



Sky Creek Dharma Center

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

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September 11, 2008

5:00-7:00 PM at Sky Creek Dharma Center

Board Members Present:

Jasper Lerch, President
Kirsten Boyd, Secretary
Jessica MacKenzie, Treasurer
Ann Ponzio
Bob Egert
Lakshmi Ariaratnam

Proceedings:

*Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Jasper Lerch.
Review of minutes for June 5, 2008.*

Motion: to move the proposed minutes of June 5th into corporate records as final minutes.
Motion to approve by Kirsten Boyd; Seconded by Bob Egert. Aye: all; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0.

Agenda:

Executive Committee Report:

Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report:

Jessica unofficially reported that the income of the Dharma Center is down. Donations have slowed; events have not been scheduled; Kim's Yoga Class disbanded for the summer, so there has not been any income generated from her class operating at the Center. The Organization is about a month behind in income to pay for bills. Jessica loaned the Center money to make its current bills on time.

New Business:

The Board discussed the official resignation of Joanne Hamilton from the Board of Directors.

Motion: To accept with thanks the resignation of Joanne Hamilton from the BOD.
Motion to accept by Bob Egert; Seconded by Lakshmi. Aye: all; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0.

Continuing Business:

A. Tax-Exempt Status

The Board created a committee entitled Corporate Records and Oversight to investigate this status and report to the Board. It is headed by Ann and supported by Kirsten. The Board also created a Budget and Finance Committee headed by Bob.

B. Fundraising

The Board created a committee entitled Fundraising/Promotions to report to the Board. Its members are Jessica and Kate.

C. Rocky's Status

Rocky has returned to Green Gulch with hopes of becoming the Head Student. As such, there are no more Sunday Sits. He is hoping to return as a certified teacher for the Dharma Center.

D. Resident Caretaker

The Board discussed the lack of Workman's Compensation in regards to Ellen. No decision will be made until the Board pursues the laws relating Not-for-Profit Organizations regarding labor exchanged for lodging.

E. Phone/Answering Machine

The Board discussed how seldom the phone messages are checked and responded to. Jessica agreed to rerecord the answering machine so that contact numbers for Board members regarding specific requests are listed to better assist in directing callers.

F. Tree House Status

The Board discussed and created a committee entitled Facilities and Maintenance to report to the Board. It is headed by Jasper. The Board decided to nail a board over the door to the tree house to help assist in maintaining the safety of the Dharma Center.

Informative Item:

Jessica informed the Board that she is creating a Dharma Center Events Calendar for 2009 to publish in papers and flyers around Chico. She encouraged Board members to return to their sangha's and brainstorm three events to present to the community which will be added to the calendar.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 5:30PM.

Meeting adjourned by Jasper Lerch at 6:40pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by-

Kirsten Boyd
Secretary to the Board