

MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
12TH GREAT LAKES CONFERENCE MONTREAL CANADA  
NOVEMBER 2ND & 3RD 1978

The meeting was called to order by Bill B. chairman of the Board of Trustees at 2:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Designation - Trustee (T), Alternated Trustee (A), and Alternate Trustee - Acting Trustee (AT).

PRESENT: Irving S.(T), Bob F.-CA (T), Dave R.(AT), Hank K.(T), Bill W.(T), Ronald G.(A), Al P.(T), Ralph G.(T), Lee N.(T), Sam G.(A), Bill G.(T), Elmer M.(T), James P.(A), Robert G.(T), Jim V.(A) Eddie L.(T), Irwin S.(T), Ray S.(T), Glen P.(A), Norman W.(A), Jack W.(T), Tony D.(A), Bob F.-N.Y.(T), Wm. K.B.(T), Steve B.(T), Joe S.(T), Sandy C.(AT), David F.(T), Wm. S.(A), 21 Votes

OLD BUSINESS

1. Silver Anniversary 1982, what time of year? How Long? Where? Guaranty, etc. Motion to have one that year 1982 For 17 Against 0 Abstain 4  
3 all at one time Defeated for 3 Against 17 Abstain 1  
3 Separate Conference Defeated for 5 Against 15 Abstain 1 A Tourist Trap or a Tourist attraction voted to have Tourist Attraction.  
For 17 Against 0 Abstain 4  
L. A. Intergroup to be awarded 2nd International Conference for 1982 For 17 Against 0 Abstain 4  
Board of Trustees will operate same as did in the 1st International Conference in 1977 Chicago, Ill. Time of year June 15, to September 1st 1982 For 15 Against 6 Abstain 0  
Motion Dave R. 2nd Lee N.  
Front money \$5.00 per G. A. member to be included in package for the next a conference from 1979 to 1981 Defeated  
Motion by Lee N. 2nd Elmer M. 2nd International Conference front money \$2.00 per G. A. member to be included in package for the next (9) nine conferences from 1979 to 1981 For 15 Against 6 Abstain 0  
Cancellation Clause for 1982 Conference only. Motion \$25.00 minimum deposit non refundable in last 30 days in writing prior to Conference date  
For 14 Against 2 Abstain 5  
Length of Conference Motion by Norman W., 2nd Lee N. to be held 4 days  
For 21 Against 0 Abstain 0  
Time of Trustee meeting - Motion by Red M. 2nd by Lee N. Trustee meeting on Wednesday at 2:30 P.M.  
For 19 Against 0 Abstain 2  
Motion by Hank K. 2nd by Chairman Bill B.  
No Deposit be accepted by Conference Committee of 1982, until June 15, 1980.  
Amendment the Spring Conference in 1980 - 2nd on Amendment.  
For 19 Against 0 Abstain 2  
on Motion - For 19 Against 0 Abstain 2
2. Report on Old Big Book.  
This has been Handled - Disclaimer in front of Book. To be sold to only G.A. people or Groups and Intergroups. No time limit on disposal.
3. Committee report on new Big Book. 1st meeting to be held at conference tomorrow time 11 A.M., room 1122. Meeting was held, and a start has been made.

4. Change Combo book page 4 second voting. Eliminate 3 word "Are Suggested - as". Error in putting on agenda already passed 2 physical meeting, N.J. 2nd June 1978 and Chicago, Illinois July 19, 1977 passed both times.
5. Correction, change of action on Trustee and Alternate for Australia Amendment to Guidance Code to 26 Trustees and Alternate Trustees.  
For 19                  Against 1                  Abstain 1
6. Last page Combo book to indicate where help can be obtained and / or location of Gamblers Anonymous. Second Voting — for further information about Gamblers Anonymous consult your local telephone directory or write:  
P.O. Box 17173 Los Angeles, CA 90017  
For 21                  Against 0                  Abstain 0
7. Add to Group Handbook - If a member admits to actions which are considered gambling by our own definition of gambling, but doesn't admit to gambling, the member should not be allowed to chair a meeting or celebrate an anniversary.  
For 4                  Against 16                  Abstain 1
8. Quorum since the Trustee have been raised to 26 the attendance for a quorum should be raised from 14 to 17 present in several places in Guidance code page 2, page 9, page 10, page 11 ect. Amendment to Guidance code  
For 15                  Against 0                  Abstain 6  
Passed by 2/3 vote.
- 8A. Obligations to National Service Office - Motion by Dave R. 2nd by Hank K. \$1.00 be put on all conferences in future and all Mini Conclaves and Gatherings.  
For 4                  Against 12                  Abstain 5  
Suggestions send out Lifeliner card and envelope to non contributors throughout the fellowship. Pass out cup having Gamblers Anonymous members collection for National Service Office having an individual contribute equal to their absent., example 7 years - \$7.00 — Roundrobin or social events a collection is made. Idea of Lifeliners night at each group. Having members to pay for there pins after the first anniversary. Subscription for the Bulletin \$6.00 per year. Effort to solisit Lifeliners on a regular basis. Size of groups, group commitments. Try everything, try it all group level, individual level we only have one office to support try all the suggestions, use what turns them on. Pressure meeting make allowance for contributions include in package \$3.00 all gatherings. Gamblers Anonymous is still operating on the original conception of \$1.00 donations as they did 21 years ago. Everything has gone up more than double, suggest contributions be \$2.00 or \$3.00 instead of \$1.00.
- 8B. Report on N.J. conference in Great George insert #1.

1978 EASTERN CONCLAVE FINANCIAL REPORT

AS OF 10/29/78

RECEIPTS

For week-end	\$ 86,169.54
For dinner/dance	340.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$ 86,509.64

EXPENSES

Refunds for cancellations	\$ 4,621.16
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Paid to Playboy Club	69,732.85	
Bad Check	115.00	
G. A. N.S.O. Executive Sec'y	415.20	
Gam. Anon. N.S.O. Chairperson	415.20	
Guests	471.60	
Giveaways	450.00	
Printing	827.78	
Telephones	150.87	
Transportation	160.23	
Gam A Teen	196.50	
Cake and napkins	96.37	
Postage and stationary	395.42	
Misc. including tips	246.46	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 78,294.64</b>
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,215.00</b>
	<b>PENDING EXPLANATION</b>	<b>\$ 5,865.00</b>
	<b>PROFIT DISTRIBUTED</b>	<b>\$ 2,350.00</b>

PROFIT DISTRIBUTION

G. A. N.S.O.	70% =	\$ 1,645.00
ERIC	15% =	352.50
GAM ANON N.S.O.	15% =	352.50
		<u>\$ 2,350.00</u>

THIS IS NOT A FINAL REPORT

1978 Eastern Conclave  
June 2 to 4, 1978  
Great Gorge, N.J.

Attending the 1978 Eastern Conclave by States.

<u>STATES</u>	<u>COUPLES</u>	<u>SINGLES</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
California	4 (8)	4	12
Connecticut	18 (36)	2	38
Florida	5 (10)	0	10
Georgia	2 (4)	0	4
Illinois	7 (14)	3	17
Maryland	12 (24)	0	24
Massachusetts	7 (14)	1	15
Michigan	0	2	2
Minnesota	1 (2)	0	2
New Jersey	90 (180)	6	186

Continued from 1978 Eastern Conclave —

New York	179 (358)	6	364
Ohio	14 (28)	1	29
Pennsylvania	33 (66)	2	68
West Virginia	0	1	1
Wisconsin	1 (2)	0	2
	<u>373 (746)</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>774</u>
Canada	16 (36)	1	33
England	0	4	4
	<u>389 (778)</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>811</u>
		DINNER / DANCE ONLY	42
		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>853</u>

Children - 31

NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Trusted Servents for B.O.T. offices to Elect. Motion by Joe S.  
 2nd by Hank K.  
 Chairman #1 Co-Chairman #2 Co-Chairman  
 For 20 Against 1 Abstain 0  
 Nominations for Chairman: Lee N.  
 Eddie L.  
 Bill G. - Declined  
 Bill B.  
 Voted on written Proxy  
 For 10 Against 7  
 Vote for 3 has to be simple majority — No majority, a run off between  
 Eddie L. and Bill B.  
 Eddie L. elected Chairman of Board of Trustees by majority  
 Nominations for 1 Co-Chairman  
 Bill B. elected #1 Co-Chairman of Board of Trustees Bill B.  
 Run-of tie - Irwin S. and Bob F. of CA. Irwin S.  
 Irving S.  
 Elected #2 Co-Chairman Bob F. of CA. Lee N.  
 Bob F.
2. Act on request from Australia for Regional Service Office known as N.W.S.O.  
 Letter was read from Australia on this subject.  
 N.W.S.O. an arm of N.S.O. approved by Aclamation of Vote of Board of Trustees.
3. Letter from individual wishing to publish book in English wanted financing  
 from Gambler Anonymous.  
 No vote B.O.T. to have Bill B. chairman of Board of Trustees to write a letter  
 thanking him for his efforts ect.
4. To establish a definite and consistent money refund policy in connection  
 with Conferences.  
 Motion by Chairman Bill B. - Second by Lee N.  
 Conference \$25.00 Mini conference \$5.00 - Contribution defeated by show of hands.  
 Motion by Eddie L. - Second by Irving S.  
 Cancelations in writing 15 days prior of conference also Mini Conference Amendment  
 No 2nd leave amount open to one day lodging ect.  
 For 13 Against 7 Abstain 1

5. Change dates and locations of trustee meeting to one in Eastern Conference should be held in the Winter 2nd Western conference to be held in Summer, eliminating the Trustee Meeting at the Mid-Western conference.  
For 6 Against 9 Abstain 4

6. Change dates of conferences and trustee meeting to be one trustee meeting to be held at the Eastern conference in the Spring. The next trustee meeting to be held at the Western Conference in the winter to be held in the Summer as written. For 1 Against 15 Abstain 9

Motion - Eastern Conference and Trustee meeting to be held in Spring, alternate Midwest Conference and Trustee meeting and Western Conference and Trustee meeting to be held in the fall. Motion by S. - Second Hank K.

Motion Bill B. 2nd Amendment to motion - There will be three conferences and two Trustee meetings per year 1978 to start rotating.

On the Amendment.

For 21 Against 0 Abstain 0

On the Motion

For 20 Against 1 Abstain 0

Profit from Conference motion Hank K. - Second by Bob F.

N.S.O. 70%, N.S.W.R.S.O. 5%, Eric 10%, Gamanon 15%.

For 6 Against 13 Abstain 2

Motion Hank K. - 2nd Lee N.

N.S.O. 70%, N.S.W.R.S.O. 10%, Eric 10%, Gamanon 10%.

For 21 Against 0 Abstain 0

Information refund checks turned over to G.A. Publishing, from Marriott Hotel, Chicago Conference, refund. Expression of B.O.T. to send \$200.00 to N.S.W.R.S.O. to help get the N.S.W. R.S.O. in operation.

Motion by Glen P. - Second by Hank K.

For 14 Against 5 Abstain 2

Motion by Irwin S. - 2nd by Sandy C.

7. In addition to Pressure Group Hand Book, and Pressure Group sheets a statement indicating who to get in touch with within the fellowship if there is a problem with the member. Also, the disclaimer as to the responsibility of Gamblers Anonymous for the member doing what is indicated he should do. Amendment Hank K. No Second on the question For 4 Against 16 Abstain 1 Defeated  
Disclaimer Gamblers Anonymous does not guaranty compliance with the information here in, and if you wish to contact member please call your local area for any questions from these individual here in.

Hank K. Amendent to only be sent to chairman of Pressure Group. No Second.

On Motion For 0 Against 9 Abstain 12

Motion Al P. 2nd Gamblers Anonymous does not guaranty compliance with financial set fourth. Also disclaims all responsibility resulting from any individual or Corp. For 5 Against 8 Abstain 7

Motion by David F. - Second by Steve B. Gamblers Anonymous is not responsible for the information listed on this form nor does Gamblers Anonymous guaranty the compliance of the proposed financial arrangement on this form for any futher information leave up to group.

Show of hands For 14 Against 5 Abstain 2 1st Voting

Printing of New Combo Book. All do this for corrections. Let the chairman know by December 31st, 1978. G. A. changed in all places to Gamblers Anonymous.

8. With reference to #6. of our Unity Program enforcing the request that we have made concerning the solicitation of funds from our membership by anyone except Gamblers Anonymous.

Motion by Chairman Bill B. - 2nd Hank K.

B.O.T. has reaffirmed no solicitation of funds from our committed G. A. groups or attack any suggestion of functions from any outside source.

For 17 Against 1 Abstain 3

9. Guidance Code — Article XI Section 22 — change to read "Members of the B.O.T. or B.O.R. may not be a member of the Board of Directors or other governing body of any organization outside of Gamblers Anonymous that deals with Compulsive Gambling.  
On the Motion For 4 Against 17 Abstain 0
10. Amend Article XI Section 15 - Page 10 of the Guidance Code as follows; Effective in 1980 have one centralized National Conference per year. (Alternate East, Midwest and West.) and a second series of local Mini Conferences (one day to an entire weekend) at a designated time to be held at the various local locations. The Trustee meeting would be designated to be held at one localized conference in an area other than that where the centralized National conference was held that year. Tabled  
For 13 Against 0 Abstain 8
11. Amend Article XI Section 15 - Page 10 Guidance Code as follows; Clearance for any contemplated local conference, Mini - Conclave or workshop to be requested in writing from the chairman of the B.O.T., not less than 100 days from such a selected date.  
Dropped for lack of 2nd
12. Amend - Article IX Add Section 5 - Page 6 Guidance Code as follows: The confidence of the content of Gamblers Anonymous meetings is to be upheld by all in attendance whenever it is so announced at a Gamblers Anonymous meeting. This is inclusive of all communications (except one own Therapy) from the official start until the final closing of said Gamblers Anonymous meeting. Tabled till tomorrow and put in Gamblers Anonymous Group Hand Book. To be put in G.A. Hand Book, page 8 Motion Irwin S. - 2nd Sandy C.  
For 6 Against 11 Abstain 4
13. Combo Book - last paragraph, page 3 — Move the last paragraph., the definition of Spiritual, to the bottom of page 1.  
On the motion as written — For 4 Against 14 Abstain 3  
Motion to move definition of Spiritual between paragraph 2 & 3, page 1 2nd  
For 12 Against 9 Abstain 1 1st Voting
14. Move Combo Book page 14 — Move the definition of gambling from page 14 and place it on the inside of the front cover, opposite page 1.  
On the question For 7 Against 11 Abstain 3 Defeated
15. Remove Table of Contents to allow for #14.  
For 5 Against 11 Abstain 5 Defeated
16. Reduce in size the Table of Contents to allow for #14.  
For 7 Against 10 Abstain 4 Defeated
17. Recovery Program - Step 5 — Add "To God - after Admitted."  
For 0 Against 19 Abstain 2 Defeated
18. Change Recovery Step 6 to read: we are entirely ready to have God remove these defects of character.  
Removed from agenda.
19. Change Guidance Code Article XI Section 1 and all other places it appears to allow for 30 Trustees and 30 Alternate Trustees.  
Motion by Joe S. - 2nd by Hank K.  
For 20 Against 0 Abstain 1

## GOOD AND WELFARE

Bill G. 1. Have the Board of Trustees by acclamation give Bill B. our past Chairman for his outstanding work a big round of applause;

2nd - Regarding Breckville program. Do not go around knocking it, tell it for what it is - an outstanding program. Many a person's have been helped, if you could have seen the 25 members and their wives the encouragement they received at the New Jersey Conference in 1978 Eastern Conference encourage people that need this treatment to go there. Telephone and Address is in the Bulletin.

Ted G. for a good job well done and a good knowledge of the program.

Lee N. would like a report on and from National Public Relations committee. Have a limit on money to Trustees of \$100.00 maxium. Why there has not been a report from all conferences like the New Jersey report.

Red M. 1st, if having our conference in for away places have transportation arrangements. 2nd, would like to see the conferences voted on for a period of two years in advance 1979 and 1980.

Norman W. 1. Meeting note book on conference for reference to go by for new people to find out how and what to do in putting on conference.

Hank K. Time to be set aside for which may be put an agenda a small amount of time to take notes and put on future agenda. We all come here with problems that people on Board of Trustees may help solve.

Ray S. 1. Regarding finances for National Service Office remember what was suggested to try and do it when you go back to your groups push the effort and get it done.

Irving S. Agenda 60 days in advance so and Trustee can discuss it over with their Intergroups 2 times not just once.

Al P. Transportation for conferences. Prearrangements be a part of their acceptance to the Conciave.

Sam G. Public Relations Work Committee - Ernie W., Jim Z. and Sam G. made a report with book from an Public Relations Work in chicago which is available at the National Service Office, just write for it.

Glen P. Effort sponsorship and rentention which at present time stinks, like to see have a little more patience, take inventory and do something about it.

Joe S. Have a Guidance Code committe to use this to the Board of Trustees best of interest.

Bob F. Breckville Hospital phone number and address in Bulletin. Use common sence without foul language make better use of the list presented by New York Intergroup for things to be read at meetings, will be helpful in many cases having problems with comment meetings, foul language. What ever is said in this room should remain in this room.

Jack F. Something of our own understanding in combo book - Step 7 of Recovery Program.

Jack W. 20 questions for older members, to be put in Bulletin and have old timers week to try and retain older members.

Ralph G. Penitentiary Groups. They need our help. One started in North

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Carolina working on their problems. It is helping a great deal. Special treatment is now for them through a survey made in the prison group.

Steve B. Staten Island Groups started April of this year, New York State prison average attendance 25 members per week. We have been authorized to take inmates to outside meetings.

Bill B. I personally know a good number of members that have been helped by this program that no longer attend meetings see and talk to them, mark that is left on them not a mark of ugliness but a mark of usefulness.

I wish to Thank You for allowing me to serve as your Chairman of Board of Trustees. I will not allow my face to be forgotten. I will be around and support will be given to Eddie L. the new Chairman.

I have had the pleasure to work with Jim Z. over the years and I would like for you to give Jim Z. a hand of Confidence.

Next conference and Trustee meeting to be in April at Browns, I would like to see everyone there and bring 1 new member their with you, it will be the largest gathering of Gamblers Anonymous, People ever to gather under one roof.

Close with Serenity Prayer.

Trustee Collection \$163.25 - Canadian Money.

Exchange to American money 83% = 135.50

Respectively Submitted  
Jim Z.  
National Executive Secretary