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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING DATE: May 31, 2008

TIME: 10:45am

VENUE: Rachel Hannam's Home a2 Nundah – during BCQ's Garage Sale

ATTENDANCE: Kim and Maeve Hollow, David Wee, Jenny Le Neveu, Rachel Hannam, Maree Apollini & Jim Ferguson.

QUORUM: Yes **APOLOGIES:** Chee Weng and Ven. Lhagsum

CHAIRPERSON: Jim Ferguson

SECRETARY: Kim Hollow

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Minutes of the May 10, 2008 Committee and AGM meetings were confirmed

Moved by Jim Ferguson

Seconded by Rachel Hannam

Accepted

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

none

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

IN-

- a. Who's Who in Australia reminder to update details & new edition releases in June;
- b. Diversity from MAQ;
- c. CCYPCG letter re Obligations for Employers and notice that new forms have now been released;
- d. GU-MFC notices of upcoming events;
- e. Optus phone a/c for \$9 for month;
- f. Fax from Kate Jones MP – Member for Ashgrove in reply to Jim's letter, offering Letters of Support for any funding applications we may seek and free photocopying;
- g. Email regarding RI support for a Byron Bay dharma centre.

Moved by Jim Ferguson

Seconded by Maree Apolloni

Accepted

OUT-

none

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Jim will change CCYPCG Volunteer Application on our website to just be a link;
- b. Jenny mentioned she has spoken with her member and will make an appointment, Maeve a similar response.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Current bank balance of the bank a/c is \$793.18 with three un-presented cheques outstanding - \$75 for PO Box rental, \$13.20 AGM postage and \$42.50 for AGM photocopying expenses. Cash is \$50 petty cash therefore making total funds after expenses as \$712.48.

Moved by Jenny Le Neveu

Seconded by Kim Hollow

Accepted

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF TREASURER'S REPORT:

none

4. BUSINESS ON NOTICE:

a. FUND-RAISING STRATEGIES

Jim's member's response was detailed above, as too the progress of others. Jim will email Maree the template and the BCQ letterhead, so she too can write a letter to her member for the BCQ, who at the federal level is Mr Rudd.

Jim also mentioned he is close to finishing the Q150 grant application and hopes to email it for comment in a week or two.

Re movie nights, Jim mentioned that while we could not win a preview of the new Indiana Jones movie, they will provide vouchers and tickets to Buddhist-friendly releases.

Jim also suggested looking for an event that can be staged at Jeta Gardens – he bought the DVD "*Way of the Peaceful Warrior*" but now feels it is not quite right – he also has the DVD "*The Five People You Meet in Heaven*" which might also be eligible....more research needed on this topic.

The garage sale is in progress as we speak, while the rain may have dampened the response, it should still produce a useful outcome.

b. BLUE CARDS

Jim reminded Maree that she will have to obtain a Blue Card and other members also need to have the process completed as soon as possible. Jim will also email the link to the CCYPCG website.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- **Byron Bay Buddhists – Sidhartha's Way** sought training assistance for their local RI from us. Jim asked if this is within our charter and if so how do we respond – what syllabus and resources, etc?

We have several options on our website now – the Dhammakaya's "38 Steps", and the Edmund Rice's "Many Faiths One Humanity", as well as links to Buddhnet's lesson plans etc.

The fact that we do not know what is happening at BESS automatically precludes us from referring this inquiry to them. Are they in fact still functioning?

Jim reminded that some committee members of the BCQ have personally delivered

RI on several occasions but it is important to define a formal position, given that we have three types already at hand – a contemporary Asian-influenced (Thai) Theravada complete program; a multi-faith approach that can be adapted to reflect the program with a Buddhist reference base; and the more traditional “biblical”-style based on the Buddha’s life and parables.

It was resolved that we reply to them saying we have referred their inquiry back to BCNSW and also not make an election on methodology on any occasion, instead offer the choices we have, so they can choose themselves, with a CC to BCNSW.

Moved by Maeve Hollow Seconded by Maree Apolloni Accepted

- **GU-MFC’s presentation on Buddhism** will now be given by Jim on Thursday, August 26, from 7:00 pm to 9:15 pm. If anyone is interested in attending it will add to the level of support. We will also promote it on our website.
- **BCQ Website – Hosting.** Jim has donated the renewal for 2-years with SmartyHost for \$144 after our website had gone down for a couple of days. Kim raised the issue of the BCQ seeking a tax-deductible entity and Jim advised we would have to be delivering some community service, either education or care service to qualify. Then that program would be able to receive tax-deductible donations.
- **FABC remuneration of AGM expenses.** Kim mentioned he has still to receive a reimbursement for the air fares for he and Jenny to Sydney. Jenny’s fare has been partly paid (\$250) but Kim’s whole fare has still to be re-paid by the FABC. Kim as the BCQ Secretary should make the formal approach to both BCNSW and FABC for their respective reimbursements.

Moved by Jim Ferguson Seconded by David Wee Accepted

- **FABC update.** Again the FABC president has advanced issues before seeking endorsement from the FABC and Jim is again concerned about the lack of due process. He is also concerned that the requirements of an AGM have not been fulfilled. Kim agreed that the present situation does not seem to be in compliance and is also concerned.

It was agreed that the BCQ formally express the view that they question if the FABC AGM was correctly constituted and subsequently failed and should therefore be re-convened in accordance with the proper procedures.

Moved by Jim Ferguson Seconded by David Wee Accepted

MEETING CLOSED: At 11:45 am

NEXT MEETING:

July 26, 2008 at Karuna Hospice Services at Windsor at 9:30am

Signed by President: _____ Secretary: _____ Date: __/__/08