

Buddhist Meditation Society of Northern BC
AGM Minutes April 12, 2010

Attendees: John DeGrace, John Neumann, Barbara Robertson, Chris Trumpowski, Ken Bilski, Larry Steele, Nathan MacInnes, Benjamin Chilcote

The meeting was called to order by John Neumann and the AGM minutes of April 28, 2009 were read and accepted.

Treasurer report:

At end-of-fiscal-year 2009 (March 31) BMSNBC had a net balance of \$1915 in its account at Spruce Credit Union. This year the closing March statement showed \$1377 – but only because Spruce Capital Holdings was late cashing rent cheque # 213. For a consistent comparison (deducting a full 12 months of rent), our real fiscal year end balance was \$977. Last year's loss was \$122, compared with this year's loss of \$938. Were we to repeat the fiscal pattern of 2010, the treasury would be empty at this time in 2011. A primary income source that did not occur this year was the vipassana retreat.

A suggestion was made to put up a sign by the dana bowl emphasizing that we do need donations to pay the rent.

Report From John DeGrace:

Family issues precluded organizing a retreat this past year but hopefully there will be one in the Jan/Feb 2011 time frame. Adrienne Ross has indicated she may be interested in leading such a retreat as in past years.

Monday night attendance has fluctuated from a few to as many as 15, the UNBC comparative religions course often resulting in a brief flurry of high attendance.

John D. regularly does a meditation session at Prince George Hospital.

Report from John Neumann:

Tuesday night sits have generally 4-7 attendees. A zen retreat is not very likely although Eshin has indicated that we would not need to guarantee at least eight attendees – a smaller number would still be possible. We could advertise more heavily – but even in the past with Judith J. putting up flyers around town, attendance was still not very high.

Motion: to send a \$200 honorarium to Tawnya Walker for providing web services as was done last year – passed.

Discussions:

*) Larry suggested we all make an additional one-time donation to keep the Society financially afloat. Suggestion was also made to look into using St Michaels again as we did years ago. However, with one-time donations and a probable winter retreat, we will likely remain solvent for the foreseeable future.

*) keys: Ken provided John N with a copyable front door key – extra keys will be made to give to those who may open up the room for Mon/Tues meditation sessions.

Election of officers: President: Barbara Robertson, Vice-president: John Neumann, Treasurer: Ken Bilski, Board Members-at-Large: Larry Steele, John DeGrace, Chris Trumpowski, Nathan MacInnes, Benjamin Chilcote.