

# BUDDHIST COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND INC.

AN UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING BUDDHISTS THROUGH BUDDHIST GROUPS AND INSTITUTIONS  
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## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING OF BUDDHIST COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND

**MEETING DATE:** February 25, 2006

**TIME:** 9.36am

**VENUE:** Karuna House

**ATTENDANCE:** As Per Attendance Book

**QUORUM:** Yes

**APOLOGIES:** none

**CHAIRPERSON:** Jim Ferguson

**SECRETARY:** Jim Ferguson (Acting)

### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved: Rachel Hannan

Seconded: Kim Hollow

Accepted

### MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

None – refer to business on notice

### CORRESPONDENCE:

**IN:** 5x memberships renewals received; Office of Fair Trading Annual Return; CCYPCG Blue Card Risk Management Policy; 2x Accounts; Public Liability Insurance Policy & Certificate of Currency; email – SmartyHost annual hosting renewal; Gold Coast City Council – Leadership & Governance for Not-for-Profits seminars.

**OUT:** None

Moved: Kim Hollow

Seconded: Siri

Accepted

Motion Carried.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

CCYPCG Blue Card Risk Management Policy – to be incorporated into our Operations Manual;  
Gold Coast City Council – Leadership & Governance for Not-for-Profits seminars – Jim Attended the 1<sup>st</sup> and will attend the next and report back to the next meeting.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Siri reported that we now have \$863.19 plus the \$250 now received, totalling \$1113.19. He does not have the bank statement due now yet. Financial membership is now 15 members.

Accounts due to be paid to SmartyHost for the Web hosting for \$80 pa to be paid urgently to have the website turned back on. Jim found the receipt for the domain name being paid which may have led to the confusion.

Moved: Jim Ferguson

Seconded: Rachel Hannan

Accepted

Two other accounts received - \$60 for Australia Post post office box annual renewal; and Optus mobile for \$0.55 for the council's phone – both proposed for payment.

Moved: Jim Ferguson

Seconded: Kim Hollow

Accepted.

**BUSINESS ON NOTICE:**

**a. Website and Internet presence** - Hennie van Dyke has been released of all liability for site maintenance and is noted on the site itself. Decisions required on format and style, navigation and how-Buddhist e.g. imagery, icons, etc. Retention of Buddhist flag and other mechanics also to be considered. Further discussion next meeting. The site is at [www.buddhistcoqld.barnesmedia.com.au](http://www.buddhistcoqld.barnesmedia.com.au) for review.

**b. Policy Manual** – the draft prepared by Jim was received by members via email and now requires the inclusion of the CCYPCG risk management issues before finalisation. Jim asked for comment on his interpretation with special attention on members making public comment on the dharma itself – suggesting participation of sangha wherever possible and full documentation of any public position given.

**c. 2006 Vision** – deferred to next meeting

**d. Blue Card applications** – some received but not all, need to receive all members applications so we can mail them off – those not done can be completed today. Jim will print these today. Rachel mentioned a potential RE teacher without a Blue Card and it was agreed that she be able to receive his application and we will process it through the Council.

**e. Brisbane State High RE teachers** – A special note of thanks to Rachel for taking this challenge on and the success in obtaining two suitable teachers to fulfil this request which is now operating well and the chaplain is quite happy. We need to expand the availability of relevant teachers. This reinforced the need for Blue Cards for members.

**f. FABC Teleconference Sunday Feb 25** – prior notice of the next teleconference of all state members for the FABC conference and inviting contributions from the committee. An interesting note is the Nembutchu Sect request for a Buddhist State to be sent to Japan and a request for the FABC to pay \$4500 towards a NSW Vesak bill. Other discussions included common web-presence, the relationship between state councils and overseas groups and both Kim and Jim will be interested to see how those dynamics unfold. Jim stressed that our focus should be on representing Buddhism in Queensland first and other issues second. Jim said he will convey to the FABC the outcome of the EGM vote and this may alter our relationship with that body.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

None

**NEXT MEETING:**

**DATE:** March 25, 2006

**TIME:** 9.30am

**VENUE:** Karuna Hospice

**MEETING CLOSED:** 10:20 am

**CHAIRPERSON**.....

**SECRETARY**.....

**DATE:** .....