

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Held at**  
**10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EASTERN CONCLAVE, TORONTO, CANADA**  
**May 21 & 22, 1971**

1. Trustee meeting to be taped. Accepted 11-0.

Chairman, Bill B., called the meeting to order with a standing minute of silent meditation at 2:00 P.M. in memory of Stan G., Southern California.

Trustee (T), Alternate (A), Alternate Acting Trustee (AT).

Present were Bill B., Chairman, New Rochelle, N.Y. T. Co-Chairman, Bill G., Ohio T.; Jake P., Illinois T.; Bob K., Illinois A.; Mario F., Mass. T.; Ted G., Canada T.; Elmer "Red" M., Ohio T.; Jim B., Pittsburgh, Pa. A; Pat P., N.J. T.; George W., N.J. A.; Carl M., Brooklyn, N.Y. T.; Bill B., Islip Terr., N.Y. T.; Joe C., Hemstead, N.Y. AT.; Irving L., Flushing, N.Y. A.; Arnold W., Parlin, N.J. A.; Chris C., Philadelphia, Pa. T.; Joe J., Maryland AT.

2. Meeting open to all – discussed fully.  
Vote – For 5, against 7.

Meeting open to past Trustees, Regents and Trusted Servants.  
Passed – 11-0.

Minutes approved as read with change of Lay Board to Charter. Motion made by Chris C. Seconded by Pat V.

3. Correspondence from Dr. Lyn Barrow – Australia. Letter read by Bill B., Chairman. No questions.
4. Serenity Prayer key chain follow-up. New information turned over to Board of Regents for follow-up.
5. Recovery Program report from paper submitted by Jim Z. Motion made by Red M. that Jim Z's presentation on the 12 Steps of Recovery Program be accepted as an approved piece of literature to be sold by G.A. Publishing Co. on cover compiled by a member of G.A. Seconded by Patsy P.  
Vote – For 8, abstained 3.  
Unity Program tabled until Saturday, May 22, 1971.
6. Alternate Trustees' duties, obligations and limitations, including mail meetings. Alternate Trustees to answer all mail and participate at all meetings. Alternate trustee vote in absence of Trustee. Discussed fully. In a mail meeting, Trustee and Alternate Trustee both reply. If Trustee does not answer, Alternate Trustee's reply will count as a vote.

7. Boston situation and problems, including TV slide bit. Trying to use same slides all over the country for the same image everywhere. Left open for someone to get information and mail to Chairman, Bill B., regarding TV slides, etc. Please write promptly.

Continued. Groups not using G.A. literature. If a group does not wish to have G.A. approved literature available for the new member, it should not be listed as a group on the area meeting directory for referral to the new member. Also, people with duel problems – discussed fully. Suggested that at G.A. meetings the therapy should be to refrain from gambling.

8. Washington, D.C. conflict between two G.A. groups.  
Two groups meeting on same night, two different telephone numbers and two different P.O. Boxes. Suggestions: one group to change meeting night; have one telephone number and one P.O. Box. Try and cooperate - members of each visit both groups, etc.

Mail meeting to be put in National Bulletin.

9. Montreal problem – conflict between G.A. group and Mrs. C.M. Report by Bill W. and interested parties from Montreal. Motion made by Red M. that the problem be turned over to Jim Z. of N.S.O. to try and resolve with radio and TV and social work agencies by mail. Amendment, by Joe C. that Montreal Intergroup also follow-up with action on a local level, after letters are written by N.S.O. Carl M. seconded the amendment.  
Vote on amendment – Carried 11-0.  
Vote on Motion – Carried 11-0.
10. To see if it would be correct to ‘drop’ a Trustee and/or Alternate if no participation after three meetings. Motion made by Joe C. that any Trustee, including Alternate, who misses three consecutive Board meetings be excluded from the Board of Trustees and that the area in which he serves be duly advised to elect a new Trustee or Alternate. Seconded by Carl M.  
Vote – For 10, against 1.
11. Charter for things not covered in our G.A. books. Presented by Don P., St. George meeting, N.Y. Intergroup. Motion made by Bill B. of Brentwood to form a committee within our Guidance Code from National Board of Trustees to find out if charter is feasible for G.A. to use. Seconded by Mario F.  
Vote – For 8, against 4.  
Committee – Bill B. (Brentwood) and Red M. – plus volunteers.
12. Trademark for G.A. – to protect us and/or to stop others.  
The definition of Trademark is the name symbol; meaning a symbol we have on our literature from the stamp of approval we give it. It is a figure word or mark adopted and used by manufacturers or merchants to designate goods and

distinguish them from others. A Trademark is usually registered with a government agency to insure exclusive use by the owner of the mark. To prevent infringement on the name of Gamblers Anonymous or G.A. and to stop anyone from discrediting the fellowship, perhaps this could be a means to prevent unauthorized people from passing themselves off as representatives of Gamblers Anonymous, at any level. As far as the legal aspect or ratifications are concerned, they are many and he could not pursue them in this means.

Committee to be formed to get the exact information to protect our approved symbol or trademark, so other people cannot use.

Bill B., Committee Chairman, Joe J., Jim B. and Jim Z.

13. How to handle changes in addresses of present groups and listing of new ones. The Trustee assumes the responsibility of notifying N.S.O. of change of address and new groups forming and also try to educate group secretaries of their responsibility in this area also.
14. England – how can we assist them and work with them (not limited to England). England will now have International Correspondence. They would like letters from individuals; in turn, they will correspond with us.  
  
England, or the United Kingdom, now has 25 groups.
15. Inquiry from National Clipping Bureau for matters appearing in print which might concern G.A. and also for items about G.A. Cost - \$48/mo.  
Dropped.
16. Inquiry from a Public Relations firm – they would like to handle our PR work throughout the country. Not free. Dropped.
17. The female compulsive gambler – how to attract and hold and has anyone had success. No one had an answer.
18. Last paragraph of Page 2 of the Combined Pamphlet from “we were compulsive gamblers” to we are . Must be passed at two fiscal meetings. To be put on agenda at Pittsburgh. Motion made by Bill B. Seconded by Patsy P.  
Vote – For 7, against 5.
19. To take definition of spiritual from Page 117 of Big Book and insert in Combined Pamphlet. Dropped.
20. Format for selection of the Trusted Servants of the B.O.T. Dropped.
21. Alignment of Trustees, as per Guidance Code to be complete in early 1972.

22. Enlargement of number of Trustees. Bill B., Brentwood made a motion that the B.O.T. be allowed to reach a number of 25, subject to the discretion of the Board of Trustees, whether or not the full 25 at any given time. Seconded by Pat P.  
Vote – For 10, against 1, abstained 1
23. Census form to be mailed out by N.S.O. when received.
24. Bill G. made a motion that in first two paragraphs, 100 be changed to thousands.  
Seconded by Bill B., Brentwood.  
Vote – For 11, abstained 1.

COLLECTION: \$19.00

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