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MINUTES OF TENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MEETING DATE: August 8, 2009 **TIME:** 11:36 am

VENUE: Karuna House – 27 Cartwright Street, Windsor

ATTENDANCE: as per Attendance Record and proxies recorded

QUORUM: Yes – by resolution of those present

CHAIRPERSON: Jim Ferguson

SECRETARY: Kim Hollow

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on May 10, 2008 meeting were confirmed.

Moved by Jim Ferguson Seconded by Jennie Le Neveu Accepted

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

none

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jim tabled his report and summarised the past year and the expectations for 2009-10.

Moved by Jim Ferguson Seconded by Maeve Hollow Accepted

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Current bank balance of the bank a/c is \$4895.51 of which \$4800.00 is the Q150 Grant sum and 9 cents interest. Cash holdings are \$75.00 made up of the \$50.00 petty cash reserve and \$25.00 new membership fees received. Expenses due for payment are \$75.00 for PO Box rental, reimbursement of flowers in memory of Kim Weng, and \$150.00 for the audit fees to Noel Box. Overall net balance after these payments will be \$4651.82

The books of account were audited by Noel Box and report that the accounts were an accurate representation of the affairs of the Buddhist Council of Queensland. The Council does not have any assets other than funds at bank and cash in hand. This report is now tabled at this meeting for inspection.

Moved by Jenny Le Neveu Seconded by Kim Hollow Accepted

4. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR 2009

Noel Box has offered to again act as auditor for next year and was warmly accepted.

Moved by Maeve Hollow Seconded by Clayton Wood Accepted

5. ELECTION OF 2008 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The present committee then retired and all positions opened for fresh election. Brian Ashen, President of the FABC, was invited from the floor, to chair this stage of the proceedings to elect the relevant positions:

- a. President** – Jim Ferguson nominated by Chee Weng, seconded by Maeve Hollow with no others – elected unopposed.
- b. Secretary** – Kim Hollow nominated by Jenny Le Neveu, seconded by Jim Ferguson with no others – elected unopposed.
- c. Treasurer** – Jenny Le Neveu nominated by Maeve Hollow, seconded by Chee Weng with no others – elected unopposed.
- d. Vice President** – David Wee nominated by Jim Ferguson, seconded by Kim Hollow with no others – elected unopposed.
- e. Assistant Secretary** – Maeve Hollow nominated by Jenny Le Neveu, seconded by Chee Weng with no others – elected unopposed
- f. Committee Members** – Ven. Dharmadarsa, Ven. Lozang Lhagsam, Chee Weng, Clayton Wood were 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 Brian Ashen for chairing that portion of the meeting was extended and agreed to by all. Jim then reminded the incoming committee that a quorum for all their meetings therefore now stands at 5. Jim also reminded that all office bearers must hold a current CCYPCG Blue Card, confirmation to be passed to the committee as soon as possible.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. Brian Ashen, President of the FABC gave a brief presentation concerning the multi-faith activities engaged in and particularly with Australian Partnership of Religious Organisations (APRO) and other world-based forums.
- b. Brian added that the FABC is also seeking expressions of interest from Qld. sangha and lay members for roles as military and other chaplains. Sr Susila, Ven. Dharmadarsa and Ven Eido McIntyre are interested in this work, but there are issues over Vinaya and public expectations, including transport, meal times etc.
- c. The FABC has relocated its head office from New South Wales to Victoria.
- d. Kim Hollow is the FABC's Vice President
- e. Kim presented a report on the latest Australian Sangha Association AGM and was impressed in both their organisation and proceedings and of their high standing held by overseas dharma groups, including the USA
- f. Ven. Dharmadarsa mentioned the broad acceptance of the FABC and ASA as Australia's representative of the dharma community
- g. Kim, on behalf of the BCQ has offered Qld as the next venue for the ASA AGM in mid-2010 and recommends full support for the ASA at our State level.
- h. Julie Khoo mentioned her Zen master's pending visit to Brisbane and seeks support of the BCQ to promote his visit.
- i. Wat Thai Buddharam hosted the recent tour of the Jade Buddha in Queensland.
- j. Jenny mentioned the Aust Tibet Council are touring a photo exhibition that may be useful for our own project to consider.

Meeting closed at 12:32 pm

Next Annual General Meeting probably June 2010 – exact date and venue to be advised.

Signed by President: _____ Secretary: _____ Date: __/__/2010