

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2011
BODHI AUSTRALIA, NCEPH, ANU CANBERRA, ACT
 19th JUNE 2011

Meeting opened. 14.00

Present: Susan Woldenberg Butler, Associate Professor Colin Butler, Kulottam Chakma, Jane Hudspeth (via email), Michelle Engelsmann (via skype), Pennie Scott, Luiz Ribeiro, Piya Chakma, Shawon Khan Nitol Dewan, Michelle Engelsman (Skype), Emilia Della Torre + 2 children: Joyeeta Chakma Khan and Ridhima Chakma Khan

Apologies. Dr William Castleden, Dr Gilles Rohan, Dr Anthony Edwards, Kabita Chakma, Anthony Walsh, Sue Kim, Monk Barua, Lynn Gale, Tuli Chakma, Dr Shanti Raman, Dr. Denis Wright

Facebook apologies (68 total). Kirti Nishan Chakma, Merrily Weiss, Sam Hirsch, Bijoy Chakma, Clive Walden, Svein Olav Nyberg, Mar Knox, Kelly Banz, JayluvLunz Ell VhanzBought, Milind Gudade, Maeng Minyeong, Kuyanti Angelria , Donni Sugianto, Gunawan Liauw Hiung Phen, Adriana Miraglio, Claire Andrews, Matthew Estrada-Haigh, Bhola R. Gurjar, Doreen Montag, Jacqueline Rutland, Nigel Crawhall, George Crisp, Terry Durnnian, Gunnar Gällmo, Richard Dillon, Susy Rony, Larry Reside, Marta Ariani, Anurag Meshram, Michael John Smith, Gary Sanders, Devaratna Bhikkhu, Hueiguang Shi, Daisyin Yin, Arthur Cheung, Everett Wilson, Deepak Thakur, Lama Norbu Repa, Maryellen J Lewis, Angela Anderson, Sushil Ghodeswar, Benni Handoko, Woon Adeline, Bhushan Lokmitra, Peter Playford Eriksen, Stuart Collins, Dipti Mahanta, David Reid, Raquel A DeRoo, Bhagadatta Chakma, Akuppa John Wigham, Alexander von Vietinghoff, D. Wayne Al-Nair, Will Yaryan, Maya Liusady, Mark Low, Vivian Sung, Heather Brown, Shelley Anderson, Harin Sachdev, Tahsinah Ahmed, Manish Simla, Thanissara Mary Weinberg, Annie Willock, Kuyanti Angelria, Simon Hales, Lobsang Tenzin, Rennie D'Souza, Benni Handoko Kho,

Minutes of meeting. Kulottam Chakma

Business arising from minutes of last meeting.

- Project strategy: Build on what we've got and be wary of branching out too much.
- ACTION: The meeting supported the view that BODHI should not take on new project at this time
- Collaboration with CMS will be revived in running mobile medical clinic in Arunachal.
- ACTION: Kulottam will contact CMS

Confirmation of minutes from last preceding annual general meeting. Kulottam Chakma proposed, Colin Butler seconded

Presentation of the following reports, with general business arising from reports.

- President's Report incorporating Electronic Communications
- Medical Director's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Development & Mobilisation Manager

I. President's Report, incorporating that of the Director of Electronic Communications

- A. Brief general discussion of outreach, activities and administration of BODHI Australia.
- B. Current projects were discussed
 1. Tashi Lhapug Health Care Centre in Tibet: attempts to fund this have been abandoned (with no loss of funds); funds have gone to a health clinic in Ulan Bator, Mongolia
 2. School in Burma run by Dr. Ko Tar is in its last year of funding
 3. Revolving Sheep Bank, Tibet
 4. Nepal's Green Tara Trust conducted two Traditional Healers' workshops of several days each in maternal and child health, and also put on a drama about health promotion with memorial funding for Jim Meyers

5. Moanoghar's applied for permission to receive fund from overseas. The approval for the application is still pending. We wish to expand our support to include a nurse/educator and more mobile medical clinics. We are waiting for government approval for Moanoghar to receive foreign funds, and when this is approved we will send Bangladeshi Taka 500,000 (about \$7,000).
6. Chakma Mahila Samity women's group in Mizoram submitted a proposal for mobile medical camps that was unacceptably expensive, so we rejected it. ACTION: Kulottam will revive contact with CMS to reinstate mobile medical camps
7. Funding for teacher training for Youth Buddhist Society (YBS)-associated schoolteachers and principals in Mainpuri, India will continue. BODHI sent 33 school teachers and principals for ten days of training at Loreto College in Kolkata in March, 2011. We hope to continue this for at least two more training sessions.
8. Dr Manda Mune received FCRA approval in May from the Indian Government to receive foreign funds for the Over 40 Women's Health Project. She has sent in a proposal and we will be funding it.
9. The Tribal Child Nutrition Project in Pune, India continues to go from strength to strength. We will continue funding. Discussion re micro-credit project for parents led to discussions of micro-credit in general.
10. Bangladesh: one girl in Dhaka and 3 girls in Moanoghar were awarded Denis Wright Scholarships, totalling about \$2000.
11. Empowering Chiang Rai Girls Through Education in Thailand was discussed. We are nearing the end of Year 1 of our 3-year commitment of USD10,000 p/annum.
12. Gobi bears. As a one-off, BODHI provided US\$1,000 for tagging Gobi bears in a research project. These funds did not come from the tax deductible donation account, but from other funds accrued in a separate account.

C. New projects

1. BODHI will provide matching funds for a computer lab for Dharma Chakra Mission in Bodh Gaya, at the request of Professor Emeritus Christopher Queen.
2. BODHI will provide a table tennis set-up and a fire extinguisher to SNEHA school in Diyun and Moanoghar with \$600 donated in memory of Jim Meyers

D. General

Discussed were unsolicited requests and contacts, NGOs for which BODHI facilitates funds (its umbrella function) and its involvement with other NGOs. We also discussed the work of our community advisers Kabita Chakma and Kulottam Chakma and thanked them.

E. Volunteers

1. Krishan Chakma will evaluate the SNEHA school in Diyun, AP and YBS for BODHI. Other offers of help from India were discussed, as from Dr Dhires Chowdhury and Nalori Dhammei.
2. Someone approached BODHI to work on Climate Change.
3. Dr Bina De Costa will visit India and help evaluate SNEHA school and YBS for BODHI.
4. A volunteer from Singapore may help BODHI.

F. Fundraising and publicity

1. Discussion of methods of fundraising: Internet, newsletter, social media, new brochure, article in Chakma Voice
2. BODHI website was upgraded
3. BODHI wants to produce videos and needs help from an experienced video editor. ACTION: Emilia Della Torre has agreed to research this area.
4. BODHI's Internet hosting service and domain provider were hacked in early June. We are taking this opportunity to upgrade, as we need more space for hosting our website. We will investigate feasibility of using justhost.com.au, but will probably go with Charles Mason, who taught the Adobe Dreamweaver (computer software) course that Susan attended in early June.
5. Charles Mason (mentioned in 4 above) has agreed to help with website for free.
6. Colin continued to publicise BODHI in Facebook and Susan set up a Twitter presence.
7. Community outreach is continuing on a small scale. ACTION: More community outreach needed, which Susan and Colin will continue.

II. Treasurer's Report

- A. Total income for this financial year was approximately \$60,000
- B. Total expenses in various projects (in this financial year) was \$30,000
- C. Medical or health workers are major contributors of donations
- D. Income from interest was about \$3,000

III. Medical Director's Report

- A. Colin met the Director of YBS in Mainpuri, UP India. He has 25 years experience of working with the poor people of Uttar Pradesh. There are 3700 students in YBS-associated schools.
- B. Money was donated to YBS for travel expenses for the teachers
- C. Krishna Chakma will visit YBS and SNEHA sites
- D. An unsolicited volunteer from Sydney proposed micro credit in India

IV. Development & Mobilisation Manager

Michelle discussed her activities during the year. Colin thanked her.

Acceptance of above reports. Kulottam Chakma proposed, Piya Chakma seconded.

Election of Office Bearers. All office bearers remain the same.

President. Susan Woldenberg Butler

Vice President: Jane Hudspeth

Secretary: Denis Wright

Treasurer: Colin Butler

Selection of General Committee members. All committee members remain the same: Luiz Ribeiro, Dr. Shanti Raman, Kabita Chakma, Kulottam Chakma and Emilia Della Torre.

Appointment of auditor. Camerons, Launceston.

General business. Various discussion.

Date of next meeting. The date of next AGM is to be determined, but will be in June 2012.

Meeting closed. 16.00