* Attendees: Al Daggett, John LaFrance, Ed Hayes, Harold Graves, Vern Harrington, David Hayes, Tom Burton, John Foster, Joe Zurylo, Lori Leff, Efrem Marder, Elisa Gonzalez, Jeff Krouk, Bret Bourman

***Guru Yoga, Song of the Vajra***

* David Hayes appointed Moderator
* January 13, 2013 Minutes Approved
* Next Gakyil meeting February 24, 2013, Sunday, 12:30 PM

**Staff Updates (3 minutes)**

* Secretary:
  + Membership Breakdown Given:



*Note: These numbers do not include any pending Membership Renewals that have not been entered into the system yet.--hg*

* Geko:
  + Roofing report; $1,200 to repair the leak over Yeshe’s room, we haven’t received a bill yet from Steeplejack.
  + Toilets in the basement: Bret has offered to help fix them.
  + **Yellow APPROVES replacing 3 toilets in the Basement**
  + Camping: $15 per night first week; $10 per night after first week.

**Whole Gakyil (minutes)**

1. Encampment and Cabins Discussion: Minimum 1 month commitment
   1. Cabin Rental: What is the policy for Cabin Rentals during the ChNN retreat? For personal retreatants only, not dorm use for people attending ChNN retreat? **RED to follow up with Recommendation for Cabin Usage.**
   2. Cabin Safety Issues:
      1. Candles in Cabins: We should eliminate the use of candles in the cabins, go with battery lighting only
      2. What about shrine and incense? Suggestion is made that a special fireproof “sandbox” type of container be made for use of candle and incense on the Shrines ONLY.
   3. Carpet on top of Carpet in the Schoolhouse is considered a Tripping Hazard.
2. Communication & Coordination with Rinpoche
   1. John proposes being point person for communicating with Rinpoche
      1. **APPROVED: John to coordinate communication with Rinpoche.**
   2. Naomi could possibly coordinate interviews with Rinpoche.
3. Discussion of DCA’s integration with the Town of Conway.
   1. Bret represented SSI at the Festival of the Hills this Fall. Discussion of recent Mongolian Lecture proposal from Town of Conway. **Blue to follow up** on this proposal with the Town.
4. Team Leader Status Updates
   1. Rita Kaiser to be Work Study Coordinator
   2. Breakdown of Blue, Red, Yellow team members so far.
5. Gifting Policy needs to be discussed
6. Inventory to be made of Statues that are available, **Blue to Follow Up.** Have Rinpoche empower them, coordinate with Blue. Take an inventory of what we have, communicate with Rinpoche about how many he would like to empower.

**Whole Gakyil (continued)**

1. Al to Coordinate with Jeff & Bret on SSI/DCA Fundraising Activity
2. Work Study: Rita Kaiser is WS Coordinator

# Blue Gakyil (minutes)

1. Publicity: **Ed to follow up** with Gakyil
2. Inviting Khyentse:
3. Blue would like to invite Khyentse, this Spring is impossible for now, maybe invite Khyentse for the Fall. **Blue Action: Ed to Draft a Propossal for Khyentse Retreat.**
4. Losar Activity Review
   1. Phuntsog will not be here for Losar; Blue working on coordinating the event. Local Tibetans are not celebrating Losar, Rinpoche will do something for Dzogchen Community.
   2. Monday February 11, might do a potluck/Bingo at the Gar.

# Red Gakyil (minutes)

1. Reforestation
   1. The Forester has a new plan; pulp market has improved, and tree clearing will proceed soon.
   2. 40% of the wood coming out has a small value, possibly $5,000 coming back to DCA. 60% of wood to be taken for pulp (no lumber value)
   3. Branches and Tops are to be left on site for DCA to remove.
      1. Removal Options: Burning or Chipping are the 2 ways to remove leftover Branches and Tops
      2. Discussion of Treetop/Branch removal, it is important to remove these from the land.
      3. 16 Acres of clearing to remove.
   4. **APPROVE: Signage for Khandroling explaining the Clear Cutting.**
2. Encampment Program Discussion
   1. Blue to coordinate local practice leaders for the encampment
      1. **ACTION: Red and Blue to Follow up**
   2. Posters have been designed for the Encampment
      1. **ACTION: Blue to review the poster content.**
   3. Members Camping
      1. **ACTION: Make sure people know they pay in advance**
      2. Sent out membership camping Announcement
3. Wildflower Seeds discussion
   1. **APPROVE: Joe to spend $180 for Wildflower seeds**
4. Khandroling Coop update
   1. Lime, Manure & Potash needed for Soil Improvement
   2. 2 beehives to be installed behind the Farmhouse Field
   3. 30-50 fruit trees on Western side
   4. Electric fence around beehives to keep bears out
   5. 2 test plots to be made: 1 flax, 1 Barley for Chudlen
   6. Mushrooms to be sown
      1. **Action: Red to Analyze how many Mushrooms can be harvested**
5. Parking Discussion
   1. We don’t have money or time to create a lot of parking
6. Loss of Insurance
   1. Tsegyalgar’s coverage with Travelers was lost as part of an across-the-board Post-Sandy purging of “marginal risk” insurance clients. We should be able to locate new insurance within a few weeks. **Action: Yellow to follow up on Insurance.** Yet to know what the financial import will be. Insurance is for “Fire and Liability”.

# Yellow Gakyil (minutes)

1. Review Yellow Report
   1. Proposed: $600 retreat fee, $300 Member Fee, $25 per day cost. Hardship: 80% discount to be the guideline.
   2. First time Attendees are FREE for first day of Retreat.
   3. Food: Arrange with local restaurants to have food prepared and delivered?
   4. Discussion about the Food issue. Possibilities include contacting the local business association for listing of local restaurants that could prepare and deliver, etc.
2. KPI Follow Up
   1. **APPROVE: Diane’s recommendation that DCA follows up by seeking legal Advice for KPI non-profit status.**
3. Online Registration Discussion
   1. On-site registration Premium of $30 discussed, pro and con. What about people who are coming in first-time?
4. Topic of Retreat TBD by Rinpoche
   1. Helen Baker: Baker’s Country Store has positive relationship with Tsegyalgar, encouraged us to post her menu for retreatants, etc.
   2. Nancy could possibly put an opt-in line for food.
5. Parking Discussion; Tenting areas around the schoolhouse