

Vancouver Island Vipassana Association Trust Meeting

September 4, 2007

Location: 80 High St.

1. Meditation (3 minutes)

2. Introductions

- round of introductions
- attendance – trust members Robert, Carl, Steve, Hope, (Doug by phone)- ATs Evie, Bob, Jenny - Friends - Turiya, Shirly, Don, Harry
- review the agenda, add any needed items & prioritize
- set time for meeting & agenda items
- read Trust meeting guidelines

3. Announcements

-We have a DVD copy of the presentation of Lucia Meijer and Rick Crutcher to the fourth annual Forensic Psychiatric Conference held in Victoria on Vipassana Meditation in Correctional institutions.

4. Corrections & Approval of past minutes

- Aug minutes
- Review task list from last Trust Meeting

Committee Reports:

5. email decisions – (none)

6. AT/Executive Committee Report – (none)

7. The Rezoning Committee - (Bob/Carl) Harry, Evie, Steve, Jenny (Bob ata)

-Harry gives report:

Attended CVRD meeting where the new bylaw resolution was moved and seconded, and the motion was carried. (Third and fourth (final) reading). No concerns or problems were raised. There was mention about how much public support our application had garnered.

With the property now successfully rezoned this is the final report of the Rezoning committee. The committee is now closed.

8. The Subdivision Committee - (Carl) Steve, Jenny, Evie , Bill (Bob ata)

Jenny gives report:

A Developmit Permit application for the 4 acre lot was submitted to the CVRD Aug 30.

Still to do before putting the 4 acre lot up for sale:

Survey: We are still waiting for Kenyon-Wilson to survey the building envelope. Ed Wilson said this should happen soon.

Well: Drill-Well is scheduled to drill a well as soon as we have the building envelope drawn and flagged onsite (so that the well will not compromise the building site).

Access to lands beyond: Hancock - the owners of Block 555 to the north of our block 401, have indicated an interest in a land swap. This needs to be discussed, as it could provide the MoT's required access to lands beyond.

Site cleanup: At the recommendation of Doug Wittich, John Wiens of Seacor Environmental has been contacted about the site cleanup. John has been approved by the Government to do this kind of work while Doug has not.

Bill proposes engaging John to review our letter to the Ministry of Environment and give us some recommendation on how to proceed. Is everyone OK with that? We have \$10,000 in the budget approved for the cleanup and his consulting fees would be part of that.

9. Community Relations Committee - (Robert) Harry, Bob, Deana, Bill, Sue (Evie ata)

- Harry submitted letter to Garage newsletter to thank all the people who have written letters and otherwise supported the rezoning application.
- Robert spoke to two realtors , but put any evaluation on hold due to the many tasks that needed to be completed before the property could be put up for sale.
- Renewed our lake Cowichan Gazette subscription

10. Outreach - (Robert) Hope, Harry, Sue, Deana (Evie ata)

Robert gives report:

- The new day sit location has been chosen and will be available from Oct 10th
- Robert will be the new Vancouver Island Outreach contact

11. Finance Committee Report – (Hope) (Evie ata)

Hope gives report:

-See attached

12. Shawnigan Lake Course Committee – no report

Discussions & New Business:

-Outlook

Discussing using a voip style phone system from the outlook # for Vancouver Island

- **Re-arrangement of Committees:**
- **Subdivision committee (Carl) Steve, Jenny, Evie, Bill**
- **Center Development Committee – long/short term center development (Bob/Jenny ata)**

(coordinator – Carl) members – Harry, Steve, Evie, (Tim?), Hope, Doug, (Robert monitoring)

Should we be changing the list servers names to fall under the new domain name, “Modana.org” heading. (See proposals). We should be updating the Modana website. Brihas is prepared to do this whenever the outreach committee gives the go ahead.

New committee list server:

Website committee: (Jenny ata) Committee coordinator Doug Members: Robert, Steve, Jenny

Land swap - overview: MoT needs access to lands beyond, ie. block 555. Bob draws a map delineating the areas and lands we can perhaps exchange. We are looking for a buffer along the north and east sides of the rezoned 13 acres. We would be willing to exchange land so block 555 can have access to their lands. (see attached map) We are trying to turn an obligation into an opportunity.

Do we consider doing a land swap? We must consider land value, needs and costs. The Subdivision committee will now meet and decide how to proceed.

Letter to CRA

Margaret Mason, the lawyer retained to present our Charitable status “appeal” to Revenue Canada, has written a letter on our behalf. There are many aspects of it we feel need more clarification. Evie has drafted a revised letter, and Heather has also. We support the idea to give Margaret both letters and let her decide which information to use.

- **Prison outreach** – The Vancouver Island correctional Institution. We discuss the particulars of holding a course in a prison.

-**Cleaning up Tires from Dhamma Modana** ... Harry will arrange a group and a truck to remove the tires and deliver them to a recycling center. Cost should be simply fuel, insurance and perhaps \$7 a tire for drop off.

13. Proposals-

- To change the list serve names to fall under the new domain name, “Modana.org” (passed)

14. Evaluation of Meeting -

15. Future meeting dates – Oct 1st (Monday) tentatively

16. Meditation (3 min)

SEPTEMBER 2007 VIVA FINANCIAL REPORT

Balances

VanCity

- Community Service Account 001, September 1, 2007 \$ 1,142.10
- 12 Month Term 001 65,000.00
- - Cashable (90 Day Lockout)
 - Started on 05-Apr-2007
 - Maturing on 05-Apr-2008
 - Interest Rate 3.500%
 - Interest compounded every 12 months
- Membership Shares 50.52

Loans – Forgivable

- VF July 25/06 769,577.22
- VF Nov 1/06 11,322.81
- VF Dec 30/06 11,000.00
- VF Mar 26/07 109,090.00
- VF Jun 26/07 450.00

Tasks completed since last meeting , August 6, 2007

- No income or expenditures in August.
- Appeal to Charities Branch re our application for charitable is status ongoing. Margaret Mason of Bull, Housser & Tupper legal firm has been retained and is currently working with Evie on our rebuttal letter to be submitted by September 15/07.
- Outstanding invoices to be paid in September (approx):
 - - Development permit – \$200
 - Day Sitting rent – \$500
 - Camp Pringle deposit – \$700
 - Bookkeeping services – \$50
 - Other Miscellaneous – \$20

New Task List:

1. Steve: Send out AGM and Aug minutes
2. Jenny and Carl: International letter
3. Hope: Find better term deposit rate and regular account rate – ING Direct?
4. Jenny: Ask for receipt for \$200 from CVRD
5. Jenny: Call Ed Wilson re survey
6. Jenny: Subdivision report to Steve
7. Steve: email Robert address of Victoria GS
8. Robert: send out announcement and date of Victoria GS
9. Robert: contact Siva about VOIP (Skype?)
10. Bob: listserve and website changes
11. Carl, Bill, Bob: discuss approaching CVRD with proposed land swap ideas
12. Evie: contact Lucia about Dhamma Brothers DVD
13. Jenny: check if Section 9 has been approved re culvert placement
14. Harry: locate Duncan meditators for tire removal
15. Harry: give newspapers VIVA thank you letter.