

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AGENDA

BROWNS HOTEL - MAY 29 THROUGH JUNE 1, 1986

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Statement by the Chairman
- 3) Minutes of the Meeting of 10/24/86
- 4) Changes, Resignations and New Members of the Board

OLD BUSINESS

Any Item that has inadvertently been omitted will be considered part of the Agenda.

REPORTS

- A) Las Vegas, Nevada
- B) Fall River, Massachusetts
- C) How it works
- D) New Big Book
- E) Committee concerning the updating of N.S.O. literature
- F) Australian Proposal for "New Big Book"
- G) Reprinting and revising of Foreign Printing

AGENDA

- 1) Group and Member census
- 2) G.A. Pressure Relief Forms
- 3) Trustees representing other Compulsive Gambling Agencies, and speaking to the News Media: and revealing self as a member of G.A..
- 4) Poster about the "12 Steps"
- 5) Dividing the Membership into (4) sections. Each section equally share in holding Trustees Meeting.
- 6) Page 8 - last sentence eliminate "cannot, or" and remove comma between the words "not and face".
- 7) Because of the growth of more G.A. rooms in the Southwest, have an additional Trustee Meeting at the Conference at Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 8) Page 17 - Combo Book. Change #1 to read, "Attend as many Meetings as possible, but at least 39 Meetings per year".
- 9) Changes in N.S.O. Bulletin
 - A) Change Name.
 - B) Besides receiving items from the Fellowship, accept items from professionals and others concerned with Compulsive Gambling.
 - C) Discontinue mailing Bulletins to Groups, and offer Bulletin by subscription only, and charge \$9.00 annually, and Groups buy one year subscription for New Members attaining 90 days.
- 10) Election of National Executive Secretary
- 11) Dual Addiction Meeting - Cocaine and Compulsive Gambling.
- 12) Changing 90 Day Plateau to indicate - Jim Z. - 90 Day Plateau, or award Big Book at 90 day in honor of Jim Z.
- 13) Sweepstakes Gambling
- 14) Change Combo Book Covers
- 15) Allow more time for Trustees outside of the Continental U.S. to respond to mail meetings.
- 16) Hazeldon printing of "What is G.A."

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- 17) Make it mandatory that at least one Assistant Chairman of the Board of Trustees lives or works within 50 miles of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.
- 18) Mail elections for the special envelope used.
- 19) Conventions and mini-conventions falling around the same date.
- 20) Northwest Convention.
- 21) Guidelines or rules for items which can be printed in the Bulletin, and/or can not be printed in the Bulletin.

Any item that may be omitted will be considered part of the Agenda.

MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MAY 29 THROUGH JUNE 1, 1986

- 1) Roll call was taken at each of the four meetings.

PRESENT:

Scott A., N.Y. (4), Neil A., N.Y. (4), Don B., III. (3), Don B., CA. (4), Bill B., N.Y. (4), Ed B., Ct. (4), Peter C., Las Vegas (3), Matty C., N.J. (3), Dick G., Mich. (4), Tony D., PA. (4), Marty D., N.Y. (4), Manny E., CA. (4), Rich E., Ct. (4), Artie F., N.Y. (4), David F., Ct. (4), Bob G., MA. (4), Ken G., N.Y. (4), Bill G., OH. (4), Jerry G., III. (3), Marvin H., N.Y. (4), George J., III. (4), Hank K., Ontario, Canada (4), Phil K., Ca. (4), Steven J., N.H. (3), John A., Iowa (4), Abe L., San Diego (4), Eddie L., N.J. (4), Danny M., Mich. (4), Tony M., PA. (4), Bob M., OR. (4), Andy P., B.O.R. (4), Harry Phipps, Australia, Sent Proxie, James P., W.VA. (4), Jerry R., N.Y. (4), Irving S., Nat. Exec. Sec. (4), Joe S., (4), Irwin S., N.J. (4), Harold S., Fl. (4), Jim S., Ca. (4), Harvey S., Ontario, Canada (4), Sy. S., N.Y. (4), Bob V., TX. Sent Proxile, Arnie W., N.J. (3), Norman W., N.Y. (3), Poul P., N.Y. (3), Larry G., Quebec, Canada (4), Albert J., Quebec, Canada (4), Dick R., MD. (4), Jack S., MD. (3), Don B., III. (3).

- 2) Opening statement was made by Bill B., Chairman, Board of Trustees, hoping to get all the items in, plus any omitted, or new items in, if time permits.
- 3) There were no corrections on the Board of Trustee Meeting held at Detroit on the weekend of October 24, 1985.

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- 4) Morris B., Trustee from Florida, resigned due to health reasons, and was replaced by Harold S.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) On page 17 of the Combo Book, item #3 will be changed to read:

Don't tempt or test yourself:

Don't associate with acquaintances who gamble.

Don't go in or near gambling establishments.

Don't gamble for anything. This includes buying from the stock market, commodities and options, buying or playing lottery tickets, raffle tickets, flipping a coin, or entering the office sports pool.

Notional Service Office will tape over page 17 in Combo Book.

REPORTS:

- 1) Pete, the Trustee from Las Vegas, gave his report on the situation in Las Vegas. They have two telephone numbers, and each side is alienated from the other. The Board has decided to write a letter to Howie C., asking him to work with the Intergroup. Also, the Board asked all the Trustees and alternates to write follow up letters to both Pete and Howie, asking them to get together to work things out.
- 2) A member of the Fall River, MA. group was present at the convention and he was good enough to come to the Board of Trustee Meeting and answer questions that the Board put before him. He said that the Fall River meeting reads G.A. and A.A. literature at their meeting, and A.A. literature is on their table. After a long discussion, the Board of Trustees voted to reinstate the Fall River, MA. group to "in good standing".
- 3) HOW IT WORKS- The committee working on this piece of literature did not bring it to the conference, so there was no discussion on it.
- 4) NEW BIG BOOK- Honk K. made a detailed committee report on the New Big Book. The committee reported that it was their opinion that the New Big Book should be for Gamblers Anonymous people, and by Gamblers Anonymous people, and it is urgent to get it out as soon as possible. Board discussed whether it should be a hard cover or a soft cover book. Also, discussed legal problems with A.A. on some of the literature going into a book. Committee was formed to look into the publishing of a New Big Book and come back to the Trustee meeting in October with a report.

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REPORTS: (Continued From Page 7)

- 5) Don B. made a report concerning the updating of National Service Office literature. There will be a literature committee, who will get all new literature, edit it, and bring it to the Board of Trustee meetings. This way no literature will get lost, and no new literature will have to wait to be voted on.

Committee consists of: Jerry R., Sy S., Ken G., Eddie L., Artie F., George J., Don B.

- 6) The New Literature Committee will ask the people from Australia what their idea on the New Big Book should be. They will consolidate their ideas with ours and go on from there.
- 7) The Board of Trustees voted on foreign literature, to reprint and reuse the literature as it is needed.

AGENDA:

- 1) The Board of Trustees feels that we have never had a true group and member census in Gamblers Anonymous. It is up to the Trustees and Alternate Trustees to send to the National Service Office the amount of meetings and approximate number of members attending these meetings.
- 2) The literature on Pressure Relief Forms, which passed the first vote, is going to the Literature Committee to clean up for the second vote in October.

Committee: Rich E., Eddie L., Jerry R., David F.

- 3) Any Trustee or Alternate Trustee in a Public Relations situation, speaking to the media, cannot reveal their identity. They have to abide to Step 11 in the Unity Program. There was a long discussion on this subject.
- 4) This subject had tabled because the Board of Trustees did not know if this poster is copyrighted. There is a committee to see if "The Elevator Steps" is copyrighted.
- 5) The Board of Trustees voted to split the Country and Canada into four sections, each section having a Trustee meeting and convention every second year. There was a committee formed to get back to the Board at the next meeting in Palm Springs, in October.

Committee: EAST: George J., Scott A., Don M., Neal A.
WEST: Irving S., Andy P., Bob M., Jim S.

- 6) The Board voted (first vote) in the Combo Book, on page 8, bottom paragraph, to take out the word "cannot, or", and the comma after "not". The sentence will now read: "However, it will never work for the person who will not face squarely the facts about this illness."
- 7) No motion was made on this idea, so it was dropped from discussion.
- 8) The motion was defeated as placed before the Board of Trustees.
- 9) A. Board voted to leave the name the same.

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- B. This item is covered in the agenda by number 22.
- C. There was no motion made, so the idea was dropped.
- 10) Irving S. and Jerry S. were nominated for the position of Notional Executive Secretary to June 30, 1987. Irving S. was elected.
- 11) The Board of Trustees had a long discussion on a Combined Cocaine Addiction and Gamblers Anonymous : The Board says that anyone can speak on whatever they want to in their therapy in a Gamblers Anonymous meetings.
- 12) This was dropped from discussion, as no motion was made on this idea.
- 13) The Board of Trustees dropped this subject from the agenda as it is gambling, and it is covered in the definition of gambling.
- 14) Discussion was held to change the front and back covers of the Combo Book. Motion was made to eliminate the words G.A., and the reduction in size of the words. Passed first vote.
- 15) Trustees from Canada complained that it takes too long for them to get the mail, and then return it for the mail meetings. Motion was made and passed to let the Chairman of the Board of Trustees use whatever means is most expedient and best and then get reimbursed from the Notional Service Office.
- 16) Regarding Hazeldon printing of "What is G.A.", they are on independant printing company, and we had nothing to do with their printing, but they had a verbal o.k. from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.
- 17) After a short discussion the motion was defeated.
- 18) In a mail election, the Chairman will send a self-addressed return envelope to the voting Trustees and Alternates marked "Ballot". after all envelopes are returned they will all be opened at the same time.
- 19) The Board of Trustees, after a discussion, feels that a mini-conference should be flexible enough that they should not need to be near a national conference, but it still is up to the discrepency of the mini-conference to set the dates for their conference.
- 20) The Board of Trustees feels that if it is possible, the Northwest conference could be held a little earlier in the year, in the future, although it is presently held on Canada's Thanksgiving weekend.
- 21) The Board of Trustees, after a discussion, agreed to let the running and the printing of the National Service Office Bulletin to the Notional Service Office.

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International Directory:

The size and printing of the 1986-1987 Directory is excellent. The Trustees and Alternates are responsible to get the new meeting places and the closing meetings, and all pertinent information concerning the Directory, to the National Service Office.

Discussed the letter sent from A.A. to the National Service Office, about putting a disclaimer in our Big Book. After a long discussion and acknowledging that we did take some literature from A.A., we agreed that it is a legal problem, and we are going to get legal advice on what plan to follow.

The two Assistant Chairmen of the Board of Trustees should have the agenda before time, and have it clarified to bring to the Board of Trustee meeting.

Discussed Australian situation: Gamblers Anonymous in New Zealand is having a problem with a psychologist, Dr. Kemp, who says that he is representing Gamblers Anonymous and is charging people for office visits. The Board of Trustees voted to send a letter to Dr. Kemp, asking him to please cease from using the Gamblers Anonymous name. The Board also agreed to send a letter to the New Zealand group, letting them know that we are in accord with them. The Board will also give them a letter stating our position in this matter, that they can bring to the newspaper to print.

The new Dear Judge Letter was read by the Chairman, and was gone over and corrected as he read it. It was passed and given to the Literature Committee to bring to the conference in Palm Springs for a second vote.

Discussion on Changing the voting procedure by the Board of Trustees on making literature changes in the Combo Book, any literature, Guidance Code, from two votings to one. There was no motion made on this.

Trustee meeting was ended on Friday, May 30, 1986 at 6:15 P.M., with good and welfare by all the present Trustees and Alternate Trustees and past Board members present. Also by the the National Executive Secretary, the two Vice Chairmen of the Board of Trustees, and by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Collections at the four meetings totaled \$439.00, which was given to the National Executive Secretary to take to the National Service Office.

Next Board of Trustees meeting will be at The Gene Autry Hotel in Palm Springs, CA., on October 23, Thursday, at 2:30 P.M.