

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS TRUSTEES MEETING  
OCTOBER 7 & 8, 1999  
HANDLERY HOTEL, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

- A) **Welcome and opening statements - Tom M., Chairman of the Board of Trustees**  
Tom M. called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. Roberts Rules of Order were explained along with procedures for the meeting including who can speak and that all motions need to be in writing on the sheets that are provided. All new Trustees were welcomed and asked to introduce themselves. Eight proxy votes were passed out as follows: Area 2A, from Dennis C., given to Ed E.; Area 2C, from Gerry M., given to Tom M.; Area 5A, from Marlene O., given to Eileen B.; Area 7A, from Alex B., given to Tony W.; Area 13, from Neil F., given to Eileen B.; Area 16, from Sal S., given to Linda M; Area 18, from Shirley T. and Graeme V., both given to Daa M. Debbie W. from Area 2C and Rocky M. from Area 7B both had emergencies and their absences have been excused.

- B) **Remembrance of our departed brothers and sisters - Marshall R.**  
Marshall R. read the names of members who had passed away since our last Board of Trustees meeting in Kentucky. Time of abstinence, their ages and the meetings they attended were also read. Two seats at the head table were reserved for Ned L. and Tom C., who were members of the current Board of Trustees. This meeting is being dedicated to them. A moment of silence was then observed.
- C) **Reading from "A Day at a Time" book - Jim C.**  
Jim C. read the Reflection for the Day from "A Day at a Time" for October 7th.
- D) **Reading of the "12 Steps of Unity" - Alan S.**  
Allan S. read the "12 Steps of Unity."
- E) **Roll Call • Changes • Karen H., International Executive Secretary**  
Karen H. took roll while changes to the Confidential Listing of Trustees were simultaneously made. There are presently 77 eligible votes.
- F) **Approval of the Minutes from Fort Mitchell, Kentucky**  
The minutes of the Fort Mitchell meeting were approved as submitted.  
Approved: 69 Against: 1
- G) **Committee Reports:**
1. **Northern Kentucky/Cincinnati Final Report - Eileen B.**  
Eileen B. gave the final report from the Northern Kentucky Conference. A comprehensive report was received from Fred ●, that will be part of these minutes.

**1999 Midwestern Conference Financial Report**

<b>INCOME:</b>	
Registrations	\$ 75,265.00
Advanced Seed Money From ISO	1,000.00
T-Shirt Sales	1,954.00
Golf Outing	30.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 78,249.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Audio Visual	\$ 1,581.00
Boat Ride	56.16
Cancellations	1,530.00
Entertainment	2,065.42
Gam-Ancn I.E.S. - Airfare	260.50
Giveaways - Clocks, Pens, Fans, Etc.	2,855.88
Gift for Guest Speaker	31.79
Hospitality Room	2,472.22
GA I.E.S. - Airfare	400.00
Meals	22,048.01
Office Supplies	644.84
Postage	564.13
Printing	168.07
Refund Seed Money to I.S.O.	1,000.00
Rooms	37,124.66
Souvenir Booklet	1,485.00
T-Shirts	2,061.59

Telephone - Long Distance	288.64
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 76,637.91</b>
<b>NET PROFIT</b>	<b>\$ 1,611.09</b>
<b>DISTRIBUTION OF PROFIT</b>	
Gamblers Anonymous I.S.O.	\$ 886.10
Gam-Anon	\$ 724.99

2. **San Diego Conference (1999 Western) Report - Eileen B.**  
Eileen B. gave a report stating that she met with the Committee and everything looks good. Malcolm B. welcomed everyone and stated that things are in order. He also promised good weather for the entire weekend. Joel K. also gave a warm welcome to all.
3. **New York Conference (2000 Eastern) Report - Eileen B.**  
Eileen B. reported on the New York Conference to be held at the Nevele Grand Hotel in the Catskills May 5 - 7, 2000. All required reports have been received. Chuck R. stated that so far 214 rooms have been sold. He stressed to make your reservations as soon as possible. All reservations should be made through the Hotel at 1 (800) 647-6000. Shuttles will be available from the airport. All of the committee is looking forward to a great weekend.
4. **Montreal Conference (2000 Southern) Report - Dan B.**  
Dan B. gave a report on the Montreal Conference to be held November 3 - 5, 2000 at the Sheraton in a small city just outside of Montreal called Laval. Amounts of rooms and suites that are available were discussed. Room rates are the same as the Conference rate from the Monday prior until the Tuesday after the Conference. Larry G. stated that they have 41 reservations and are ready and looking forward to everyone coming. Questions were answered to everyone's satisfaction.
5. **Pittsburgh (2001 Midwestern) Conference - Eileen B.**  
Eileen B. gave the report on the Pittsburgh Conference to be held at the Radisson Hotel May 4 - 6, 2001. She has received a brief report and they are proceeding along as well as possible.
6. **I.S.O. Lifeliner Report - Karen H.**  
Karen H. gave her semi-annual report on Lifeliners handing out a chart showing the States and number of members who contributed to Lifeliners over the past year. She explained what a Lifeliner is and how the Fellowship can be helped when you participate. The handout showed the decrease over the past year. Last year 435 members contributed \$50,025.59 compared to 405 members this year contributing \$48,393.61. Questions were asked and answered regarding what the I.S.O. actually does and why this money is needed. It was suggested that "What The I.S.O. Does" be put on a one sheet piece of paper and sent to all Trustees. This will be done.
7. **San Diego Walk-A-Thon Update - Joel K.**  
Marc L. gave a report on the Walk-A-Thon to be held on Saturday morning at 6:15 A.M. The walk will start at 6:30 and should be done by 8:00. The last Walk-A-Thon raised almost \$5,000.00.

8. **12 Step Audio Tape Committee Report - Ralph D.**  
Ralph D. gave a report on the 12 Step Audio committee stating that they hope to have the two tape set with about 15 minutes on each of the Recovery Steps available with the agenda for the Trustees meeting at the Nevele. Tom M. thanked Ralph and his committee for all of their hard work on this project.
9. **Internet Report - Karen H.**  
Karen H. gave a report on the Internet stating that in the last 4 1/2 months, since the Conference in Kentucky, the International Service Office has answered 2,225 emails.
10. **Trustee Election Guidelines Committee Report - Norm B.**  
Norm B. gave a report stating that only three areas responded to the request for written guidelines to be sent in by the June 30th deadline. Per Norm's suggestion, due to lack of interest, the committee has been disband and we will adhere to the Guidance Code.
11. **Literature Committee Report - Rocky M.**  
No report.
12. **B.O.R. Report on Florida Restitution - Bill M., Chairman of the Board of Regents**  
Bill M. gave a report on the Florida restitution handing out an accounting as of October 1999. He went over the accounting and questions were answered.
13. **Prison Committee Report - Ed W.**  
Ed W. gave the Prison committee report. He stated that there have been 63 contacts with Prisons throughout the Country, including 22 Prison meeting starter kits that have been sent out from the I.S.O. since the first of the year.
14. **B.O.T. & B.O.R. Unity Report - Tom M. & Bill M.**  
A report from the Board of Trustees/Board of Regents committee was handed out.  
Motion that the Board of Trustees suspend any action in reference to the Guidance Code of the Board of Trustees electing the Board of Regents until final report of the Board of Trustees/Board of Regents committee report.  
Amendment to add to the end of sentence at the Spring 2000 meeting of the Board of Trustees.  
Approved: 28      Against: 33      Failed  
On the motion.  
Approved: 51      Against: 15      Passed
15. **Pressure Relief Committee Report - Ralph D.**  
Ralph D. gave a report. Several committee meetings have been held. The Pressure Relief Group Meeting Pamphlet & Financial Forms, the Pressure Group Meeting Handbook and surveys were handed out to all Trustees. They were asked to read them and respond with input to the committee by the end of the year.

16. **Report on Situation in Spain - George G.**  
(report attached #4)

George G. gave a detailed report on his trip to Spain.

Motion that Gamblers Anonymous disassociate from the previous Board in Spain and recognize the newly elected Board and the Groups belonging to it as the legitimate Gamblers Anonymous representation throughout Spain.

Approved: 68 Against: 0 Passed

H) **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **History Booklet "First 40 Years" 2nd Vote (Passed first vote (76-3) Amendment also passed stating B.O.R. would check for copyright problems (84-1) Attorney sent a letter advising us there could possibly be some issues.) (see letter attached)**

Approved: 65 Against: 7 Passed (2nd Vote)

2. **"Pressure Relief Flyer" brought to us by the Pressure Relief Committee. (attachment #2) Passed first vote 69-0**

Approved: 73 Against: 1 Passed (2nd Vote)

This will be printed as a single piece of literature.

3. **"Beyond 90 Days" (attachment #3). Tabled from Kentucky, to be reviewed by the Board of Trustees for a vote.**

Motion to accept "Beyond 90 Days" as approved G.A. literature.

Motion to table.

Approved: 55 Against: 18 Passed

Bill B. and Denis M. have been appointed to Literature Committee.

Motion is pending.

4. **"Gamblers Anonymous Your First Meeting" (attachment #1) Approved first vote 69-3**

Approved: 56 Against: 2 Passed (2nd Vote)

5. **Have New Member Packets available with designated approved pieces of literature in the packet and to place the new item on the inside cover of the Gamblers Anonymous Information Packet. (attachment #5) Passed first vote 64-4**

Attachment #5 would be added to the inside cover of the Gamblers Anonymous Information Packet. The prices would be removed and the heading would read: Suggested New Member Packet. All other information in the attachment would remain the same.

Approved: 61 Against: 5 Passed (2nd Vote)

6. **Approve Pressure Relief Guidelines. Tabled from Kentucky. (attachment #6)**

Motion to accept above.

Approved: 1 Against: 72 Failed

7. **Guidance Code, Article XII, Section 1. Approve a plan to elect area delegates. Tabled from Kentucky motion pending, committee appointed, Dan B., Terry H. and Danny M. (No further information received at this time)**

1. **There shall be (5) area delegates, North, South, East, West and International**

2. **Area delegates shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the Fall Board of Trustees Meeting of the even year.**

3. **Area delegates must be current elected Trustees and will serve a (2) year term.**

4. **Area delegates will serve at the pleasure of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, to enhance and promote unity in their areas. (Tabled from Kentucky)**

Item withdrawn.

I) **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Discuss the possibility of every state having a Memorial Meeting once a year. (Area 12)**

Motion: to strongly suggest that every Trustee Area have a Memorial Meeting one a year.

Approved: 24 Against: 35 Failed

2. **Discuss that all Trustees are required to read the agenda with all attachments, a "preliminary opinion" formed numerically listing items of New Business will be attached to the Agenda. After reading the agenda every Trustee must complete this form and return it prior to the start of the first session of the Board of Trustee meeting.**

Preliminary opinion will be scaled as follows

1=Definitely Against

2=Probably Against

3=Undecided

4=Probably For

5=Definitely For

(Area 6)

Motion to accept as written, changing the word "formed" to "form".

Approved: 8 Against: 62 Failed

3. **Reimbursement of any and all travel expenses for the Chairman or Co-Chairman must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees. (Area 12)**

Motion to accept above.

Approved: 2 Against: 63 Failed

4. **Approve as new literature "Gamblers Anonymous Suggestions for Coping with Urges to Gamble". (attachment #7) (Area 11)**

Motion to accept above.

Approved: 41 Against: 21 Passed (1st Vote)

5. **There be no changes in the Combo Book for the next two years and the I.S.O. may reprint the Combo Book in other languages. (Area)**

Motion that there can be no changes in the Combo Book for successive two year periods.

Approved: 11 Against: 57 Failed

6. ... Conferences, Workshops should not be scheduled so as to conflict with the Trustee Meetings. (Area 15)  
Discussion only.
7. Pamphlet "Compulsive Gambling", page #1, change the six masculine gender preferences to gender neutral (either the "they" form or the "he/she" form). (Area 2)  
Item out of order. Has already been done.
8. White pamphlet "Gamblers Anonymous", last page, eliminate the word "nightly" from the first sentence. (Area 2)  
Motion to accept above.  
Approved: 62 Against: 0 Passed (1st Vote)
9. Green Info Packet, 5th page first change from, "attend at least one meeting per week...to, "attend at least one full meeting per week...to coincide with the Combo Book. (Area 2)  
Item out of order. Is currently being done.
10. Green Info Packet, 5th page, after the words, per week...add "meetings make it". To coincide with the Combo Book. (Area 2)  
Item out of order. Is currently being done.
11. Pamphlet titled "Questions and Answers About the Problem of Compulsive Gambling and the G.A. Recovery Program", page 8, 3rd paragraph, eliminate the words, "are beginning to" from the first sentence. (Area 2)  
Motion to accept above.  
Approved: 51 Against: 7 Passed (1st Vote)
12. Combo Book, page 3 add sentence "These principles can be found in the Recovery and Unity programs." to the last sentence. (Area 2)  
Motion to accept above.  
Approved: 32 Against: 35 Failed
13. Page 2 of the Combo Book add the words, "one day at a time", after the word share. It would now read, "Gamblers Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share, one day at a time, their experience, strength and hope with each other..." (Area 16)  
Chair ruled this item out of order. Does not meet the two year rule.
14. Combo Book, page 11, paragraph 1. The dream world of the compulsive gambler. Change to the following...they may dream of providing families and friends with new cars, designer clothes and other luxuries. Compulsive gamblers picture themselves leading a pleasant gracious life, made possible by the huge sums of money they will accrue from their "system". Servants, penthouses, catered parties, charming friends, yachts and world tours are a few of the wonderful things that are just around the corner after a big win is finally made... (Area 3D)  
Motion to accept above.  
Approved: 8 Against: 63 Failed
15. Red Book, page 16, at the end of number 7, after the word "repeated", add a new sentence stating, "Please use discretion when using cell phones and beepers during Gamblers Anonymous meetings." (Area 3)

Chair ruled this item out of order. Does not meet the two year rule. The Chair was then challenged.  
Vote on the challenge fails (4 - 68) and the Chair is in order, therefore this item is out of order.

16. Combo Book 17, #3 eliminate everything after the "anything". Don't gamble for anything. and end the paragraph at that point. (Area 3)  
Motion to accept above.  
Approved: 19 Against: 55 Failed
17. For discussion, who has the right to vote to extend time. Since all ex-Trustees can speak on the subject should they have the right to vote to extend time? (Area 3)  
Discussion was held and it was clarified per Roberts Rules of Order that only voting members can extend time.
18. Discuss past decisions page 10, number 3 in reference to the stock market and ascertain if it is in conflict with page 17 of the Combo Book. (attachment #8) (Area 15)  
Discussion only.
19. Discuss past decisions page 10, number 4 in reference to bowling and determine if it should refer to any type of money league. (attachment #8) (Area 15)  
Chair ruled item out of order. Does not meet the two year rule.
20. Discuss past decisions page 10, number 9, regarding the issue of a member being the only one who has the right to give up his/her abstinence date, as it relates to Unity Step 4. (attachment #8) (Area 15)  
Discussion only.

#### J) ANYTHING OMITTED FROM THE AGENDA

##### NEW BUSINESS

21. Discuss 401K and how it relates to the decision we made in Kentucky.  
Discussion only.
22. Site selection for 2001 Fall Western Conference.  
Northern California's bid for the Western Conference to be held at the Westin Hotel San Francisco Airport, September 14 - 16, 2001 was approved (71 - 0) as presented.

#### K) GOOD AND WELFARE

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at approximately 1:30 P.M. The collection for the three (3) sessions was \$824.00.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held May 4, 2000 in Ellenville, New York.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen H., International  
Executive Secretary

## ROLL CALL

AREAS	SESSIONS	AREAS	SESSIONS
1	Sandy T. 3	8A	Chaz R. 3
	Larry R. 3		Laura G. 3
	Linda M. 3	8B	Charlie O. 3
	Marvin E. 3		Patrick N. 3
	Al N. 3	9	Nick R. 3
2	Ed E. 3		Danny M. 3
	Pete V. 3	10	Lou K. 3
	Dan B. 3		Glenn F. 3
	John A. 3	10A	Norman B. 3
2A	Herry I. 1		Jim P. 3
	Dennis C. Absent *	10B	Gary B. 3
2B	Bob S. Absent		Fred O. 3
	Bill G. 3	11	Jim C. 3
2C	Gerry M. Absent *		Paul K. 3
	Debbie W. Absent **	12	Carol L. 3
2G	Sharon W. 3		Denis M. 3
3	Ron D. 3		Marshall R. 3
	Liz N. 3		Jack K. Absent
3A	Joel K. 3		Ed W. 3
	Larry D. 3		Irwin S. 3
3B	Brooks H. 3	13	Eileen B. 3
	Jim B. Absent		James D. 3
3C	Robert K. 3		Neil F. Absent *
	Marcene W. 3		Bill P. 3
3D	Marilyn L. 3	13A	Ralph D. 3
	Richie G. 3		Kevin O. Absent
4	George S. Absent	14	Joe B. 3
	Hushy C. Absent		Dennis M. 3
5	John N. 3		Lloyd A. 3
	Andre G. 3		David J. 3
5A	Marlene O. Absent *	5	Jeff W. 3
6	Sandy L. 3		Bill B. 3
	Richard M. Absent		Chuck R. 3
6A	Larry F. 3		Marty D. 3
	Jack Y. 3		George G. 3
6B	Lenny L. Absent		Bernard G. Absent
	Rick B. 3		George A. Absent
6C	Them M. 3		Ray H. Absent
	Vicki L. Absent		Joseph O. Absent
	Irwin B. Absent		Mike R. 3
	Richard P. 3	16	John N. 3
7	Sandy J. 3		Sal S. Absent *
	Charlean S. 3	17	Walt H. 3
7A	Tony W. 3	18	Shirley T. 3
	Alex B. Absent *		Graeme V. 3
7B	Rocky M. Absent **	18A	Tony M. Absent
8	Allan S. 3		Peter V. Absent
	Frank K. 3		Chairman, B.O.T. 3
	Joe M. 3		Tom M. 3
	Trong T. 3	1st Co-Chair, B.O.T.	Eileen B. 3
			2nd Co-Chair, B.O.T.
			Dan B. 3
			Chairman, B.O.R.
			Bill M. 3
			International Executive Secretary
			Karen H. 3

\*Proxy Received

\*\*Excused Absence