

**Victoria Insight Meditation Society  
Minutes of the Council  
October 11, 2011**

A meeting of the Victoria Insight Meditation Society council was held at the home of John Hilditch, Victoria, B.C. on October 11, 2011. The meeting commenced at 1:00 with a short meditation.

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| Present: | Brock Brown    | Chair           |
|          | Joyce Elliott  | Programmes      |
|          | June Fukushima | Member at large |
|          | Joan Glover    | Treasurer       |
|          | John Hilditch  | Secretary       |
|          | Rod House      | Communications  |

1. **Approval of the Agenda:** Joan asked that the Financial Report be added to the agenda. Due to the anticipated length of the agenda two items, Annual Report Requirements and Constant Contact report may be postponed to a future meeting. It was moved by June Fukushima that the agenda be approved as modified. The motion received unanimous endorsement. Brock declared the motion Implemented.
2. **Approval of the minutes:** It was moved by John Hilditch that the minutes of the September 26, 2011 meeting be approved. The motion received unanimous endorsement. Brock declared the motion Implemented.
3. **Business Arising from the minutes:**

The **meeting with the accountant**, Pat Conroy, is scheduled for October 19.

- a). **Volunteer report:** At the recent volunteer appreciation pot-luck, a new volunteer, Eric Aslett, took several photographs. Joseph Briante has joined the communications team; he produced the latest edition of the newsletter. They join Rod, Bruce and June as part of the communications team.
- b. **We have purchased a P.A. system** from Rod for \$421.12. The system will be available for all sangha programmes.
- c. **Residential Retreat** summary report: Income from the retreat covered expenses and yielded a surplus of \$1,041.78. The 27 participants came from: Victoria – 15, Up-Island – 7, United States – 2, Vancouver – 2, B.C. Interior – 1.

**New Business:**

4. **Financial Report:** Joan reported that Victoria IMS, as of October 7 had a balance of \$7,307.01, \$2,519.20 of which is in the prudent reserve savings account. The prepayment of retreats accounts for \$1,400. Joan Glover moved that the financial report be accepted. The motion received unanimous endorsement. Brock declared the motion Implemented
5. Arinna **Weisman** has agreed to give an evening talk on November 24. Thanks go to Chris Fox and Arlene Pare for serving as hosts for this event and to Janet Lironi for arranging the talk with Brock and June. The council endorsed a decision by email prior to the meeting that VIMS would contribute up to \$150 to BCIMS to offset costs of Arinna travelling to Victoria rather than directly to Vancouver. We appreciate the support BCIMS is extending for this opportunity.
6. It was moved by Brock Brown that a sliding-scale fee of \$60 to \$90 be charged for **Margo McLoughlin's course** which begins on January 16, 2012. The motion received unanimous endorsement. Brock declared the motion Implemented.
7. **Retreat and Talk Planning for 2012:** An ad-hoc committee of June, Joyce and Brock met to discuss retreat planning. Each had a unique approach and presented to the council; the ensuing discussion was very fruitful.

Actions: Brock to check with Susie Harrington for her availability to lead the residential retreat in September 2012 on Thetis Island. Rod to discuss with Isabelle House the timing options for hosting the residential retreat in 2012 and to identify any Endorsers from the sangha who could help with the organization. Brock to invite Eve Decker to offer a non-residential weekend retreat in 2012. Brock to invite Linda McDonald and Margo McLoughlin to each offer one day retreats in 2012. June to inquire about Ajahn Sona's travel plans to the lower mainland in 2012 to see if he could add a day visit to Victoria. Ajahn Sona to be invited to lead a weekend non-residential retreat in May 2013.

8. West Coast Dharma has invited us to co-sponsor an **invitation to Pascal Auclair** for a visit in the autumn of 2013. We agreed to this invitation, involving a week-end retreat sponsored by our sangha.
9. Rod House will be away for the next few months and unable to participate in regular council meetings. Rod will be available for online consultations and support.
10. Next council meeting will be at the call of the Chair.
11. The meeting terminated at 4:00 p.m.

Brock Brown, Chair

John Hilditch, Secretary