

**Gaden Relief Projects Meeting**  
**May 3rd, 2018**  
**Minutes**

Present: Evan Zaleschuk, Matthew Richards, Irina Safonova,

Regrets: Ven. Zasep Tulku Rinpoche, Irene Cortes, Maureen Byrne

Agenda Adopted

Previous Board Minutes adopted

A short housekeeping meeting:

Our meeting started with a discussion about some issues involving the new GRP website. Our webmaster Marco for archival and fundraising purposes, posted information, photos and details, regarding older GRP projects from Tibet and Mongolia. This information is both interesting and inspiring. It gives a good account of GRP's history in charitable giving and support of unique and worthy projects, however, many details are incomplete or even slightly ambiguous, such as fundraising targets and figures concerning financial amounts raised. The Board decided that, in order to be proper and transparent and not to mislead or confuse donors or worst, the Canadian Government, we would see to taking down this information from the website. This will simplify things considerably.

The Board approved of the transfer of funds from Tugs Bayasgalant to the Zangskar Project account. This is for Irina's upcoming trip in Sept. 2018 to deliver funds to the Zangskar nuns.

Matthew has agreed to talk to our account Sonam to find out more accounting info about amounts in our various Project "accounts". Evan suggested we set up "sub-accounts" to manage the division of funds per project. He said TD Bank could help with this and that Canadahelps may have an option for this too.

The three of us then discussed the logistics of Irina taking and delivering our funds to the Zangskar area. GRP has \$7000. earmarked for this. There are many challenges in regard to this due to the isolated and remote nature of this area. Banking in India has changed as of late. Bringing bank notes or travelers cheques might not be feasible and may bring more inconvenience than they are worth. Irina will take USD cash despite the danger of traveling with that amount of money on one's person. Based on Rinpoche's advice Irina will give an initial donation of \$4000. and hold back the rest till it's decided where the rest should be best allocated or what it

should be spent. Rinpoche is providing Irina with a Letter of Introduction and Intent for her visit.

Evan said he would look into the possibility of using Gofundme for GRP fundraising, particularly for our Mongolian orphanage project.

Next Board meeting TBA

Meeting Concluded