

# Tibetan Bön Buddhist Society

## Constitution

### Purpose of the Society

- To create and maintain the teaching and meditation retreat centre, “**Sherab Chamma Ling**”; to preserve Bön, the native religion of Tibet and its culture; to spread Bön teachings by cultivating practitioners and scholars in the west; and, to support and sustain a Spiritual Director and visiting teachers.
- To support and sustain the Spiritual Director/Resident Lama, and visiting teachers.
- To serve the community by providing an environment in which members may benefit themselves and others through the teaching and practice of Buddhist philosophies.
- To provide opportunities and venues for public worship and observance of religious holidays for practicing Buddhists.
- To introduce and broaden Tibetan Bön Buddhism through understanding and undertaking teachings using:
  - Meditation practice*
  - Discussion groups*
  - Dharma classes*
  - Lectures*
  - Community service*
  - Retreats*
- To purchase land and/or buildings to create a Tibetan YungDrung Bön international teaching and retreat centre known as: **Sherab Chamma Ling**, Tibetan Bön Buddhist Centre.

In pursuance of the above Objects and to assist in the furtherance thereof whether directly or indirectly, the Society has the powers:

- To raise funds whether by way of fund-raising activities, receipt of gifts, donations, legacies and grants or otherwise to hold, invest, and use them for the promotion of the objects of the Society.
- To acquire lands and buildings by purchase or otherwise for the purpose of establishing a worship centre, teaching and meeting place, and a retreat centre.
- To manage, lease, sell, mortgage, dispose of, or otherwise deal with the property of the Society.
- To provide all necessary equipment and furniture for carrying out the objectives of the Society.
- To do any other lawful thing necessary to further the Society’s objects.