

**Buddhist Meditation Society of Northern BC**  
**AGM Minutes April 11, 2011, 8:30pm**

Attendees: Ken Bilski, Marie Kuntze, John Neumann, Barbara Robertson, Corey Tataryn, Chris Trumpowski

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Barbara Robertson
- 2) Appointment of secretary for the AGM – John Neumann agreed to take minutes.
- 3) AGM minutes of April 12, 2010 were read and accepted.
- 4) Business arising from minutes – none.
- 5) Report from Zen group – 4-6 people attend the Tuesday sits. A weekend retreat was held in early March led by Eshin. More than 20 people attended the Friday evening lecture, 15 attended the Saturday morning meditation workshop, and 10 participated in the retreat. The meetings took place at the Family Health Society building on Queensway. The space cost \$375 for the weekend. Printing costs, airfare and part of the rent expense were covered by donations. The revenue from the retreat was \$1119. Larry attended two sesshins in Vancouver during the past year.
- 6) Report from Vipassana group – John DeGrace submitted some comments in an email to Barbara - Attendance has been steady, averaging perhaps five or six per evening. One concern is that John's work schedule will affect his ability to attend the Monday evening sits regularly. Therefore, he will have to try and find someone else in the Monday group to open the room.  
John did quite a bit of volunteer work over the winter, teaching meditation to inmates at the PGRCC prison. The group didn't host a retreat over the winter, but hopefully will do so next.
- 7) Treasurer's report
  - a. The year ended with \$1842 in the bank, \$465 greater than end of last year. Income came from Dana and the Zen retreat. Expenses were rent, a \$200 honorarium and bank fees.
- 8) New business
  - a. Ken will send a \$200 cheque to Tawnya as an honorarium for website maintenance and updates.
  - b. Barbara suggested the website needs updating.
  - c. Ken will continue to prepare the taxes for the BMSNBC. It takes 5-6hrs to complete this task.
- 9) Election of officers
  - a. President – Barbara Robertson
  - b. VP – John Neumann
  - c. Treasurer – Ken Bilski
  - d. Members at Large – Corey Tataryn, John DeGrace, Chris Trumpowski, Larry Steele
- 10) Date for next AGM – the BMSNBC is to meet sometime between April 1 and May 15.
- 11) Adjournment