AGM – Santi Forest Monastery Bundanoon – Sat 8/12/18

<u>Agenda</u>

1.	Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country	Chair (Jitindriya)
2.	Opening Remarks	Ven. Jitindriya
3.	Acceptance of previous AGM minutes	Ven. Jayasara (Sec)
4.	President's Report	Ven. Jitindriya
5.	Treasurer's Report	Treasurer Dhash
6.	Sangha News	Ven. Jitindriya
7.	AOB	
8.	Nomination of new committee members	

9. Close of meeting

Minutes of AGM - 8/12/18

Present: Ajahn Jitindriya, Ayya Jayasara, Ayya Nirodha, Bhante Sujato, Anandi de Silva, Jayantha, Harshani, Dhash, Norbert

Apologies: Jen Smith, Ranjan de Silva

- Meeting opened at 12.50pm with a few minutes of quiet reflection
- 1. Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country Chair (Jitindriya)
- 2. Opening Remarks
 - Jit welcomed Bhante Sujato to the meeting, made introductions, and expressed gladness for his stay at Santi, as well as that of other monastics presently staying at Santi.

Ven. Jitindriya

- 3. Acceptance of previous AGM minutes Ven. Jayasara (Sec)
 - Motion to accept previous 2017 AGM minutes by Anandi Seconded by Jayantha
 - Jayantha raised the issue of communicating the AGM to members of SFM association as he was disappointed at the lack of attendance by non-committee members at this year's AGM.
 - Jit explained that we are still lacking a proper functioning data base at Santi. We inherited a
 list of 35 names from the last committee... The current membership details we have are for
 about 40-50 people. However, the AGM was advertised on the website several weeks in
 advance of the meeting with the agenda, as per regulations, and as we did last year too, so
 procedures were correct.

Jit said that she hopes to have a functional data base up and running before AGM next year. It depends too on accessing and reinvigorating the mailchimp database and communications system connected with the website. We have someone start to help us with this but they became ill and could not help any further. However, we discover there was a list of over 1000 names on the online newsletter database there. Jit said she needs more time to try to figure out access and setting up an electronic communications system again, and someone may be coming to stay a while at Santi who can help her with the technical side of this.

- 4. President's Report
 - Please see attached President's report for details on the year in brief at SFM.
- 5. Treasurer's Report
 - Please see attached detailed treasurer's report Dhash emphasised the positive increase of surplus for the financial year 2017/8
 - Clarification of processes, various expenditures and donations to general questions raised by committee members
 - Both BS and Jayantha congratulated leadership team and treasurer/committee for a successful and financially well-managed year at Santi
 - Jitindriya thanked Dhash profusely for his fantastic support as treasurer over the year at Santi, and acknowledgement too of Ranjan's help to Dhash to settle into the treasurer role.
- 6. Sangha News

Ven. Jitindriya

- Please see general news as detailed President's report (attached), and more specific sangha report for the following ordinary meeting of the committee.
- 7. AOB
 - Bhante Sujato explained to the committee about a recent transition/ changeover of Spiritual Director. Ajahn Brahm discussed with BS before he came to Santi last week about wishing to step down from the role of Spiritual Director of Santi and that he and BS would support Ajahn Jitindriya to take on the role. BS explained that this is how it should be, according to the constitution, that a resident monastic be the SD, and that Aj B had only been holding the role through a period of years while Santi was going through many transitions. So, in consultation with Ajahn Brahm and discussion with the sangha at a meeting on Friday, the resident Santi sangha unanimously agreed that Aj Jitindriya take on the role of Spiritual Director, and Aj Jit agreed.

On request, BS briefly explained the role of Spiritual Director: to offer leadership within the sangha, to work in consensus and foster harmony within the sangha; to act as the sangha representative at committee meetings. BS spoke in praise of Aj Jitindriya's good qualities and expressed his delight and confidence at her being appointed as spiritual director based on her wisdom and many years of experience as a monastic in the past, and more recently.

- The committee acknowledged and approved of Aj Jitindriya's new role.

Ven. Jitindriya

Treasurer Dhash

- 8. Nomination of new committee members for 2019
 - Jen Smith nominated by Jayantha and seconded by Harshani
 - Ayya Jayasara nominated by Jit and seconded by Anandi
 - Dhash nominated by Jayasara and seconded by Norbert
 - Harshani nominated by Jayantha and seconded by Dhash
 - Jayantha nominated by BS and seconded by Anandi
 - Anandi de Silva nominated by Jit and seconded by Jayantha
 - Norbert nominated by Jit and seconded by Dhash
 - Jayantha expressed that it would be good to have more diversity on the Santi committee, especially younger people members agreed and would look out for new potential, suitable members throughout the year.
- 9. Close of meeting
 - AGM Meeting closed at 2.25pm