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
1. Review Day-long Retreat:	ACTION
a) Values for Guiding Decision-making and	
Values of How We Relate to Ourselves and	
Others—presented by Beth	
these were lists to reflect upon	
b) People's experiences	
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	
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2. Retreats:	
: Aug. 14/15—update from Rod & Isy	Rod & Isy will make the
52 registered with 1 on wait list	decision to change
oz registerea with r on wait not	retreat room if numbers
	increase.
: Oct. 30/31 — RegistrarJohn	
ManagerLynne	
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: Retreat binder—defer discussion	
3. Report from Leadership Committee: Brock,	
Beth, Sally	
Future retreats -Sally-: more info about	
Queenswood closure and also about upcoming	
community meeting at Cadboro Bay United	

	Church, Tues. July 27, 7-9 p.m.	Lynne and Linda volunteered to be our representatives there and report back to UG.
	 Brock: we need to find another retreat venue, short- and long-term. Beth contacted Goward House and their facility is available for the Oct. and Feb. but not during the summer retreats. \$650 per w/e, 60 people Sleeping Dog Farm/Retreat Centre also an option. \$1100 per w/e, 50 people, includes accommodation for teacher 	
	Discussion: Beth suggested trying SD farm sooner rather than later • John raised the issue that it would reduce registration by 10 • Sally suggested that we could change the existing model of having just 4 w/e retreats • also full day retreats could be offered	
	Straw vote: GH-3, SD-10	
	Motion: decision for the location of Oct. and Feb. retreat to be decided by LC. Endorsed and supported.	Leadership Committee will make the decision.
4.	Community Building: Fishbowl exercise led by Beth • exploration of what we think about community building and how we see ourselves involved • Structure of the fishbowl: 5 chairs and 4 people sitting in a circle, the rest sitting outside the circle, free-flowing thoughts and ideas from whoever wishes to share them, then an outer person can move into the vacant chair and one of the inner circle moves to the outer one. • ideas shared: —many events going on in community from our sangha future evening site and talks, full day site.	
	future evening sits and talks, full day sitshave our UG work become more visible in	

	the greater sangha, more transparent 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	
5.	Report on Incorporation/Non-Profit; 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	
6.	Brief Items:	
	 Lynne informed us of a 7-day Jhanna retreat on Molokai, Hawaii with Bhante Gunaratana 	
	• Linda informed us that James Baraz will be at	Margo will contact him
	Hollyhock.	re: the possibility of him
		giving a talk in Victoria
	• 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.	

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.