



Association of Engaged Buddhists

Committee meeting minutes - 2 November 2024

Present: Chris Burgess, David Wilson, Kahren White, Bhante Tejadhammo

Minutes of previous meeting accepted by David

1. Election of office bearers:
 - President: Chris Burgess seconded by David
 - Vice-President: Sue Toohey seconded by Chris
 - Treasurer: David Wilson seconded by Chris
 - Secretary: Kahren White seconded by David
2. Non office bearer roles:
 - Retreat coordinator: Chris Burgess
 - Dhamma teaching coordinator: Patricia McLoughlin & Sue Toohey
 - Dana Day coordinator: Caroline Lurie & Marie Ngai-King
3. Acceptance of AGM minutes - Chris proposed, David seconded
4. Proposed - Committee meeting minutes to be posted on the AEB website. All agreed for abbreviated minutes to be posted on the website.
5. Task distribution:
 - Membership status: David working to get a system set up using Xero so when someone pays their membership a list is automatically generated. Once we have the system set up Chris will work to merge our existing membership list.
 - Newsletter: sent out using MailChimp. Chris will complete the newsletter for November and train Kahren on how to do this in the new year.
 - Website updates: Chris is happy to continue to do this and will train Kahren on this in the new year.
 - Social media updates: Committee agreed it is good to continue to post on Facebook, Kahren will be trained to take this on. Once our Dhamma teachings start again we will upload the talks onto our YouTube page.
6. Vejjasala update:
 - General maintenance required in the future reviewed with David and Robert
 - 1 further tree near Kuti 1 to be removed in November

- Maintenance issues with both mowers, will need to consider purchasing a new mower in the next 12 months
 - An AEB member needs to be at VJ for the beginning and end of all retreats to ensure all tasks are completed at the end of retreats.
 - Committee agrees with the proposal for reduced retreat rates for members/friends: \$100 for twin-share/kuti, \$125 for single
7. Metta Centre update:
- Bhante and David to attend the Metta Centre once work completed to meet the owners and Tins
 - If it is ready we may be able to hold the November Dana Day there
 - Regular Dhamma teachings will start in 2025
8. Other business:
- One of the stick vacuums has broken at VJ, Chris has a corded vacuum he can offer, Kahren has a stick vacuum they can offer.
9. Date for next committee meeting: Saturday 30th November 2024