

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS TRUSTEE MEETING

MAY 18 & 19, 1989

HOLIDAY INN - OMAHA, NEBRASKA

The Board Meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dan B. at 3:05 P.M., May 18, 1989.

A) ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Karen H. The Trustee Listing was distributed and corrections were made.

B) INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

Dan B. introduced Karen H. as the new International Executive Secretary and asked that any new Trustees or Alternates introduce themselves. All members were welcomed.

C) STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

Dan B. gave an opening statement encouraging all members, especially new members, to participate. He discussed voting procedures and that "Robert's Rules of Order" would be followed.

D) MINUTES OF THE ORLANDO MEETING

The minutes of the Orlando Meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected. Approved: 30 Against: 1

E) OLD BUSINESS

1. Report on Trustee election procedures. Norman W. Tabled to Sunnyvale.
2. Update Spanish and French literature. 2nd vote. Was not a second vote item. No vote needed.
3. Proposed publicity guidelines. 2nd vote. Approved: 27 Against: 0 Abstained: 0 Passed
4. Proposed media agreement. 2nd vote. Approved: 30 Against: 0 Abstained: 0 Passed
5. Some states require a person to attend 6 G.A. meetings per year to be certified as a gambling counselor. How should we handle this? (Tabled from Orlando.) Discussion was held. Each group is self-governing, therefore, can admit or not admit as they see fit, people from outside Gamblers Anonymous.
6. "After a motion is defeated, it cannot be brought up for a period of two years." 2nd vote. Approved: 29 Against: 0 Abstained: 0 Passed. Motion made to be placed in new Section 15B, Page 6. Approved: 23 Against: 1 Abstained: 1 Passed

7. Review of new Big Book in its final form.
 Motion made including amendments to approve the new book as follows:
1. That the book be printed with the steps in numbered order, not in Roman Numerals.
 2. That it be printed in a durable soft cover as well as a durable hard cover, similar to that of the existing 3rd edition big book.
 3. The book be accepted and immediately turned over to the type setter-proof reader of record and given two (2) weeks to proof read and send to the I.S.O. for printing.
 4. That the sponsorship manual as it exists be included as part of the big book in final form. With the part that has been submitted by the proof reader and committee, and the additional 15 1/2 pages.
- Approved: 31 Against: 0 Abstained: 0 Passed
 Motion made to have the big gold G.A. letters embossed on the front of the book.
 Approved: 31 Against: 0 Abstained: 0 Passed
 Title of the book will be "A New Beginning".
8. Detroit area Unity report after member banishment.
 Motion was made to let Bill D. speak on his own behalf.
 Approved: 25 Against: 4 Abstained: 2 Passed
 Motion made to reinstate Bill D. into the fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous.
 Approved: 3 Against: 26 Abstained: 1 Failed
9. New conference schedule and map.
 Motion made to accept.
 Approved: 31 Against: 0 Abstained: 0 Passed

F) COMBO BOOK

1. Page 1; reflect the correct history of Gamblers Anonymous.
 Motion made to accept a revised history of the early days of G.A.
 Approved: 1 Against: 27 Abstained: 0 Failed
2. Page 17; Investing in any securities that can be bought or sold through a broker is considered gambling. This includes, but is not limited to, U.S. Treasury Securities, Mutual Funds, Bonds, Stocks, Limited Partnerships, Puts, Calls, Options, Futures, and Precious Metals.
 Motion made to add above.
 Approved: 0 Against: 31 Abstained: 0 Failed

3. Page 17, #1; Insert the word "full" after one. 2nd vote.
Approved: 27 Against: 3 Abstained: 1 Passed
4. Add space to front cover for members name, meeting address, sponsors name, sponsors telephone number, etc., to be filled in for new members at their first meeting.
Motion made to add above.
Approved: 0 Against: 28 Abstained: 2 Failed

G) GUIDANCE CODE

1. Page 7, Article XI, Section 4. ADD: Trustees and Alternates will have 10 days in which to correct minutes of BOT meetings and send back to IES. IES will send out corrected minutes within ten days to all Trustees and Alternates for approval. This will be considered a mail meeting. Upon approval of corrected minutes, IES will be able to publish said minutes in the Lifeline Bulletin.
Page 14, Article XIX, Section 9: Upon approval of the above, this section should be changed to correlate.
Motion made to add above with changes.
Approved: 0 Against: 17 Abstained: 4 Failed
Motion made that the I.E.S. will have 14 days to get the minutes to the Chairman of the B.O.T. who will conduct a quick response mail meeting for corrections and send back to the I.E.S. for publishing.
Approved: 13 Against: 11 Abstained: 2 Failed
(2/3 vote needed)
2. Page 7, Article XI, Section 2: It is proposed this section be eliminated.
Motion made to eliminate above.
Approved: 16 Against: 4 Abstained: 0 Passed
(1st vote)
3. Page 6, Article X, Section 20: It is proposed the last sentence be eliminated.
Motion made to eliminate above.
Approved: 0 Against: 20 Abstained: 2 Failed
4. Page 7, Article XI, Section 7, ADD: The Chairman of the Board of Trustees and both Co-Chairmen have a \$5,000.00 per year expenditure total, approved by Chairman of Trustees and paid by the I.S.O. 2nd vote.
Approved: 28 Against: 1 Abstained: 2 Passed

5. Page 5, Article 10, Section 9; remove "on or before June 20th of the even year." 2nd vote.
Approved: 30 Against: 0 Abstained: 0 Passed
6. Page 5, Article 10, Section 10; eliminate last sentence. 2nd vote.
Approved: 30 Against: 0 Abstained: 1 Passed
7. Page 15, Section XX, #3; drop last sentence. 2nd vote.
Approved: 31 Against: 0 Abstained: 0 Passed
8. Page 14, Section XIX, #8; re-word entire guideline as follows: "The International Executive Secretary shall attend all National Meetings of the Board of Trustees. Expense reimbursement shall be limited to those expenses associated with the Board of Trustees meetings and not include Conference costs. It is the host groups responsibility to make this reimbursement."
Motion made to add above.
Approved: 0 Against: 30 Abstained: 0 Failed

H) NEW BUSINESS

1. Should we remove all references to Gam-Anon, Gamateen, etc. from I.S.O. approved literature?
Motion made to adopt above.
Approved: 0 Against: 31 Abstained: 0 Failed
2. Compulsive Gambling-Signs and Progression Chart offered as an idea for new literature.
Motion was made to accept as G.A. approved literature with the owners permission.
Approved: 7 Against: 21 Abstained: 1 Failed
3. Can a Gam-Anon member be a treasurer for a Gamblers Anonymous conference?
Motion made to accept above.
Approved: 11 Against: 19 Abstained: 0 Failed
4. Discuss possible ways of remembering Bill G.
Motion made to present plaque to Bill's wife.
Approved: 10 Against: 17 Abstained: 3 Failed
Discussion continued regarding remembering Bill G.. Several suggestion were made. No action taken.
5. Should all references to A.A. be removed from I.S.O. approved literature?
Motion made to accept above.
Approved: 0 Against: 29 Abstained: 0 Failed

6. Is it proper to solicit donations for Gam-Anon in the I.S.O. bulletin?
 Motion made to accept above.
 Approved: 0 Against: 26 Abstained: 2 Failed
7. Request from Australia to print their own Big Book.
 Motion made to table to Sunnyvale.
 Approved: 19 Against: 9 Abstained: 1 Passed
8. Is it allowable for members to receive compensation for media appearances?
 Motion made to accept above.
 Approved: 0 Against: 29 Abstained: 2 Failed
9. Pamphlet on "How to Run a Conference".
 Motion made to accept and give to literature committee to clean up.
 Approved: 24 Against: 1 Abstained: 2 Passed
- (1st vote)
10. Two (2) Trustees be appointed to be auditors and sponsors for every National Conference.
 Motion made with addition of "from outside of area of conference" appended to end of sentence.
 Approved: 8 Against: 21 Abstained: 1 Failed
 Motion made that the Chairman appoint a committee for help and guidance for conferences.
 Approved: 26 Against: 1 Abstained: 1 Passed
11. Conference site selections:
 FALL 1990 - SOUTH
 SPRING 1991 - MIDWEST
 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 1992 - EAST
 Bidding for conferences resulted in the following:
 FALL 1990 - NEW ORLEANS - NOVEMBER 15 - 17
 SPRING 1991 - DETROIT - MAY 2 - 4
 INTL 1992 - MONTREAL - APRIL 30 - MAY 3
12. If Gamblers Anonymous is contacted by press, radio, films, or T.V., can members break their anonymity if they do not disclose their affiliation with G.A.?
 Discussion only. No motion made.

13. Realignment of Trustees areas.
 Item eliminated from this agenda. Will be discussed in Sunnyvale.
14. G.A. Meeting Agenda.
 Motion made to accept above.
 Approved: 2 Against: 25 Abstained: 0 Failed
15. Discuss appropriateness of G.A. members also attending Gam-Anon meetings.
 Discussion only. No motion made.
16. Discuss funding of Trustees and Alternates.
 Motion made to treat Trustees and Alternates financially equal and set aside a percentage tax.
 Approved: 1 Against: 27 Abstained: 0 Failed
 Motion made to state "It is suggested to treat Trustees and Alternates financially equal".
 Approved: 26 Against: 0 Abstained: 3 Passed
17. Any and all profits from National Conferences are to be divided as follows: 90% Gamblers Anonymous I.S.O. and 10% E.R.I.C.
 Motion made to adopt above.
 Approved: 4 Against: 25 Abstained: 0 Failed
18. Discuss profits from Orlando Conference.
 Discussion only.
19. Who can check out and verify the required 39 meetings needed to hold a trusted servant position?
 Motion made that all members of the BOT and BOR submit to the IES, on a regular basis, a list of meetings they attend.
 Approved: 1 Against: 24 Abstained: 0 Failed
20. Discuss the appropriateness of using exact amounts of money won or lost in therapy rooms.
 Discussion only. No motion made.
21. Split National Conference profits; 50% Gamblers Anonymous and 50% Gam-Anon.
 Motion made to adopt above.
 Approved: 4 Against: 22 Abstained: 0 Failed

22. Discuss the following regarding Gama-Teen;
- a. Should G.A. help start (Gama-Teen) program with Gam-Anon?
 - b. Can G.A./Gam-Anon send letter to G.A. groups providing info on starting Gama-Teen group.

Motion made that Eddie L. write a letter to present at the Sunnyvale Meeting.

Approved: 24 Against: 6 Abstained: 0 Passed

I) ANYTHING OMITTED FROM THE AGENDA

Dan M. was named the new Literature Chairman.

J) GOOD AND WELFARE

Good and welfare was very meaningful for all in attendance.

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at 6:35 P.M.

Collection for the four (4) sessions was \$600.00.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be October 26 and 27, 1989 in Sunnyvale, California.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen H., International

Executive Secretary