

DRAFT: Meeting minutes for June 7, 2020 2pm meeting of Jikoji Board of Directors.

Meeting Minutes prepared by Nico Detourn, Secretary

0:00 Call to order by Jim Mills.

In attendance for all or part of the meeting:

Dan Zigmond (Board Member, JMG)
Hollis DeLancy (Board Member)
Jim Mills (Board Member, JMG)
Nico Detourn (Board Member, Secretary)
Bryan Gaynor (Incoming Treasurer, JMG)
Hogan Martin (Staff, JMG)
Jen Hohman (Staff, JMG)
Michael Newhall (Guiding Teacher)
Doug Jacobson (Guiding Teacher)
Connie Ralls (observer)
Gerow Reece (observer)
John Somers (observer)
Pamela Brown (observer)
Peter Szydowski (observer)
Steve Rehn (observer)

First order of business.

Agenda

Jim formally stated that recordings of the meeting are forbidden by the BOD other than the recording for purposes of assembling the meeting.

Call for motion to consider the minutes.

Dan moved.

Nico seconded.

No discussion, no amendments.

Jim called question to approve.

Nico moved to approve.

Dan seconded.

Vote: 4 unanimous approval.

5:32

Second order of business: Determination of board size for next fiscal year.

Call for motion to change number of board members.

No motion.

6:30

Terms of board members expiring with this meeting: Jim, Hollis. Nico.

Call for motion to extend Jim and Hollis for 3 years, and one year for Nico.

Dan moved. Nico seconded.

No discussion.

Call question: 4 votes yes. Unanimous

9:14

Hogan noted that everyone at Jikoji discussed and came to strong consensus that they'd like Nico to continue representing them on the board. Wanted that to be part of the formal record of meeting.

REPORTS

10:49

Treasurer's Report

MP has resigned, BG will be appointed new treasurer later i meeting. Need more time to produce report after meeting with bookkeeper. But there is a balance in the general funds. Things are challenging since Jikoji has not been closed for over two months.

12:15

Facilities Report

BG. No major projects since the December meeting. Only ongoing project: to develop detailed plans for Jikoji's facilities (electricity, propane, buildings, etc) close to competition. Blue print for our successors, that lays out exactly where all the subsystems are that comprise te physical plant of Jikoji. 90% to 95% complete. Will be available on site when complete.

14:10

Shika Report

Nico: Not much to report

Last events since December meeting

Rohatsu in December, Nehan-e, Yogacara in March, all were well attended and appreciated by those who joined us. Mike ad Doug to have more on events in Teacher reports.

In March issued \$2800 in refunds for guest and group bookings due to the pandemic.

We are holding on to some deposits for those who will want to reschedule.

We have bookings for July, August, and September, but don't know how that will play out.

18:20 Teacher Report

Doug: Rohatsu. Zazenkai. Mike and others led January zazenkai while Doug was away for his one month off. Much gratitude to everybody. Carolyn Dille led an excellent 7 day Nehan-e in Feb. Ben Connelly led Yogacara sesshin. Zazenkais over zoom. well attended, up to 20 people. Daily practice at Jikoji continues. Maintaining our practice. Didn't do normal Tanjo-e bec of pandemic, but did it internally. Connie Ralls has been leading weekly discussions and doing a superb job leading, with very good attendance and interest from all over.

21:25

Mike: attending via zoom from Taos.

Expressed compliments to all who have been at Jikoji through the pandemic. To the Staff, to the JMG to the Term Practitioners. Sustained a good culture with integrity, so compliments to everyone. Expressed appreciation to guiding teachers Doug and Cliff who maintained a strong practice during this time. Especially appreciation to Doug for setting up the Zoom thing at Jikoji and to Hogan and Nico for sustaining it. The three of them have really made Jikoji an open place as much as possible under these circumstances.

23:35

Nehan-e with Carolyn Dille, helps maintain our relationship with Floating Zendo, which is important and am really grateful that we are kind of joined at the hip or whatever we're doing in this wonderful practice life together.

Have continued to have multiple teachers here, both physically and through zoom. The way that Jikoji is evolving with multiple teachers is a very strong thing. not just like San Francisco Zen Center, which is in house. We are bringing people from other sanghas in, that's very very strong. Doug has brought important practice energy from Santa Barbara Zen Center, I feel like our connection with them through Doug is really really good. So thank all of you for doing that.

Mike had just done a Jukai with Chris Koln, "has become formally a member of our Floating Zendo tribe, or little family, and that feels really good."

25:25 Expressed very deep appreciation for Connie for maintaining an extended practice period, exemplary job, still doing it, going along great, and being guiding teaching presence for all of Jikoji.

26:25 Asked Connie to join the Jikoji Practice Committee, to be "part of our fussing with practice at Jikoji."

26: 54 Nico and Mike have discussed doing more Jikoji sponsored workshops. Some successful ones with Gerow. Maybe a cooking one with Chris and Reingard. Want to develop that so that what Jikoji does is not just sesshins and practice but also contemplation activities that surround our practice life.

Appreciated Emmy and John at Jikoji, good presences, part of our practice family together. Thanks for Hogan and Doug for maintaining the place, and Nico working with our public voice with the newsletter and web site.

29:20 Hogan also expressed appreciation and gratitude for John and Emmy being such a good fit and helping to maintain the place. Hogan noted former term practitioner Victoria Kamsler.

Doug expressed great thanks to Jen for her energy and vigor.

33:35 Hogan filled in some more of the facility support. Hogan talked about efforts to get a more robust internet system now that Zoom has become so important. Working on how to better use the devices we have, bringing in a new satellite service.

Nice adjustment in getting Gerow and Jackie's guidance on how to move forward with the grounds.

Michael Petersen resigning as Treasurer, so Bryan Gaynor to be appointed Treasurer.

Hollis moved.

Jim seconds.

Discussion. Hollis and Bryan have been dealing with this for many years. Michael Petersen will remain engaged to help with a transition.

Jim called question. Unanimous.

42:15

Dan moved that other existing officers -- Jim as president of board, and Nico as secretary, be appointed for one more term.

Hollis seconds.

Call for question: Unanimous.

Hollis moves to adjourn.

Nico and others second.

Call for question. Unanimous.