

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS TRUSTEES MEETING
OCTOBER 16 & 17, 2003
IRVINE MARRIOTT, IRVINE, CALIFORNIA**

- A) Welcome – Bob W., Chairman, Board of Trustees**
Bob W., Chairman of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 1:10 P.M. on October 16, 2003. He welcomed everyone and asked all new Trustees to introduce themselves. The people at the head table were introduced and the rules and procedures for the meeting were explained. Eleven proxy's were read to be voted as follows: Area 4 – from Klaus K. given to Elaine D.; Area 5B – from Jean Marc L., given to Etienne C.; Area 6- from Morty F., given to Sandy L.; Area 6A – from Frank M., given to Nick S.; Area 8 – from Allan S., given to Scott D.; Area 10 – from Mary M., given to Glenn F.; Area 10B – from Jim G., given to Gary B.; Area 15 – from Ray H., given to Marty D.; Area 18 – from Andy D., given to Bob W. and from Shirley T., given to Bob W.; Area 18A – from Darryl G., given to Denis M. One absentee ballot was received from Area 12 – Bob W. and given to Karen H. to vote as per instructions on the ballot.
- B) Remembrance of our departed members – Marshall R.**
Marshall R. read a list of names of our brothers and sisters who had passed away since our last Trustees meeting held in Toronto. Time of abstinence and where they were from was also mentioned. A moment of silence was observed in all of their memories.
- C) Reading from “A Day At A Time Book” – Marty D.**
Marty D. read the Reflection for the Day for October 16th.
- D) Reading of the “12 Steps of Unity” – Scott D.**
Scott D. read the 12 Steps of Unity.
- E) Roll Call – Karen H. International Executive Secretary**
Karen H. took roll and there are presently 93 votes to begin the first session.
- F) Approval of the minutes from Toronto**
The minutes of the meeting held in Toronto were approved as submitted.
- G) Committee Reports**
- 1 – Toronto Final Report – David M.**
David M. gave the above report. A motion was made to approve the financial report as submitted.
Passed

2003 CONFERENCE INFLOWS / OUTFLOWS STATEMENT (US\$)

2 – Irvine Conference Report – Denis M.

Denis M. gave the report stating that all statements and other pertinent information was submitted as requested. Bob W. welcomed everyone and said that we will have over 500 people in attendance. We are looking forward to a great weekend.

3 – Montreal Conference Report – David M.

David M. reported on the above Conference to be held April 30 – May 2, 2004 at the Sheraton in Laval, Quebec stating that all requests have been submitted on a very timely basis. Larry G. stated that all is going smoothly and they currently have 50 rooms booked. They are looking forward to hosting everyone.

4 – New Orleans Conference Report – Denis M.

Denis M. reported on the above Conference to be held September 10 – 12, 2004 at the Radisson Hotel New Orleans, stating that everything is O.K.

5 – ISO/Lifeline Report – Karen H.

Karen H. gave a report on Lifeliners handing out a chart showing the different states and number of members who contributed over the past year. The total for this year was \$47,969.12 compared to last years total of \$44,494.02. She thanked everyone for their continued support. Phil K. and Marshall R. each stressed the importance of becoming a Lifeline and Lifeline contributions.

6 – Irvine Walkathon Report – Marc L.

Marc L. reported on the Walk-A-Thon which will take place Saturday at 4:00 P.M. The walk has been scheduled during a workshop time slot. A special thanks was given to Jim P., for his continued support as our top contributor.

7 – Literature Committee Report – Chuck R.

Chuck R. reported that we have three pieces of literature that are up for a second vote at this meeting. Those pieces are, “Hosting a National Conference”, “The Pressure Relief Group Meeting Handbook” and “The Stock Market, Retirement Accounts and Gamblers Anonymous”. The original Stock Market pamphlet from Toronto will be the one that is up for approval, not the one that was included with the current agenda.

8 – Florida Restitution Report – Marc L., Chairman, Board of Regents

Marc L. gave the report with the good news that the final payment of \$7,498.13 was received at the beginning of October and restitution has been completed.

9 – Prison Committee Report – Jean-Marc L.

Etienne C. gave the report on the Prison committee.

10–Literature on Tape Committee Report – Jimmy D. and Marc L.

Marc L. gave the above report. The committee is getting prices on several pieces and they should have something to present in Montreal.

11–Gamblers Anonymous Website Committee Report – Richard L.

Richard L. read a report. He is having a difficult time getting people. There are currently only two people involved. Volunteers are needed. Anyone interested in getting involved, please contact Richard L.

12–Hotline Committee Report – Gary S.

Gary S. gave the Hotline committee report and is also looking for volunteers. He will be getting surveys and a demonstration number. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Gary S.

13–Pressure Relief Pamphlet Financial Forms Committee – David M.

David M. gave the above report. The committee is ready to proceed if Item #6 of Old Business passes.

14–Map Committee Report – Dan B.

Dan B. gave a report on the Map committee. A copy of the map was passed out and the Trustees were asked to check their areas and make corrections or offer their input.

15-South America Report – George G.

George G. gave a report on Argentina, which now has 72 meetings and will be electing a Trustee in the near future. He also reported that Uruguay now has 10 meetings, Spain has 54 and Brazil is doing well with several meetings at the present time.

H) OLD BUSINESS

1. **2nd vote on booklet “Hosting A National Conference”.**
(Bob W. - Area 1) (Passed 1st Vote)
Passed (2nd Vote)
2. **2nd vote on change in Combo Book, page 8, third paragraph, insert the word “it” after “however”. (Daryl R. –Area 9) (Passed 1st Vote)**
Passed (2nd Vote)
3. **2nd vote on booklet “The Stock Market, Retirement Accounts and Gamblers Anonymous” (David M. – Area 12) (Passed 1st Vote)**
Approved 50 Against 34 Passed (2nd Vote)

4. **Change Unity Step 11 to read: “Our Public Relations Policy is based on promotion rather than attraction; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, literature and the Internet.”(Dennis M. – Area 14) (Tabled from Toronto)**
 Motion to accept above.
 Amendment to add “television”
 Passed
 On the motion.
 Failed

5. **Does an Intergroup have a right to not support a GA room if that room does not financially support their Intergroup? (Dennis M. – Area 14) (Tabled from Toronto)**
 Discussion was held. A straw vote was taken and it was the consensus that this Board overwhelmingly disagreed with the above.

6. **2nd vote on “The Pressure Relief Group Meeting Handbook” (Eddie L. – Area 12) (Passed 1st Vote)**
 Passed (2nd Vote)

7. **2nd vote on change to Red Book, page 14, take out the entire last sentence. It is mentioned in the group handbook on page 2, number 7, in the Guidance Code, page 5 in sections 4 & 5, section 4 on the page 11 and on page 12, number 9D (Howie C. – Area 3D)(Passed 1st Vote)**
 Passed (2nd Vote)

8. **2nd vote on change to Big Book, page 59, under the chapter entitled “The Group Meeting: Core of the Fellowship’s Existence” change the second word “Fellows” to “Fellowship”. (Howie C. – Area 3D) (Passed 1st Vote)**
 Passed (2nd Vote)

9. **2nd vote on Guidance Code change, Article XVI, Section 12, after the words “and /or Gamblers Anonymous pins” delete the words “the same day” and replace with “within 5 business days”. The section would now read, “The International Executive Secretary shall be responsible to mail receipts for donations made to I.S.O. and mail Gamblers Anonymous literature and/or Gamblers Anonymous pins within 5 business days donations or requisition is received in the International Service Office (ISO).” (Karen H. – Area I.E.S.) (Passed 1st Vote)**
 Passed (2nd Vote)

10. **Combo Book page 12, eliminate the sentence borrowing and/or lending of money (bailouts) in Gamblers Anonymous is detrimental to our**

recovery and should not take place. Change to: Borrowing money or declaring bankruptcy (bailouts) to eliminate gambling debts is detrimental to our recovery and should not take place. (Larry B. – Area 15)
(Tabled from Toronto)

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to change Borrowing money, lending money or declaring bankruptcy (bailouts) to eliminate gambling debts in Gamblers

Anonymous is detrimental to our recovery and should not take place.

The Chair ruled this amendment out of order. The Chair was then challenged. Vote on the challenge fails (33 – 37) therefore the Chair is in order and the amendment is out of order.

On the motion.

Failed

- 11. Combo Book page 13, Change the first line under the heading...Can a Compulsive Gambler ever gamble again? Add the word “Small” after the word “First” so it would read... “No, the first small bet...”**

(Larry B. – Area 15)

(Tabled from Toronto)

Motion to accept above.

Failed

- 12. Combo Book page 17, Eliminate #7 and replace it with: “Be patient! The days and weeks will pass soon enough, and as you regularly attend meetings, abstain from gambling and follow the guidelines on this page, you will experience continuing recovery.**

(Larry B. – Area 15)

(Tabled from Toronto)

Motion to accept above.

Approved 52 Against 3 Passed (1st Vote)

NEW BUSINESS

Steps

- 1. Change Step 11 of the Unity Program from “...at the level of press, radio, films, and television.” To “...at the level of press, radio, films, television and the Internet.” (Jimmy D. – Area 1)**

Motion to accept above.

Approved: 83 Against 1 Passed (1st Vote)

- 2. Recovery Program Step 6 to read: were entirely ready to have these defects of character changed. (Marino S. – Area 15)**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

- 3. To amend Unity Step 5, adding “of hope” after message so the step would harmonize with the history page. GA has but one primary**

purpose – to carry it’s message “of hope” to the compulsive gambler who still suffers. (Mike Y. – Area 9)

Motion to accept above.

Failed

Request For New Committees

4. **Form a committee to review conference protocol and establish guidelines in case we face scenarios as we did in Toronto, where cancellations contributed to a chaotic situation regarding refunds, GA policies, responsibilities of the Board of Trustees, Board of Regents, etc. (Bill S. – Area 12)**

Motion to accept above.

The Chair ruled this motion out of order. The Chair was then challenged. Vote on the challenge fails, therefore the Chair is in order and the motion is out of order.

Chair formed a committee to be chaired by Bill S. Committee members include Carol L., Herb B., Ted K., Pat M. and Debbie W.

5. **Chairman of the Board of Trustees to appoint Subject Matter Experts to coordinate Agenda Items for the National Conference, the appointees will link authors of similar agenda items, assist in clarifying content, accuracy and insuring the items are grammatically correct. The appointees will re-submit Agenda Items to the Chairman of the Board Of Trustees for timely submission for printing. (Bob Q. – Area 6B)**

Chair formed a committee for the above item to be chaired by Bob Q.

Committee members include Laurie R., Wendy B., Ian S., Tom T. and Dave F.

6. **Form a committee to clarify and define conditions of declaring abstinence dates as it relates to members in prisons. In addition to the status of meetings that take place in prisons and structure some form of prerequisites to have the appropriate prison meetings be recognized by Gamblers Anonymous. (David M. – Area 12)**

Chair formed a committee for the above item. Committee members include Carol L., Sharon W., Jerry L. and Richie S.

7. **Form a committee to explore the appointment of a Standing Public Relations committee to carry out the specific and primary purposes for which Gamblers Anonymous is formed, as per the Guidance Code, Article III. (Howie C. - Area 3D)**

Motion to table above.

Passed

Red Book

8. **In the Red Book, page #12, add to the end of the last sentence, "... at least thirty-nine (39) meetings per year." (Allan S.–Area 8)**

Motion to table above.

Passed

By-Laws

9. **Change the By-Laws, Article III, Section 6. That there should be no restrictions as to the number of Board of Regent members who reside more than 200 miles from the I.S.O. (Keith M. – Area 3B)**

The Chair ruled this item out of order. The Chair was then challenged. Vote on the challenge passes, therefore the Chair is out of order and the item is in order.

Motion to accept above.

The Chair was again challenged that the motion is out of order. Vote on the challenge passes, therefore the Chair is out of order and so is the motion.

(The Chair stated that he was actually correct when he first called this item "out of order".)

Combo Book

10. **Combo book Page #2, third paragraph, second sentence "no one likes to think they are different from their fellows" change to read " no one likes to think they are different from other people" (Allan S. – Area 8)**

Motion to accept above.

Motion to table.

The Chair was challenged that a motion to table is out of order.

Vote on the challenge fails, therefore the Chair is in order and so is the motion to table.

Passed

Motion on this item is pending.

11. **Combo book, Page #17, #3, line #4, after "this includes", insert the words "but not limited to" the stock market..." (Allan S.–Area 8)**

Motion to table above.

Passed

12. **Combo book page 17, number 3, eliminate everything after " don't gamble for anything." In it's place add ---If you don't make the first tiny bet, you can't make any big ones.**

(Howie C. – Area 3D)

Discussion only.

13. **Combo Book, page 17, Number 1---Change to read, “Attend 3 or 4 meetings a week if available in your area, otherwise, attend as many meetings as possible, MEETINGS MAKE IT.” (Howie C. – Area 3D)**
Motion to change Combo Book, page 17, Number 1 to read “Attend as many meetings as possible, but at least 3 or 4 full meetings a week if available in your area, MEETINGS MAKE IT”.
Failed
14. **Combo Book, page 4, number 1, change the word “Admitted” to “Admit” and “Were” to “Are”. So the sentence will read, “We admit we are powerless over gambling--that our lives had become unmanageable.” (Howie C. – Area 3D)**
Motion to accept above.
Failed
15. **On page 13 of the yellow book the last paragraph says: “Our Gambler’s Anonymous experience seems to point to these alternatives: To gamble, risking progressive deterioration or not to gamble, and develop a better way of life.” Motion that the word “risking” should be changed to “assuring”. (Mike R. – Area 15)**
Motion to accept above.
Failed
16. **To be inserted in the Combo Book on page 10, Section #3, after the second paragraph: “Then there is the compulsive gambler who shuns social contact and zones out in front of a machine in an effort to escape reality.” (Richard L.– Area 2G)**
Motion to accept above.
Failed
17. **Combo Book, page 16: replace Question 19 (Did you ever have an urge to celebrate any good fortune by a few hours of gambling?), in its entirety, with: “Have you ever lied to someone you love about your gambling?” (Sam C. – Area 3C)**
Motion to accept above.
Failed
18. **Make the following changes to Combo Book page 8. “What is the first thing a compulsive gambler ought to do in order to stop gambling?”
Line 5: change the word “always” to “usually”. Line 7: change the word “never” to “seldom”. Line 7: Insert “the Gamblers Anonymous program” after However, to make the last sentence a proper sentence.
Lines 4 – 8 will now read: Our experience has shown that Gamblers Anonymous program will usually work for any person who has a**

desire to stop gambling. However, the Gambler's Anonymous program will seldom work for the person who will not face squarely the facts about this illness. (Sam R. – Area 3A)

Motion to accept above.

Failed

Guidance Code

19. Article VIII, Section 9

Current version: To change the Twelve Steps of RECOVERY and Twelve Step UNITY PROGRAM, it shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority by not less than twenty (20) members of the Board of Trustees at two consecutive meetings.

Proposed new version: To change the Twelve Steps of RECOVERY and Twelve Step UNITY PROGRAM, it shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority and not less than sixty (60) members of the Board of Trustees physically in attendance, at two consecutive meetings. If the minimum member number is not met at the next meeting, the 2nd vote will be postponed till the next conference where the minimum is satisfied. (David M – Area 12)

Motion to accept above.

Motion to table.

Failed

On the motion.

Failed

Misc. Literature

- 20. a. In the group handbook, page #2 under secretary, item #3, at the end "...that a new person is given copies.", add "and also an updated phone list for the meeting and an updated meeting list for the area."**
- b. Group handbook page #2, 5th line from the bottom, change the sentence to read "their most important qualification is that they have abstained from gambling for at least six (6) months, unless it is a brand new group."**
- c. Group handbook page #3 under Treasurer, item #1, change to read "take up a collection at each meeting, usually during the business portion of the meeting."**
- d. Group handbook, page #3, under rotating meeting chairperson, lines# 4 and 5 to be changed to read "the chairperson should be a person who has a minimum of ninety (90) days of abstinence."**
- e. Group handbook, page #7 under suggested meeting format, after current #6 and prior to current #7, add "chairperson calls on another member to read the daily reading from the One Day at a Time Book"**

f. Group handbook, page #7 under suggested meeting format, after the current #6 and prior to the current #7 add “chairperson calls on another member to explain pressure relief”

g. Group handbook, page #7, under suggested meeting format, after current #6 and prior to current #7 add “chairperson asks everyone present to recite prayer on the inside cover of the “Combo Book”.

(Allan S. – Area 8)

Motion to table.

Passed

- 21. Motion to change Group Handbook page 8 Open and Closed Meetings first paragraph, lines 3 & 4, delete the words a gambling problem and insert the words – a desire to stop gambling. Also, on page 8, third paragraph, line 5 – delete the words gambling problems and insert the words–a desire to stop gambling. (Dennis M. – Area 14)**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

- 22. Change to GA medallions – the words “Gamblers Anonymous” to be removed from the coin and be replaced with the phrase: “Keep It Simple” (Ian S. – Area 6C)**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

- 23. Group Handbook – Page 8 – Item 14 – change “Chairperson calls upon a member to close the meeting by leading the Group in reading the Serenity Prayer.” to “Chairperson calls upon a member to close the meeting by leading the Group in reading the “I sought My Soul poem and the Serenity Prayer.” (Jimmy D. – Area 1)**

Motion to accept above.

Passed

(1st Vote)

- 24. Remove the words, Gamblers Anonymous, from the cover of the A Day At A Time, Reflection Blue Book. (Joe B. – Area 6C)**

Motion to accept above.

Motion was ruled out of order. The Chair was then challenged that the motion is in order. Vote on the challenge passes, therefore the Chair is out order and the motion is in order. (The Chair was challenged because he said only one vote is needed when actually two votes are needed because it is a change in literature.)

On the motion.

Failed

- 25. To supply I.S.O. with information sheets on Gamanon to be included in new member meeting kits that are supplied to people that request G.A. information. (Marvin F. – Area 1)**

Motion to table above.
Passed

- 26. To ensure consistency in our literature change all references to 'GA' in Beyond 90 Days to 'Gamblers Anonymous. The Combo Book and Towards 90 Days book all reference Gamblers Anonymous. (Paul K. – Area 11)**
Motion to change "G.A." in all our literature to "Gamblers Anonymous".
Failed

New Literature

- 27. Discuss the possible addition of a new piece of GA approved literature incorporating a GA appropriate version of the 'Promises' available in other fellowships. (Richard B. – Area 7A)**

Motion to approach A.A. for approval to use the 12 Promises as follows:
We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness. We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it. We will comprehend the word serenity and we will know peace. No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will see how our experience can benefit others. That feeling of uselessness and self-pity will disappear. We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellows. Self-seeking will slip away. Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will change. Fear of people and of economic insecurity will leave us. We will intuitively know how to handle situations, which used to baffle us. We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.

Amendment #1 to add the following language after the Promises, "Are these extravagant promises? We think not. They are being fulfilled among us – sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly. They will always materialize if we work for them."

Passed

Amendment #2 to add the following language before the Promises, "If we are painstaking about this phase of our development, we will be amazed before we are halfway through."

Passed

The Chair was challenged that the motion is out of order. Vote on the challenge fails, therefore the Chair is in order and so is the motion.

Motion to table.

Failed

Motion to approve.

Failed

ISO Procedures

- 28. I.S.O. shall pay all costs associated with securing Internet access and the rental of a video projection system, to aid in the presentation of**

any business for the Trustee conferences on the 1st day only, when necessary. (David M. – Area 12)

Motion to accept above.

Motion to table.

Failed

On the motion.

Failed

- 29. All literature will display the date of first publishing. (David M. – Area 12)**

Motion that all literature will display the date of original publication, if available, the date of revision and the date of current printing.

Passed

BOT Procedures

- 30. Is it ever acceptable for the Chairman of the Board of Trustees to make a decision that is not in violation of the Guidance Code, By-Laws, or Past Trustee Decisions regarding Gamblers Anonymous without consulting the Board of Trustees? (Bob W. – Area 1)**

A straw vote was taken and it is the consensus of this Board that it is not O.K. for the Chairman of the Board of Trustees to make a decision that is not in violation of the Guidance Code, By-Laws or Past Trustees Decisions regarding Gamblers Anonymous without consulting the Board of Trustees.

- 31. Discussion of an Internet application to open up the agenda item gathering process to all Trustees and GA members, prior to the 65 day cutoff period before each national conference.(David M.–Area 12)**

Motion to establish an Internet application to open up the Agenda items.

Passed

- 32. Any past Trustee can vote to extend the time limit. (Howie C.Area 3D)**

Motion to accept above.

Passed

- 33. Reimbursement of all deposits and payments for non-attendees registered for the Toronto Conference. (Irwin S. – Area 12)**

Motion that I.S.O. reimburse all deposits and payments for non-attendees registered for the Toronto Conference.

Failed

- 34. Discussion item – Is giving gambling advice considered gambling? (Jimmy D. – Area 1)**

A straw vote was taken and it is the consensus of this Board that giving gambling advice is not gambling.

- 35. Items that are tabled from a Trustee meeting to the next Trustee meeting, must be addressed at that meeting and cannot be tabled again. (Joe B. – Area 6c)**
 Motion to accept above.
 Approved 32 Against 45 Failed
- 36. Discussion on having an Alternate Co-Chairman for the Board of Trustee in case the Chairman, 1st Co-Chairman or 2nd Co-Chairman can not attend the National Conference. (Keith M. – Area 3B)**
 This item is ruled out of order as there is already a section referring to this in the Guidance Code.
- 37. Making all ballots of trustees, who are unable to attend the National Conference absentee ballots, which then eliminates all proxy votes. (Keith M. – Area 3B)**
 Motion to accept above.
 Failed
- 38. Discuss the formation of an executive committee consisting of the Chairman and two Co-Chairmen of the Board of Trustees and the Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Board of Regents to decide on emergency issues that do not have any previous written guidance. (Marc L. – Area 1)**
 Discussion only.
- 39. Have a roll call vote of all the Trustees to put Good and Welfare permanently back as part of each National Conference. (Marshall R. – Area 12)**
 Motion to accept above.
 The Chair was challenged that this motion is out of order. Vote on the challenge fails, therefore the Chair is in order and so is the motion.
 Amendment to remove words “Conference” and replace with “Trustees Meeting”.
 Passed
 The Chair was again challenged that this is out of order. Vote on the challenge fails, therefore the Chair is in order and so is the motion.
 On the motion.
 Failed

BOR Procedures

- 40. Update on the Board of Trustees electing the Board of Regents. (Marc L. – Area 1)**
 Discussion only.

Intergroup Procedures

41. **Free billboard, television, radio or newspaper advertising, provided as a public service announcement, with the official public relations slogan of GA: “If you have a gambling problem or know of someone that does, contact Gamblers Anonymous” or “If gambling is creating problems in your life, Gamblers Anonymous can help” along with local Intergroup information is acceptable and not considered a violation of Unity Step 7 or 11. (David M. – Area 12)**
A straw vote was taken and it was the consensus of this Board that the above is acceptable and not considered a violation of Unity Steps 7 or 11.
42. **For discussion only: If a Gamanon Intergroup in an area decides that they only desire to “participate” in events where they know there will be profit, should they be allowed to do that and not be held fiscally responsible for events that could incur a “loss”. Can they pick and choose? A straw vote is requested after the discussion period. (Scott D. – Area 8)**
No discussion.

Group Procedures

43. **Motion: “At all pinnings or celebrations, members of the family, including spouse and children, as well as friends who are not members of G.A. are entitled to speak on behalf of the pinnee.” (Allan S. – Area 8)**
Motion to table above.
Passed
44. **Motion to set aside Item 25, Section 1 of Past Trustees Decisions. (Dennis M. – Area 14)**
Discussion only.
45. **Motion to allow a GA group to have the right to ask a GA member to leave the room if the GA member states he/she has no desire to stop gambling. (Dennis M. – Area 14)**
Motion to allow a G.A. group to have the right to ask a person to leave the room if the person states he/she has no desire to stop gambling.
Failed
46. **Discuss GA members entering gambling establishments while fulfilling other responsibilities. (Irwin S. – Area 12)**
Discussion only.
47. **Discussion Item: Sponsorship... the need to bring the program back to basics...1st with Temporary Sponsors. (Joe B. – Area 6C)**

Discussion only.

- 48. Discuss the benefits of all Gamblers Anonymous rooms that don't have a step meeting once a month to start one in their room. (Marshall R. – Area 12)**
Discussion only.
- 49. Discuss the benefits of putting any new member who enters Gamblers Anonymous member into a 90 – day room and how this will aid in their recovery. (Marshall R. – Area 12)**
Discussion only.
- 50. Discuss about each Gamblers Anonymous member giving the date of their last bet when they start therapy – Take a straw poll vote. (Marshall R. – Area 12)**
A straw vote was taken and it is the consensus of this Board that time of abstinence should be given when they start their therapy.

Conference Bids

- 51. Conference bid for the Spring 2005 Conference. This is open to bid by any area.**
Connecticut was the only area presenting a bid for the above Conference. Motion to accept the above bid for the Conference to be held April 8 – 10, 2005 at the Marriott Hotel Resort in Farmington, Connecticut.
Passed
- 52. Conference bid for the Fall 2005 Conference. This is open to bid by any Western Area or Intergroup.**
No bid was made therefore this item will be on the agenda for Montreal and will be open to any area wishing to present a bid.

Overseas Areas

- 53. Request by Australia to have an R.S.O. set up in Queensland, Australia. (Debra C. – Area 18)**
Motion to table above.
Passed
- 54. Request by Sweden for financial assistance to print the translated Blue Book. (Leif N. – Area Sweden)**
Motion to table above.
Passed

Committee Related Issues

**55. That the GA Guidance Code be amended to incorporate the items listed in the Report from the Web Site committee.
(Richard L – Area 2G)**

The Chair ruled this motion out of order.

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at approximately 5:00 P.M. The collection for the four (4) sessions was \$787.75.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held April 29, 2004 in Laval, Quebec.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen H., International Executive Secretary

ROLL CALL				
AREA		SESSIONS		
1	Bruce R.	4	8A Roger S.	4
	James B.	4	Kim L.	4
	Lanny R.	4	8B Michelle G.	4
	Laurie R.	4	8C Pauline M.	3
	Ted K.	4	9 Jim M.	4
	Wendy B.	4	Daryl R.	4
2	Sandy T.	4	10 Glenn F.	4
	Isamu T.	4	Mary M.	Absent *
	Dan B.	4	10A Norman B.	4
	Amin M.	4	Jim P.	4
2A	Henry I.	4	Tom L.	4
	Cindie T.	4	10B Jim G.	Absent *
	Richard C.	4	Gary B.	4
2B	Steve R.	4	11 Steve J.	4
	Frank H.	4	Don R.	4
2C	Debbie W.	4	12 Carol L.	4
2D	Alan S.	4	David M.	4
2G	Sharon W.	4	Bill S.	4
	Richard L.	4	Bob W.	Absent **
3	Gail L.	4	Denis M.	4
	Mike P.	4	John D.	4
	Roger T.	4	13 James D.	4
3A	David F.	4	David S.	4
	Malcolm B.	4	Ron C.	4
3B	Keith M.	4	13A Kevin O.	Absent

	Matt B.	Absent		Jim D.	4
3C	Sam C.	4	14	Dennis M.	4
3D	Tom P.	4		Brad B.	4
	Pat M.	4		Mike A.	4
4	Elaine D.	4		Al O.	4
	Klaus K.	Absent *	15	Chuck R.	4
5	Herb B.	4		Ray H.	Absent *
5A	Irene S.	Absent		Bill B.	4
5B	Jean-Marc L.	Absent *		Marty D.	4
	Etienne C.	4		George G.	4
5C	John L.	3		Abe C.	4
6	Richie S.	4		Mike R.	4
	Morty F.	Absent *		Marino S.	4
	Sandy L.	4		Larry B.	4
6A	Nick S.	4		Jerry L.	4
	Frank M.	Absent *	17	Walt H.	4
6B	Bob Q.	4		Ron W.	4
	Tom T.	4	18	Andy D.	4
6C	Joe B.	4		Shirley T.	4
	Dennis A.	4	18A	Darryl G.	4
	Gary G.	4		Russell K.	Absent
	Ian S.	4	22	Louis M.	Absent
7	Kathy S.	4	Chairman, B.O.T.	Bob W.	4
	Judy N.	4	1 st Co-Chair, B.O.T.	Denis M.	4
7A	Richard B.	4	2 nd Co-Chair, B.O.T.	David M.	4
	Chuck S.	4	Chairman, B.O.R.	Marc L.	4
8	Allan S.	Absent *	International Executive		
	Scott D.	4	Secretary	Karen H.	4
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