

UG MINUTES July 18/10

Attending: Brock Brown, Beth Trotter, John & Shelly Hilditch, Marion Irish, Rod & Isy House, Sally Kimpson, Lynne Walker, Linda Chan, , Carmie Verdone

A warm welcome to new members: Joan Glover, Margo McLoughlin

Chair: Sally

Hosted by Isy & Rod

Minutes: Carmie

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
<p>1. Review Day-long Retreat:</p> <p>a) Values for Guiding Decision-making and Values of How We Relate to Ourselves and Others—presented by Beth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • these were lists to reflect upon <p>b) People’s experiences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • effective small groups resulted in new productive sub-committees • meeting length a little too long, ½ day next time? • appreciation of well-planned agenda • feeling of caring and connection with others • movement breaks were valuable • appreciation for the support of practicing our practice • safe container, energetic • lots of ground covered with roots and foundation laid down, taking care of our values • impressed with what was accomplished 	
<p>2. Retreats:</p> <p>: Aug. 14/15—update from Rod & Isy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- 52 registered with 1 on wait list <p>: Oct. 30/31 — Registrar--John</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Manager--Lynne <p>: Retreat binder—defer discussion</p>	<p>Rod & Isy will make the decision to change retreat room if numbers increase.</p>
<p>3. Report from Leadership Committee: Brock, Beth, Sally</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future retreats –Sally-: more info about Queenswood closure and also about upcoming community meeting at Cadboro Bay United 	

<p>the greater sangha, more transparent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - more diversity now seen in sangha population - how to connect with other Buddhist groups who might be interested in sharing a rental space together - convening Maha sangha @ Yoga Studio - value and importance of communication on various levels- our sangha, the greater Buddhist community in BC, in WA - clarity about our intention and purpose in reaching out 	
<p>5. <u>Report on Incorporation/Non-Profit;</u> Rod, Brock, Linda : Brock read their report of the Advantages and Disadvantages to give information only with discussion to follow at next meeting : a few questions were raised that will be looked into by the subcommittee for the next meeting</p>	
<p>6. <u>Brief Items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lynne informed us of a 7-day Jhanna retreat on Molokai, Hawaii with Bhante Gunaratana • Linda informed us that James Baraz will be at Hollyhock. • a new structure (via June) was introduced at this meeting, called “Hot Topics”, items that there may not be time to get to. These are usually emergent issues that arise from conversations and discussions. 	<p>Margo will contact him re: the possibility of him giving a talk in Victoria</p>

NEXT UG MEETING: Sunday Sept. 12/10

HOSTS: Shelly and John

ADDRESS: 1110 Oscar St., Suite 304

TIME: 9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.