

MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

1979 EASTERN CONFERENCE AT

BROWN'S HOTEL LOCK SHELDRAKE, N. Y.

APRIL 26 & 27 - 1979

The meeting was called to order by Eddie L. 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), Henry H.(T), Bob G.(AT), Al P.(T), Ralph G.(T), Bill G.(T), James P.(A), Bob B.(T), Robert G.(T), Jim V.(A), Eddie L.(T), Irwin S.(T), Ray S.(T), Richard I.(A), Glenn P.(A), Norman W.(A), Jack W.(T), Tony D.(A), Norman B.(T), Bob F.N.Y.(T), Wm K.B.(T), Steve B.(T), Joe S.(T), John C.(T), Sandy C.(A), Ed T.(A), Jerry R.(A), Sam W.(T), David F.(T), WMS.(A)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Eliminate (Suggested as) page 4 in Combo book.
Motion to take as 2nd voting.
For 19 Against 2 - On the question.
For 15 Against 5 Abstain 1 - 2nd Voting.
2. Regarding Pressure Group Forms: Add the following sentence "Gamblers Anonymous is not responsible for the information listed on this form, nor does Gamblers Anonymous guarantee the compliance of the proposed financial arrangements on the form."
For 16 Against 0 Abstain 4 2nd Voting
Motion Rich I. 2nd Norm B. - Where to put Financial Form. Middle page.
3. Finalization of Combo Book changes, Cover no changes, Table of contents no changes.
Page 1 - no changes, Page 2 - remove plural on causes and persons, Page 3 - 2 changes remove duplicate of usually brief spelling conceived, Page 4 - no changes, Page 5 - no changes, Page 6 no changes, Page 7 no changes, Page 8 - 1 change man or woman to person, Page 9 - misspelled others, Page 10 - no changes, Page 11 - remove 'They Spend' add 'after time is spent', Page 11 - remove when they finally make a big killing, and insert 'after big kill is finally made, Page 12 - changes many, Page 13 - put they after circumstances, Page 14 - eliminate quotation around skill remove parentheses, Page 15 - no changes, Page 16 - no changes, Page 17 - New Heading approved bold print Page 18 - last page of Combo Book to indicate where help can be obtained and or location of Gamblers Anonymous National Service Office, "Consult your local telephone directory", or write: P. O. Box 17173, Los Angeles, Calif. 90017
Approved new printing unanimous.
4. Spiritual definition moved to page 1, between paragraph 2 and 3 - 2nd Voting
For 0 Against 15 Abstain 5
Motion Sandy C. 2nd Irving paragraph 2 after word additions.
For 17 Against 0 Abstain 3
5. Any Business brought before the Board and omitted shall be made part of this agenda. Item 28 New Business, was omitted.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Regarding a literature change that was passed the first time and then tabled at the next conference Board of Trustees Meeting; if it is passed a second time at the next conference meeting, should we accept this as passed and allow the change, or must we adhere to the guidance code. (It states 2 consecutive conference meetings.)
Motion regard literature changes will allow one tabling of any literature changes will allow one tabling of any literature change not to effect the continuity of the first vote. Joe S. withdrew his 2nd
Motion regard literature will allow more than one tabling no limitation on tabling for. For 11 Against 9
Motion Jerry R. 2nd Bob F.(N.Y.)
Regard literature change the first time any literature change any tabling should not break the continuity of any literature changes $\frac{2}{3}$ vote is 13
For 16 Against 4 Abstain 0
2. Should there be guidelines on what non - G. A. correspondence will be read to the members at the group level that is received at the meeting address.
Leave to group conscience and Trusted Servents.
3. Should any correspondence to Trustees by Gamblers Anonymous members regarding issues on agenda be allowed to be given out at the Trustee meeting?
Motion Rich I. 2nd Jerry R. - Free access to any Trustees or chairman by any G. A. member in writing at anytime on any issue or literature changes free access to any trustee. Motion to table by Bob F.(N.Y.) 2nd Irwin S. on the table.
For 7 Against 13 Abstain 0 Did not pass on the motion
For 16 Against 2 Abstain 2
4. Bases for determining items given to Gamblers Anonymous members - Via kits at conferences. Motion that the package give away no sollicitation on written letter heads, or Oral the items should not have anything pertaining to gambling or Out Side material Norman B. 2nd Rich I.
For 15 Against 3 Abstain 2
5. Regarding Board of Trustee officers election. Change Guidance Code to read Elections of Board of Trustees will be held at the last physical trustee meeting prior to National trustee elections. Removed from the Agenda.
6. No therapy should be taken out of any Gamblers Anonymous meeting by any Gamblers Anonymous member and be repeated. On the question.
For 12 Against 6 Abstain 2
Bob F.(N.Y.) amendment withdrawn.
National Executive Secretary to send a letter to all Gamblers Anonymous groups by request of Board of Trustees regarding subject.
7. Guidance Code addition - add paragraph to cover code of ethics in elections in Gamblers Anonymous from group level to Board of Trustees and Board of Regents.
Motion to table Norman B. 2nd Sandy C.
For 20 Against 0 Abstain 0
8. Group financial responsibility to National Service Office - Group treasuries should not exceed a month's budgeted expense by 50%. All excess monies should be dispersed to the National Service Office.
Discussed to keep working on previous ten items as last time:
 1. Keep working on Life Liners.
 2. Pass out cup having Gamblers Anonymous members collection for N. S. O.
 3. Have an individual contribute equal to their absent example 7 years = \$7.00
 4. Social events have collections taken.

NEW BUSINESS Cont'd

5. Having members to pay for there pins after the first anniversary.
6. Subscription for the Bulletin \$6.00 per year.
Gamblers Anonymous is still operating on the original consepction of \$1.00 Donation as they did 22 years ago. Everything has gone up more than double.
10. Suggest contributions be \$2.00 cr \$3.00 instead of \$1.00.
9. Guidance Code page 9 section 8 A - not clear to change or modify -
Motion Rich I. 2nd Sandy C.
For 17 Against 0 Abstain 3
10. Combo Book - page 17 #6. Change spouse to indade mate who may not be spouse.
Dropped form the Agenda Unanious.
11. Combo Book - page 2 Delete sentence reading, "There are no dues or fees for Gamblers Anonymus membership."
No motion lack of support died.
12. Combo Book - page 14 definition of Gambling should include the words, "for self or others" after Wagering.
Motion Joe S. 2nd Bob F.(CA) Change all places it appears.
For 15 Against 4 Abstain 1
13. Combo Book - page 8, 2nd paragraph. Delete word "simple". Motion Norman B.
2nd Jerry R.
For 10 Against 11 Abstain 0
Recount: For 10 Against 11 Abstain 0 Defeated.
14. Combo Book - page 12 last paragraph, last sentence - change to the following
"Most G. A. members look upon this as their greatest challenge which should be worked on immediately and continued throughout their life."
Motion Rick I. 2nd as Stated
For 17 Against 1 Abstain 2
15. New literature - 20 Questions survival for long term members. Could be come part of Combo Book.
Motion to Table Norman B. 2nd Bob F.(CA)
For 12 Against 6 Abstain 1
16. Appoint a National Executive Secretary for year July 1st 1979 to June 30, 1980. One Nomination Jim Z. Accepted.
Trustee Voted Unanimous to approve appointment.
17. A Gamblers Anonymous member should only receive one anniversary pin at each level - 1 year, 5 years, 10 years, etc.
Motion on the question Bob F.(N.Y.) Glen P.
For 9 Against 10 Abstain 0
Defeted leave up to groups the trustee voted in past years to give only 1 year pins, 5 year, and 10 year pins for Abstaining from gambling and regular allendence.
18. Reduce the period for submitting agenda to the chairman of Board of Trustees for a conference meeting from 60 days to 14 days.
Dropped from agenda, no motion.
19. In areas where trustees are elected through an intergroup elections, should voting procedures be uniform?
Rich I. Motion to Table. 2nd
For 14 Against 3 Abstain 2 Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS (Cont'd)

20. Give Board of Trustee chairman the authority to cancel a conference meeting of Board of Trustee if no workable agenda has been put together regarding quantity and quality.
No motion dropped from Agenda.
21. Add one day to one conference each year so that National committees (if formulated) can function effectively. Examples: Public Relations, Pressure Groups, N. S. O. Financial Support for N. S. O. Committees, etc.
Leave up to committees to respond to this if they so desire.
22. A. Does an intergroup have the authority to tell or instruct a trustee on how to vote.
Motion Bill B. 2nd. No one, not an individual, not a group, or Intergroup, can instruct a National Trustee on any issue how to vote.
For 18 Against 2 Abstain 0
22. B. Dropped from Agenda.
23. Combo Book - Page 17 #6 to read;
"When you are ready, The trusted servants will conduct a pressure group meeting for you and your spouse if married and adherence to it will aid in your recovery."
Motion Joe S. 2nd David F. as written.
For 18 Against 1 Abstain 0 1st Voting
24. Distributions of Big Book to libraries.
The Board of Trustees gave their word and hopes it will be kept. Be honest with A. A. this is what the Board of Trustees letter stated at Montreal Board of Trustees Meeting.
The Board of Trustees voted on old Gamblers Anonymous Big Book Hard Cover 3rd edition to be sold only to Gamblers Anonymous members or groups and Intergroups. No time limit on disposal. Motion Norman B. 2nd Sandy C.
Do not give permission to Board of Regents to distribute this book to the libraries and or any other outside not related to Gamblers Anonymous.
For 17 Against 1 Abstain 1
25. Define the term "Regular attendance" for Guidance Code Addition.
Motion to table. Norman W. 2nd
For 11 Against 5 Abstain 2 Tabled.
26. Postal Survey - should we revise ?
Motion Irwin S. 2nd Glenn P.
For Unanimous Against 0 Abstain 0
27. Approval of the use of other than Gamblers Anonymous Literature in the group meeting. New literature already the Board of Trustees policy.
No Motion.
28. Combo Book change Page 5, Step 12 with drawn from Agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Federal Exempt Status ---
For the purpose of filing Federal income tax and some states for the purpose of opening a tax exempt Bank Account, ect., it is not for sales tax.
2. Silver Anniversary 1982 Report, Bob F. CA;
Four man committee formed. Chairman Bill M., Treasure Vince V., Bob F., George Y.

NEW BUSINESS (Cont'd)

New Marriott Hotel (750) Rooms.

(Couple - 4 days 18 meals package \$415.00) (Single - 4 days 9 meals package \$275.00)
extra day \$55.00 per day double.

Time: July 7th 1982 through 10th 1982

Unlimited Reservation before and after. Deposit \$50.00

Near Disneyland - Anaheim, California.

3. Sponsorship report Toronto Area—a copy given to each trustee and alternate trustee. Table will be put on later. Gamblers Anonymous now has an approve question and answers regarding sponsorship, order it, it is on the G. A. P. price list.
4. Literature committee to review and update literature.
 - A. Group Hand Book. All Trustees go back and check.
 - B.1 Spanish Combo Book. Office will handle it.
 - B.2 French Combo Book, Bill B. is handling.
 - C. Question and Answers about gambling was updated last printing and will be next printing by office.
5. National Service Office bulletin committee - to review and recommend content and stimulate response from membership.

17 area's covered ask the trustee to participate, getting the trustees to do it. Write to N. S. O. Bulletin share your thought on all subject.

 1. "Question of the Month" Column
 2. "Meet your Trustees" Column
 3. "Public Relations" Column
 4. National Calendar of coming events. Have everything arrive 60 days in advance, with date where held etc.
 5. Anniversary Notices.
 6. "How we can Grow" Column.
 7. "Regular Columnist" from within Gamblers Anonymous
 9. "Selected Related Poetry".
 10. " Pure Therapy" Column.
6. Lawyer situation regarding A. A. exception to G. A. big book distribution. Lawyer is paid in full.

Disclaimer in front of Big Book. Sell only to Gamblers Anonymous members groups and Intergroup.
Regional Service Office etc., not to reprint without A. A. permission.
7. Report on Cleveland Veteran Administration Hospital in Brecksville, Ohio. Given by Bill G. in hospital program has been cancelled in May 1979. No in patient at hospital at Brecksville Division, Brecksville, Ohio. Every effort is being made to get the program back in Breckville Hospital. We have to let them know what it has ment to Compulsive Gamblers.
8. Prison Gamblers Anonymous Meetings - Experience and results report by Ralph G., Joe S., Steve B. and others. I do not have a written report.

At Atlanta Federal Prison, 8 men were paroled, 4 have made it on the out side.
Should have a format for Prison Meeting.
9. Request to conduct a survey using Gamblers Anonymous members anonymously. This survey will be for volunteers only. The basic purpose will be to provide proof for the theory that a personality or behavior change does take place in the Compulsive Gambler after being exposed to Gamblers Anonymous.

COMMITTEE REPORT Cont'd

Survey - When you get one that has been approved by the Board of Trustees, fill it out. Let them know what we know. Help aid them there is not enough.

Research - Gamblers Anonymous and G. A. members will not do this, and do not complete the Survey. We have to do it. Give cooperation - must be given to Survey, they want results.

10. New Big Book report - Two meeting called for at New York conference. Committee wants approval to get prices ect., this was left up to committee.
11. Recovery and Unity book out of stock can not reprinted.
12. Consider having an outside company print, assemble and mail the monthly bulletin. To Table Irwin S. Bob F.CA
13. Discussion on Public relations article that appeared in the newspaper after Montreal Conference.
Be careful of what you say in presents of the Media - Do not quote untrue facts such as figures etc.

Trustee Collections \$152.00

Respectively Submitted
Jim Z.
National Executive Secretary