

# BUDDHIST COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND INC. (IA29696)



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## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

**MEETING DATE:** January 23, 2011 **TIME:** 2:06pm

**VENUE:** A-Thai-5 Restaurant – 28 Blackwood St, Mitchelton

**ATTENDANCE:** Ven. Lhagsam, Kim Hollow, Chee Weng, Jenny Le Neveu & Maeve Hollow and Jim Ferguson.

**QUORUM:** Yes **APOLOGIES:** Julie Khoo, David Wee

**CHAIRPERSON:** Jim Ferguson

**SECRETARY:** Kim Hollow

### **1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

The minutes of the last meeting, held September 18, 2010 have not been transcribed to date so shall be submitted for acceptance at the next meeting.

### **2. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Application form from Heart Essence Community (assoc. with Langri Tangpa)
- CCYPCG letter seeking information on certain Blue Card applications, incl. Jenny
- Wat Lao invitation to attend one of their functions – Jim & Anong will be attending
- Letter advising BCQ unsuccessful for the Multicultural Qld Week grant funding
- Coy of the Eagle magazine from the Catholic community
- Request from QSA & BESS for a MoU (see below)
- Letter re Sr. Susila and her credentials as a RI teacher
- Australia Day Flag Raising Ceremony invitation

It was moved by Jenny and seconded by Jim that correspondence be accepted as tabled >>  
Accepted

### **3. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Present bank balance is \$352.21 with no petty cash. Moved by Jenny and seconded by Kim  
>> Accepted

### **4. BUSINESS ON NOTICE:**

**New BCQ Website** – Jim advised that while the reCaptcha buffer is a success, there are now other manual hackers who try to break through and he has allowed a couple of potentially valid but subsequently fraudulent users entry, but found he had to delete all their spurious content. Jim is talking to Josh about finding a solution to this latest threat. Jim is now deleting most of these suspect subscribers after monitoring their activity for 24 hours or so. The feedback from the website has been very positive overall.

**QSA & BESS Memoranda of Understandings** – We received proposed Memoranda of Understandings from both QSA and BESS that are virtually interwoven and linked, and also do not fairly distinguish one entity from the other and effectively disenfranchise the BCQ from representing Buddhism in matters to school religious instruction (and other dharma centres also) and seek to restrict the role of the BCQ in other representative function too. It seems clear that there is an inseparable intermingling of management and self-interest amongst the QSA and BESS coupled with a lack of fair and proper recognition of other dharma communities efforts in delivering RI throughout Qld. It was proposed by Jim and seconded by Kim that Jim should draft a response to the QSA to the effect that the MoU in its current format is not reasonable or acceptable to the BCQ or the other centre members we represent, and second response to BESS expressing similar concerns – such drafts to be distributed for comment before sending >> Accepted.

**REAC** – Jim reported that contrary to the plans that Education Qld held for displaying the Religious Fact Sheets etc on their website next year, their advice now is that they cannot do so since it may be construed as endorsement of those faiths and their beliefs, which they are not permitted to do. This also means that they do not have the power to control the content of RI within a denomination and so long as the denomination itself holds the endorsement, it will be permitted. The situation now is that it is up to the local school community and their Principal and any faith groups engaged, to collectively arrive at a suitable program for the students involved.

**Multi-Faith Relationships** - Jim will be delivering a prayer for ***World Religion Day*** being held by the Baha'i faith at their Milton Centre. This was deferred due to the January floods. Anyone wishing to join him will be welcome.

**FABC Activities** - Kim (president of the FABC) reported that they are very active and fielding inquiries to their respective state member Councils and this is a frequent pastime. Globally the World Conference scheduled for this year in Vietnam, has now been postponed until 2012. The FABC has been working in very close collaboration with the Australian Sangha Association and conjointly represent the Australian Buddhist community at international levels.

**Ajahn Brahm's Talk @ GU-MFC** – Chee expressed concern over the Centre's support for the night, re promotion, audio, access etc and suggested we should also invite the Vice Chancellor to speak and Jim to MC. Chee has also arranged for the catering and Kim and Maeve will work with the setting up of the seating etc. Kim will make a donation box and bring Q150 Books to seek support for. He has also had an offer from Steve Paxton from 4BC who will do both an audio and video recording of the talk – he is a student of AB and happy to help. The C/Tee also thanked Chee for his excellent work in conjunction with AB's visit.

**Management Committee 2011 & Onwards** – Jim announced that he must reluctantly retire from an active role with the BCQ as from the next AGM due to heavy commitments elsewhere in his life and will so with regret. He will however, continue to maintain the website and matters arising there from.

## **5. GENERAL BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE:**

**2011 AGM etc** - It is necessary to commence planning for the next AGM, including the auditing of the accounts, etc.

**MEETING CLOSED:** 3:45 pm

**NEXT MEETING:** Prior to the AGM (**to be confirmed**)  
Address: Sunnybank Hills Council Library  
Calamvale Shopping Centre  
Cnr Mains Rd & Wembley Rd, Sunnybank Hills

Date: Saturday, 13 August 2011 Time booked: 10:00 am

Signed by President: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_/\_\_/2011