

# GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS TRUSTEE MEETING

OCTOBER 26 & 27, 1989

SUNNYVALE HILTON - SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA

The Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order by Dan B., Chairman of the Board of Trustees at 3:00 P.M., October 26, 1989.

A) **ROLL CALL**

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

B) **INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Dan B. welcomed all members and asked that any new Trustees or Alternates stand and introduce themselves.

C) **STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN**

Dan B. gave an opening statement urging all members to contribute and stressed how important the input of all members is. He discussed "Points of Order", "Points of Information" and stated that "Roberts Rules of Order" would be followed to the best of our ability.

D) **MINUTES OF THE OMAHA MEETING**

The minutes of the Omaha Meeting were approved as submitted.

Approved: 27 Against: 0

E) **OLD BUSINESS**

1) **Report on Trustee election procedures. Norman W.**

Motion to table to Boston. Given to new Committee.

Approved: 16 Against: 7 Abstained: 3 Passed

2) **Request from Australia to print their own Big Book.**

Motion made to have Australia submit to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees any changes and or additions they feel necessary to be considered for the current book "A New Beginning".

Approved: 20 Against: 8 Abstained: 2 Passed

Motion made to let Australia create their own "Big Book" submitting it to the Board of Trustees for approval prior to printing.

Approved: 17 Against: 9 Abstained: 2 Passed

3) **Pamphlet on "How to Run a Conference". 2nd Vote.**

Approved: 29 Against: 0 Abstained: 0 Passed

4) **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 to accept and send letter as read except to change the address.

Approved: 26 Against: 1 Abstained: 0 Passed

F) COMBO BOOK

- 1) Page 1; Capitalize "in order to prevent a relapse" or at least underline it.  
Motion made to accept above adding bold print after "capitalize".  
Approved: 5 Against: 24 Abstained: 0 Failed
- 2) Page 13; Can a compulsive gambler ever gamble normally again? Proposal to remove "again".  
Motion made to accept above.  
Approved: 2 Against: 25 Abstained: 0 Failed
- 3) Page 17; Attend as many meetings as possible. Delete -but at least one full meeting per week.  
Motion made to accept above adding "during the week" at the end of the sentence.  
Approved: 7 Against: 19 Abstained: 2 Failed
- 4) Page 16; Twenty Questions (#18) - Change the first word from "Do" to "Did" to make it conform to the past tense as do all other questions.  
Motion to accept above. 1st vote.  
Approved: 16 Against: 4 Abstained: 1 Passed
- 5) Page 17; New #4 (Old #4 will become #5) - Use the "TOOLS OF RECOVERY" (Question & Answer pamphlet, Big Book, 4th Step Inventory booklet, Sponsorship pamphlet, free literature, etc.) The knowledge you get from these items could save you sometime.  
Motion made to insert on Page 9 the above excluding (Page 17; New #4 (Old #4 will become #5)).  
Amendment 1 - Delete "sometime".  
Approved: 16 Against: 1 Abstained: 5  
Amendment 2 - Delete "free literature, etc." and add "and other G.A. literature".  
Approved: 23 Against: 0 Abstained: 2  
On the motion.  
Approved: 14 Against: 15 Abstained: 0 Failed

G) GUIDANCE CODE

- 1) Page 7, Article XI, Section 2: It is proposed this section be eliminated. 2nd vote.  
Approved: 25 Against: 2 Abstained: 2 Passed

H) NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Key chains (Welcome, 30 day, 60 day, etc.)  
Motion made to accept above. 1st vote.  
Approved: 26 Against: 1 Abstained: 0 Passed
- 2) "The Serenity Prayer for Compulsive Gamblers".  
Motion made to accept above.  
Approved: 1 Against: 23 Abstained: 2 Failed

- 3) Realignment of Trustee areas.  
a. Area 13, asking 1 additional Trustee and Alternate. Tabled to Boston. Out of order. (Realignment is in the even year.)
- 4) Conference site selection: FALL 1991 - WEST  
Motion made for San Diego to host the Fall 1991 Western Convention.  
Approved: 27 Against: 0 Abstained: 0 Passed
- 5) Place a plaque at the site of the first G.A. meeting (on the building) so everyone who sees it will know where the first meeting was held.  
Motion made to accept above.  
Approved: 19 Against: 9 Abstained: 1 Passed
- 6) Adopt "Mood Barometer" and include in new member packets.  
Motion made to accept above.  
Approved: 1 Against: 22 Abstained: 2 Failed
- 7) Members may only forward a B.O.T. agenda item thru their Trustee or Alternate.  
Motion made to accept above.  
Approved: 5 Against: 24 Abstained: 0 Failed
- 8) Proposal to dissolve G.A. Publishing and incorporate it into G.A.I.S.O. Tax status to remain intact and bookkeeping greatly simplified.  
Motion made to accept above. 1st vote.  
Approved: 20 Against: 8 Abstained: 1 Passed
- 9) Adopt "THE ULTIMATE GAMBLE" as G.A. Literature.  
Motion made to accept above.  
Approved: 0 Against: 29 Abstained: 0 Failed
- 10) "Daily Inventory" for use by membership.  
Motion made to accept above. 1st vote.  
Approved: 26 Against: 3 Abstained: 0 Passed
- 11) Adopt "Young Gamblers in Recovery" as G.A. Literature.  
Motion made to accept above.  
Amendment 1 - Delete "your addiction" and add "whether or not you are addicted".  
Approved: 26 Against: 0 Abstained: 3 Passed  
Amendment 2 - Delete "the cost of a burger and coke" and add "your food money".  
Approved: 4 Against: 24 Abstained: 2 Failed  
On the motion and amendment # 1. 1st vote.  
Approved: 27 Against: 2 Abstained: 0 Passed

- 12) Should a mens only or womens only meeting, where the opposite sex is not allowed, have voting privileges? This would also go for other minority groups, just as blacks only, hispanics only, etc.  
Discussion only.
- 13) G.A. should start its own tasteful advertising campaign and stop depending on the media for occasional "mercy moments".  
Motion made to table to Boston.  
Approved: 26 Against: 1 Abstained: 0 Passed
- 13A) Proposal to accept Dr. Custers book, "When Luck Runs Out" as approved G.A. Literature.  
Motion made to accept above.  
Approved: 5 Against: 22 Abstained: 2 Failed
- 14) Does having "non G.A. members" speak and/or wish a member "happy birthday" at a G.A. meeting affect G.A. as a whole? Is it a violation of our Unity Program?  
Motion made that non G.A. members should be allowed to speak at "Birthday" meetings.  
Approved: 8 Against: 16 Abstained: 5 Failed  
(Each Group is self-governing.)
- 15) Establish guidelines (and insert in the Guidance Code) for selecting cities for hosting National and International Conferences.  
Motion made to table to Boston.  
Approved: 26 Against: 1 Abstained: 1 Passed
- 16) Consider the advisability of having a city put in a bid to host a conference where the site is a distance from the host city.  
Motion made to table to Boston.  
Approved: 24 Against: 1 Abstained: 0 Passed

I) DISCUSSION

- 1) A member buys a ticket to a company party and unknown to the member the ticket is placed in a drawing for a prize. Can the member participate or should the member withdraw with the possibility of facing many uncomfortable questions?  
Discussion only.  
Discussion was held on the financial status of Gamblers Anonymous.

J) ANYTHING OMITTED FROM THE AGENDA

K) GOOD AND WELFARE

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at approximately 1:00 P.M.  
Collection for the three (3) sessions was \$594.00.  
The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be May 3 and 4, 1990 in Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen H., International  
Executive Secretary

ROLL CALL

AREAS	SESSIONS	AREAS	SESSIONS
Area 1		Area 11	
(T) Phil K.	3	(T) Alvin T.	3
(T) Manny E.	3	Area 12	
(A) Lynne H.	3	(T) Bill G.	3
(A) Bill S.	3	(T) Eddie L.	3
Area 2		(T) Irwin S.	Absent
(T) Valerie H.	3	(A) Mark C.	3
(T) Jean B.	3	(A) Robbie B.	Absent
(A) Mike S.	3	(A) Jim S.	3
(A) Ken R.	2	Area 13	
Area 2A		(T) Don S.	3
(T) Roger D.	3	(A) Tony M.	3
(A) John G.	Absent	Area 13A	
Area 3		(T) Dick R.	3
(T) Ted W.	3	Area 14	
(A) Bob D.	3	(T) Lec L.	Absent
Area 3A		(T) Louis M.	Absent
(T) Malcolm B.	1	(A) Joe B.	Absent
(A) Ted K.	3	(A) Louis T.	Absent
Area 4		Area 15	
(T) Hank K.	Absent	(T) Marty D.	Absent
(T) Sid Y.	Absent	(T) Neil A.	3
Area 5		(T) Bill B.	3
(T) Larry G.	3	(T) Alan B.	3
(A) Peter B.	Absent	(T) Joe L.	3
Area 6		(A) Joe S.	Absent
(T) Michael V.	3	(A) Allan W.	Absent
(A) Norman M.	Absent	(A) Norman W.	Absent
Area 6A		(A) Bernie P.	Absent
(T) Paul A.	Absent	(A) Benjamin N.	Absent
(A) Jim K.	Absent	Area 16	
Area 7		(T) Paul P.	3
(T) JoAnn S.	3	(A) Dave S.	Absent
(A) Scott A.	Absent	Area 17	
Area 8		(T) Rich E.	3
(T) Don S.	Absent	(A) Harry U.	3
(A) Jerry P.	3	Area 18	
Area 8A		(T) Harry P.	Absent
(T) Stafford K.	2	(A) Shirley T.	3
(A) Rex J.	Absent	Area 18A	
Area 8B		(T) Robert W.	Absent
(T) Dave B.	2	(A) Seamus D.	Absent
(A) Don M.	3	Chairman, Board of Trustees	
Area 9		Dan B.	3
(T) Danny M.	3	1st Assistant Chairman, B.O.T.	
(A) James M.	3	Danny M.	3
Area 10		2nd Assistant Chairman, B.O.T.	
(T) Herman S.	3	Larry G.	3
(A) Jim B.	Absent	Chairman, Board of Regents	
Area 10A		Phil S.	3
(T) Jim P.	3	International Executive Secy	
(A) Chuck C.	Absent	Karen H.	3