

# Dzogchen Community West Coast

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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2748 Adeline Street, Berkeley, CA 94703

June 7, 2014

**Board Members Present:** Gene Kim, Kathleen MacDougall, Craig Fiels, Lacey Segal, Ruslan Malakhowskyi, Richard Taylor

**Board Members Absent:** None.

**Community Members Present:** None.

**Call to Order:** Gene called the meeting to order at 5:12 pm

**Next Board Meeting:** July 26th from 3-4:30pm, before the Ganapuja practice.

**Minutes:** After the Board discussed and agreed revisions to the April 25<sup>th</sup> Board minutes, Gene moved to approve, Rich seconded and the amended minutes were approved. Minutes from the March Board meeting still require approval and the Board decided to do this via email.

**Treasurer's Report:** After our June rent check clears, the balance of our checking and savings accounts will be \$15,941.

**Long-range Task Force:** This committee, comprised of Kathleen MacDougall, Scott Rome and Heather Murphree and appointed by the Gakyil, met during the Community retreat in Somerset, May 24-25. The task force clarified that it is the role of the Board to manage the current Community rental space and financial situation, while the long-range task force is focused on identifying a longer term, sustainable space for the Community to meet and practice, leveraging the \$50,000 seed money donated for this purpose. The long range task force will begin a capital fund raising campaign, and August 6 was chosen for a Community meeting, to announce the capital fundraising campaign and discuss possibilities for the future. The Long Range Task Force requested the Board to consider setting aside \$10,000 in savings, to prepare for moving out of the current rental space if our checking & savings assets no longer allow us to practice there.

**Relocation funds.** Taking the Long Range Task Force's suggestion, Gene moved that we keep exactly \$10,000 in savings, in order to cover the costs of moving out of our current space. Rus seconded and this motion was unanimously approved.

**Baja Community.** Gene reported progress in separating the assets of the Baja Community from the Berkeley Community. The Baja Community property will be transferred to a Mexican non-profit organization.

**Bylaws amendment.** Craig proposed that the Gakyil adopt an amendment to the bylaws, replacing Section 2, Article IV Officers, with the following language so that it reads: "*Section 2: Election. The officers of the corporation, exception such officers as may be appointed in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 or Section 5 of this Article, shall be chosen annually by the Board of Directors, and each shall hold this office until he or she shall resign or shall be removed or otherwise disqualified to serve, or until his successor shall be elected and qualified.*" The Board decided to verify the wording of the current bylaws first and discuss this proposed amendment later.

**Practices & Lectures.**

- Carisa will be leading a Vajra Dance course the third weekend of June. Kathleen proposed that we charge \$100 for five sessions or \$20 drop-in fee per session for those who already know the dance. As Carisa's expenses are low, we have few costs to cover and don't need to charge much.
- Kathleen proposed asking another Vajra Dance instructor, Bodhi, to teach Dance of Song of the Vajra, Part 1 August 13-20 and Deepening Dance of Song of the Vajra August 22-24, and the Gakyil unanimously approved the two courses. Expected expenses are around \$400 for airfare and \$100 for spending money. His housing will be provided by Earl & Heather.
- Steven Lansburg is proposing a course in October.
- Rus proposed a few lectures to be taught by a famous Russian psychologist Irina Zingerman, who is also a Dzogchen practitioner for many years. She is already local (visiting for vacation) so there will be no travel expenses, she will just need to use our space and have our support to organization. Rus volunteered to help with flyers but needs help with distribution around town and internet postings.
- Rus also proposed that we ask for \$15 donations for attendees of our Yantra Yoga class (sliding scale for hardship). Kathleen asked that we consider \$10. The Board agreed a split of proceeds 50-50 between Ling and the instructor. We will put this new "class fee" in our online announcement.

**Board insurance.** Craig asked us to consider Board insurance to protect the Board in case of a lawsuit that names any of the Board members. The Board agreed to consider this after Craig gets some estimates.

**Donation.** Rus asked the Board for permission to donate our old computer, an Apple Cube, to the technician who recently repaired our office computer, as a historical souvenir. The Board agreed.

**Actions for follow up:**

- Craig will speak with Laurel about asking Steve Goodman to host a fundraising lecture.
- Lacey will speak to Luke about a rental for a Tibetan Medicine visitor
- Rus will contact Irina Zingerman to see if she is interested in delivering some lectures.
- Craig will contact the CA non-profit association and our insurance provider.
- Gakyil to consider when/whether to announce the imminent closure of the Ling rental space to the Community

**BOARD CERTIFICATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ of the Dzogchen Community West Coast  
 (Name of Director) (Office held)

do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held on Mar 1, 2014, as approved by the Board members in attendance at the meeting.

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 Signature Date