

**BUDDHIST COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND INC.**  
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**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF BUDDHIST COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND**

**MEETING DATE:** February 25, 2006

**TIME:** 10:40am

**VENUE:** Karuna House

**ATTENDANCE:** As Per Attendance Book

With the agreement of those present, the stating time of the meeting was adjourned to allow time to obtain a quorum of members to vote on the special resolution. Two proxy votes were received from Kharcho Yulo Ling (Cairns) and Tibetan Healing Practices (Townsville).

**QUORUM:** Yes

**APOLOGIES:** Ven. Yeshe Khadro

**CHAIRPERSON:** Jim Ferguson

**SECRETARY:** Jim Ferguson (Acting)

**BUSINESS ON NOTICE:**

**Special Resolution – Change of Membership Structure to Match Model Rules.**

(a) That the present two classes of Institutional and Ordinary member as original defined under Rule 4 be removed and be replaced by the following classes of membership in accordance with Rule 5 of the “Model Rules” as previously resolved by special resolution on July 30, 2005:

	Membership Class	Number of Members	If Limited – How?	Class Limitations	Entry Requirements for Class
1	Ordinary	Unlimited	n/a	None – 1 vote	Individual declaring themselves as a Buddhist
2	Associate	Unlimited	n/a	Cannot vote	Non-Buddhist
3	Life	Unlimited	n/a	None - 1 vote	Appointed by Council vote majority
4	Honorary	Unlimited	n/a	Cannot vote	Appointed by Council vote majority

(b) That the membership fee for Ordinary and Associate members be \$20 per annum and Life and Honorary memberships be free of annual fees;

(c) That the Council recognize the following groups of Ordinary members:

i. Family – comprising two Ordinary members declaring themselves as a family unit, with a combined membership fee of \$30 per annum and with two (2) full votes;

ii. Centre – consisting of three (3) Ordinary members declaring themselves as a Buddhist centre, with a combined membership fee of \$50 per annum and with three (3) full votes;

(d) That all memberships, fees and groups are subject to periodic review by the management committee and may be amended at any time.

Moved: Jim Ferguson

Seconded: Kim Hollow

Accepted

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Jim expressed a sincere thank you for the attendance and support of those present to make this significant change to the structure of this Council.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**DATE:** March 25, 2006

**TIME:** 10:30am

**VENUE:** Karuna Hospice

**MEETING CLOSED:** 11:45 am

**CHAIRPERSON**.....

**SECRETARY**.....

**DATE:** .....