

**Dondrubling**  
2748 Adeline Street, Berkeley CA 94703  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 28, 2015

**Board Members Present:** Craig Fiels, Luke Karamol, Dawa Lorien, Lee Rome, Paulette Beaumale

**Community members attending:** Gene Kim, Kathleen MacDougall, Laurel Bellon, Shubhi Agarwal, Scott Rome

**Call to Order:** Lee called the meeting to order at 3:20pm.

**Next Board Meeting:** Saturday March 28, 3-5pm.

**Treasurer's report:** Totals as of today: \$4,884 checking; \$9,767 savings; \$10,021 reserve savings. Craig cautioned that we need to generate a more stable income flow.

**Actions**

- Craig will arrange for a Skype meeting with Tsegylgar West treasurer Greg Johnson during our next Gakyil meeting
- Scott and Craig will work together to disentangle DCWC's fiscal relationship with Tsegylgar West

**Election of 2015 Gakyil Officers:** Absent anyone willing to step up to serve as the sixth Gakyil member, we agreed to submit a request to Rinpoche to approve a five-member Gakyil, and elected the following officers:

Yellow

Lee Rome, president  
Craig Fiels, treasurer

Blue

Dawa Lorien, secretary  
Luke Karamol, vice president

Red

Paulette Beaumale

Several people have agreed to help with Red tasks: Lacey Segal (rentals), Louise Anderson, Jillian Duckert, and Shubhi Agarwal. Paulette will coordinate the local team of helpers.

Scott Rome volunteered to serve as liaison to the International Gakyil.

**Action**

- Lee will request Rinpoche's approval of the nominations for 2015 Gakyil

**Upcoming events:** Luke reported on upcoming courses in March with Fabio Andrico and Paula Berry. He doesn't yet know the cost or what the ling's share will be, for Fabio's flight from Tenerife. Because Paula is taking Fabio's closed teacher training course here March 9-13, she is covering the cost of her flight and lodging; Luke proposes charging a sliding scale of \$45 to \$65 for the one-day course on the four Pranayamas that Paula will offer at the ling Sunday, March 15.

Dawa reported eight to ten participants in the Santi Maha Sangha Base Level study group she is facilitating, which meets twice a month Sunday afternoons.

Other events Blue Gakyil is considering include a concert with Steve Landsberg and a lecture by Steven Goodman.

**Membership:** Online access to 2015 membership is available through Tsegyalgar East's website but not yet through Tsegyalgar West's. We are unclear about how to meet the International Gakyil's request for a revised membership protocol, with lings initiating the collection of membership monies. Gene noted that Tsegyalgar West's current membership is about 60; in the entire US, membership is about 250.

**Action**

- Lee will contact Tsegyalgar West to discuss how best to expedite setup of revised membership protocol.

**DCWC's relationship with Tsegyalgar West:** Scott reported on steps taken so far to meet the International Gakyil's request at last December's retreat in Baja to rationalize DCWC's legal and operational roles in Tsegyalgar West. New corporate officers have been named to the two U.S. holding companies (Delaware Corporations) and the two Mexican Corporations that, respectively, own and operate the land and facilities in Baja. Bylaws will have to be rewritten to define and limit corporate responsibilities and to align the operation of the gar with IDC procedures.

Lee reflected that we here in California and the West visit the Baja land, offering our help and presence. Luke suggested that we create a fund to support attendance at teaching retreats at the gar.

**Action**

- Scott and Kathleen, recently appointed officers of the Delaware Corporations, will continue working with the Mexican Corporation officers and Tsegylgar West to resolve and regularize the management of the land and facilities at the Baja gar.

Submitted March 2, 2015 by Kathleen MacDougall