

NBO SKYPE MEETING Minutes 05/06/15

Present: Val Stephenson (Membership), Modgala Duguid (Interfaith), Dh. Munisha (Trustee), Rev. Saido (Trustee/Treasurer), Yann Lovelock (Senior Advisor), Jo Backus, (Trustee/Education), Dh. Samacitta, Keith Munnings (Chaplaincy).

The meeting was chaired by Munisha and Modgala volunteered to write the minutes.

1. Apologies Mike, Jamie

2. Approval of minutes of last meeting and matters arising

Jamie and Jo had had no time to work on the next major NBO event and the item will be discussed at our next meeting.

Chairing – Val was proposed as director/trustee and accepted by those Trustees present; it was agreed that she will chair future meetings.

Yann will produce short minutes for the website.

3. NBO Governance Progress

Saido had compiled a set of forms and covering letters detailing proposals for governance and membership which had been sent to Jamie, Satyadassa and Val for a first look; he will now send them to the Committee for feedback. New Trustees can be recruited from the membership, as may a wider committee from those with useful skills.

4. Application for Membership

Buddhist Council of Wales has been asked if they have a similar code of conduct to NBO's.

5. Interfaith

Modgala commented on proposals for changes in IFN's governance; both she and Yann share concerns which may be addressed at the coming EGM.

IFN Membership Subscription AGREED; Val to send bill to Saido for payment.

Delegates to the National Consultation on Religion and Belief shared their input.

There is a new initiative, Women of Faith, of which we hope to learn more.

6. BAM Report

The Facebook page has had 660 likes; mail-outs re different events, especially from SGI and Triratna, the latter having exported the idea abroad

7. Chaplaincy-

Higher Ed and University chaplaincy info received from Thanissaro.

Keith will give more contacts as part of his chaplaincy remit. He suggests we launch a network of education chaplains as an NBO project, including FE chaplains. Jo will pass on info and discuss this with Keith. This is a developing area; Keith to lead team with Jo and Modgala.

Keith to send email about British-based imprisoned chaplain in Burma.

8. Religious Education Council

Jo will prepare report on the AGM and current developments.

9. NBO AGM topics

BAM: Val and Jamie and Munisha to do a presentation, plus Samacitta on her work in Birmingham

Chaplaincy: presentations by Keith, Modgala and Jo

10. Venues for NBO September meeting and AGM. Mixed face to face/virtual meeting 3 Sept. London venue yet to be arranged.

11. AOB

Minutes, need to be clear and formal in notes of decisions as per Trustee meeting from a legal point of view. Then a note of discussions in the overall committee meeting from NBO members.

Need to create an annual report for members. Details of what is needed for timeline is included in email from Saido with membership pack.

Val to sign annual report when finished.

Include Samacitta on exec email group so she receives all docs.

As well as dedicating the merit of her retreat to all sentient beings, Jo will specially add any names we give her.