due to the specialised nature of chaplaincy, it was suggested that a new position; Director of Chaplaincy and Outreach Services be created. The Reverend. Eido McIntyre was nominated unopposed from the floor.

Moved: Maeve Hollow

Seconded: Carl Adams

Carried.

- g. **Religious Education Advisory Committee – Education Queensland (REAC)** – Jim Ferguson suggested the BCQ continue with our involvement in REAC. Carl has offered to attend the next REAC meeting on behalf of the BCQ. Maeve to confirm dates and emailed the information to Carl.
- h. **Spiritual Advisor** - Kim asked Venerable Lhagsam if she was willing to be the Spiritual Advisor for the BCQ. Ven. Lhagsam was reluctant to accept this position due to her limited knowledge of ALL Buddhist Traditions. Ven. Lhagsam was however, happy to assist where possible.
- i. **FABC Update** – due to lack of available time, it was agreed to postpone this report until the next committee meeting.
- j. **BCQ Website** – Jim Ferguson has kindly offered his services to monitor and administer the BCQ website.

7. **Motion of Thanks**

It was unanimously agreed to send letters of thanks to both Jim Ferguson and David Wee for their valuable assistance and contribution to the BCQ over the years.

A date for the 2012 Annual General Meeting will be confirmed early next year.

Meeting closed at 1:00 pm.

Signed by President: _____ Secretary: _____ Date: _____ 2011