

MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
 AT THE 18TH EASTERN CONFERENCE
 BROWN'S HOTEL LOCK SHELDRAKE, NEW YORK
MAY 15TH & 16TH 1980

The meeting was called to order by Eddie L Chairman of the Board of Trustees at 3:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Designation - Trustee (T), Alternated Trustee (A), and Alternate Trustee - Acting Trustee (AT). Number of sessions (5) of sessions attended (5) 100% attendance.

PRESENT: Irving S.(T) (5)-(5), Bob F.(T) (5)-(5), Manuel E.(A) (3)-(3), Dave R.(T) (5)-(5), Fred K.(A) (5)-(5), Henry H.(t) (5)-(5), Bob G.(AT) (5)-(5), Al P.(T) (5)-(5), Ralph G.(T) (5)-(5), Lee N.(T) (4)-(4), Ed A.(T) (5)-(5), Bill G.(T) (5)-(5), Bob B.(T) (5)-(5), James P.(A) (5)-(5), Robert G.(T) (5)-(5), Eddie L.(T) (5)-(5), Irwin S.(T) (5)-(5), Ray S.(T) (5)-(5), Richard I.(A) (5)-(5), Glenn P.(A) (5)-(5), Norman W.(A) (4)-(4), Jack W.(T) (4)-(4), Tony D.(A) (5)-(5), Norman B.(T) (2)-(2), William V. B.(T) (4)-(4), Dave S.(A) (2)-(2), Louis T.(A) (1)-(1), Bob F.(T) (5)-(5), William K. B.(T) (4)-(4), Steve B.(T) (5)-(5), Joe S.(T) (5)-(5), John C.(T) (5)-(5), Sandy C.(A) (5)-(5), Joel G.(A) (4)-(4), Ed T.(A) (2)-(2), Jerome R.(A) (4)-(4), Jack F.(A) (5)-(5), Perry B.(T) (5)-(5), Sai S.(A) (3)-(3), David F.(T) (5)-(5), William S.(A) (5)-(5).

ABSENT: Harry P., Jack E., George Y., Ed S., Joan R., Hank K., Sam G., Tom B., Jim V.
 Jim P. opened meeting with silent prayer for those who are no longer with us.

OLD BUSINESS -

1. The following voting procedure to be adopted by all Intergroup electing Board of Trustees and Alternate Trustees: each eligible group allotted 2 votes. To be elected Trusted a nominee must receive more than one half of the total vote. Polling will continue until the required number of Trustees are elected. In the event that more than the required number of Trustees receive more than 50% of the votes during an individual ballot, the highest number will decide the election. Thereafter, the Alternates will be elected on a "one at a time" basis. This is required as Alternates are designated 1st, 2nd, etc. Therefore, the highest vote received, who receives more than 50% of the total vote, will be the only elected Alternate on a given ballot. (tabled item)
 Motion Norman W. 2nd Ray S. For 8 Against 12 Abstain 3 - Defeated
2. Combo Book Page 8, paragraph 2, change similar to Gambling or Compulsive Gambling.
 2nd Voting use both words.
 Motion Rich I. 2nd Dave R. For 15 Against 2 Abstain 6 - Passed
3. Literature - Man in the glass- tabled item.
 Motion to remove from the Agenda. Lee N. 2nd For 14 Against 2
 Abstain 7 - Removed
4. Literature we gambled for poem - Tabled item.
 Motion to remove from the agenda, Bob F. CA 2nd Eddie L.
 For 16 Against 0 Abstain 7 - Removed
5. Combo Book - 20 questions change tense. 2nd Voting
 Motion Bob F. CA 2nd Al P.
 For 13 Against 8 Abstain 2 - Passed
6. Group Handbook - Place after #1 and #7 on page 8, no therapy should be taken out

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6. of any Gambler Anonymous meeting and be repeated." 2nd Voting
 Motion Henry H. 2nd Ray S.
 For 19 Against 0 Abstain 4
7. Consider outside Company to promote approved G. A. Literature and items that are sold through N. S. O. - Tabled Item.
 Motion Sandy C. 2nd Dave R.
 For 0 Against 22 Abstain 1 - Defeated
8. Recommend to Board of Regents the Following:
 A. The National Service Office pay 40% of expense of Trustees and Alternates to all National Conference.
 B. Only Conferences where Board of Trustees meetings are being held -
 Motion Norman W. 2nd Ray S., on part A
 For 0 Against 21 Abstain 2
 Motion Norman W. 2nd Ray S., on part B
 For 0 Against 19 Abstain 4
- Committee appointed to come back in 18 months with new Ideas ect. Eddie L., Al P., Lee N., Irving S.
9. 20 questions survival Motion Bill S. 2nd Sandy C. Table to end of meeting
 come back with cleaned up version of same.
 Committee Dave F., Richie I., Bill S., Sandy C., motion to adopt Bob G. 2nd Bill S.
 For 1 Against 18 Abstain 4
10. Motion letter from chairman of Board of Trustees explaining finances of the National Service Office and what it is for, and letters to groups, ammendment. Collection for Life Liners at each table and application for bulletin subscription. Motion
 Bob F. N.Y. 2nd Dave R.
 Bill B. 2nd Bob F. N.Y. Ammendment - For 20 Against 0 Abstain 3
 Letter on Motion - For 20 Against 0 Abstain 3
 This conference yes. For 19 Against 0 Abstain 4

Group financial responsibility to National Service Office - Group treasuries should not exceed a months 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.
5. Having members to pay for there pins after the first anniversary.
6. Subscription for the Bulletin \$6.00 per year. Add \$5.00 for 1st class mail.
7. Pressure meeting make allowance for contributions include in package \$3.00 all gatherings.
8. 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.
9. Idea of Lifeliners night at each group.
10. Suggest contributions be \$2.00 or \$3.00 instead of \$1.00 .

NEW BUSINESS -

1. Regarding National Conferences: Allow host group to publicize their conference as soon as previous conference is sold out.
 Motion Norman B. 2nd Bill S.
 For 11 Against 6 Abstain 6

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Recount-

For 5 Against 12 Abstain 6 - Defeated
 Motion allow host group of conference to publicize their conference only if previous conference is sold out, and to notify chairman of Board of Trustees. Leave decision to chairman of Board of Trustees.

For 13 Against 0 Abstain 10 - Passed.

2. A guide to fourth Step Inventory. New Literature 1st Voting

Step by Step:		For	Against	Abstain	
Title		19	0		
1st Reading		17	0		Abstain 2
2nd Reading		17	0		Abstain 2
3rd Reading		17	0		Abstain 2
4th Reading		16	0		Abstain 3
5th Reading		17	0		Abstain 2
6th Reading		18	0		Abstain 1
7th Reading		17	0		Abstain 2
8th Reading		15	1		Abstain 3
9th Reading		20	0		Abstain 0
10th Reading		16	0		Abstain 4
11th Reading		16	0		Abstain 4
12th Reading		16	0		Abstain 4
13th Reading		16	0		Abstain 4
14th Reading		18	0		Abstain 2
15th Reading		17	1		Abstain 2
16th Reading		19	0		Abstain 1

Cover Change add to total - The Truth Shall Set You Free

3. Regarding Board of Trustees Chairman Communication with Trustees.

A. All mail to trustees should be sent through Intergroup.

B. All official incoming and outgoing mail to and from the Board of Trustees must be certified mail. Return receipt requested.

C. All mail meetings as specified in Guidance Code be held.
 Dropped from the agenda.

4. Request that our N. S. O. office send a letter of introduction and our spot announcements to every radio and television station, asking for a part of their required Public service time. Also to fortify every Judicial Departments and Probation facilities with information of our fellowship. Cost in excess of \$8000.00 so leave to National Committee which are Arnie W., Sam G. and Jim Z. with the help of local Public Relations men. Dropped for lack of Finances.

5. New Literature maintaining abstinence from Gambling. Bob F. CA made motion to spell out all places where G. A. is to Gamblers Anonymous take out all places were underlined remove by letter read and Discussed take out #5. 2nd

For 19 Against 0 Abstain 3 1st Voting

MAINTAINING ABSTINENCE FROM GAMBLING

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR RECOVERY

IN THE GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS PROGRAM

1. Gamblers Anonymous comes FIRST. Nothing in this world is more important to the

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1. recovering compulsive gambler than Gamblers Anonymous meetings. A life may depend upon adherence to this principle.
 2. Attend Gamblers Anonymous meetings for yourself. The Gamblers Anonymous program is for the compulsive gambler who wants to live a better life without gambling. Please yourself first!
 3. Frequent contact (by phone) between members is vital in order to maintain strength between meetings or to gain strength during the "rough" times in our lives.
 4. Meeting other compulsive gamblers from other groups and area will serve to remind each of us that there are others just like ourselves who really do understand and can help.
 6. The desire to become a better person, without gambling, is absolutely necessary in order to begin a long-lasting recovery program.
 7. Doing something about our everyday problems and character defects is a sure way to maintain an effective, long-lasting recovery. Remember - talk is cheap, and words do not take action.
 8. The gamblers anonymous program will work for those who can admit and accept their problem on a daily basis.
 9. Give therapy at all gamblers anonymous meetings for your own sake as well as for others who may want 2 draw strength from you. Therapy is our medicine - give and take medicine.
 10. STOP thinking about gambling. Give yourself a decent break! ! !
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6. Combo Book - Delete on page 2 paragraph recovered form a gambling problem." Add, "Abstain from their gambling problem."
Dropped from agenda.
 7. Regarding G. A. conference profits. Gam-Anon should receive higher % of profits presently. N. S. O. 70%, N. S. W. 10%, Eric 10%, Gam-Anon 10%
 8. Regarding G. A. Conferences profits: Discussion on allocation s of profits.
Motion Dave R. 2nd Norman W.
Profit form conference and Mini Conferences 10% to E.R.I.C. Portion by attendance.
Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon ammendment. Any loses paid back by next conference ect., ect., or conferences on ammendment.
For 9 Against 13 - Failed
On Motion:
For 13 Against 11 Abstain 0 - Passed
 9. Letters of recommendation of verification regarding probationary members make letter of verification of attendance only and what the fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous can do for them. Letter by Rick I., and Bill B., and Eddie L. on Gamblers Anonymous. Letterhead to be avaiable at National Service Office.
 10. Permission to put name, address, and telephone number of National Council on Compulsive Gambling on local group telephone list. Board of Trustees comments was not a proper thing to do.

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11. Combo Book - Page 1, 9, and 12 change personality to character.
 Motion Bill S. 2nd Irwin S.
 For 18 Against 2 Abstain 3 1st Voting
12. Guidance Code - Article 9, Section 3, page 6 - Change autonomous to self governing.
 Motion Bob F. 2nd Al P.
 For 22 Against 0 Abstain 0
13. Guidance Code - Article 11, Section 6 - How else can proxies be used by Trustees and Alternates at Board of Trustees meeting.
 Dropped from the Agenda.
14. Guidance Code - Article 11, Section 8A - Review.
 Motion Steve S. 2nd Bob F., to change any 12 Steps Recovery and 12 Step Unity it shall require a 2/3 majority by not less than 17 members of the Board of Trustees at two consecutive physical meetings.
 For 17 Against 1 Abstain 4
15. Guidance Code - Article 12, Section 6, Page 12 - Is expense payments considered compensation?
 Dropped from the Agenda for lack of Interest.
16. Bulletin Item - No letter, Advertizing, or promoting from Gamblers Anonymous or Non Gamblers Anonymous members should be printed in the Bulletin that endorses or asks for endorsements finances or in anyway lends the name of Gamblers Anonymous to any outside person or enterprize. Large discussions leave to Editor and Chief National Executive Secretary.
 On the question.
 For 22 Against 0 Abstain 1
17. Combo Book - page 10 Delete: "Sitting at the poker table." and add: "When I was in Action."
 Motion Al P. 2nd Jerry R.
 Dropped, withdrawn from agenda.
18. Combo Book - page 16, question 11 - Delete: "Any real property." Add: Anything.
 Motion Lee N. 2nd Bill S.
 For 20 Against 2 Abstain 1 1st Voting
19. Combo Book - Page 11, change score to win in two places.
 Lee N., motion change to win line 15 and 25. 2nd Irving S.
 For 16 Against 7 Abstain 0 1st Voting
20. What Constitutes a regular gamblers anonymous group? Did not cover.
21. Re: Guidance Code - Article 9, Section 4, Delete: It is suggested.
 Motion Bill B. 2nd Irving S.
 For 20 Against 0 Abstain 3
22. Guidance Code - Article 9, Section 1, Add: Weekly after scheduled.
 Motion Bill B. 2nd
 For 8 Against 14 Abstain 1 Defeated
23. Guidance Code - Article 25, Section 1, Add: At two consecutive physical meetings after majority.
 Motion Bill B. 2nd Bob F.
 For 20 Against 1 Abstain 2

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24. Guidance Code Duplication drop from agenda.
25. Guidance Code - Article 11, Section 4, Add: Oneself or others after wagering missed, miss print definition of gambling and all other approved changes.
26. Combo Book - page 2, 1st paragraph. Delete: "Recover from a gambling problem". Add: "Abstained from their gambling problem." Dropped from the agenda.
27. New Literature - To the New Member: Do I need a sponsor?
Motion Dave R. 2nd Steve B.
Put into committee :
For 15 Against 2 Abstain 6
28. Guidance Code - Article 11, Section 20. Delete: quick response meetings counting for attendance. Unanimous to leave as is.
29. Election for National Executive Secretary for July 1, 1980 to June 30, 1981. Nomination - Jim Z. - Nomination closed. Jim Z., National Executive Secretary for year July 1st, 1980 to June 30, 1981.

DISCUSSION And REPORT Items:

1. Board of Trustees responsibilities - Should we have specific areas of responsibilities.
Motion Dave R. 2nd Al P. - Motion withdrawn.
2. Board of Trustees surveys and questionnaire withdrawn. Put in committee 1 and 2
Motion Bill S. 2nd Bill B.
Sandy C. is chairman of committee.
For 16 Against 0 Abstain 2
3. Stoneham Group update chairman of Board of Trustees to write a letter to group still not complying with the Guidance Code.
On the question :
For 8 Against 7 Abstain 8
4. Postal Survey: Dr. Custer compiled the data on survey work on gambling recovery program with union discussed and report made by Bill S..
5. Niagara Falls group Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon meet regularly as a combined group. Should they be considered a Gamblers Anonymous group.
Motion Irving S. 2nd Al P. Not to be recognized as a Gamblers Anonymous group.
For 8 Against 15 Abstain - Passed
6. Silver Anniversary 1982 Conference in Los Angeles, California. Host Intergroup conference to be held July 1st through the 4th, 1982. Place: Anaheim Marriott - Hotel in Anaheim, California.

G.A. 25th Silver Anniversary
1982 Conference

Financial Report as of May 15, 1980.
Cash on Hand.

a.) Savings Account (Coast Federal).....\$955.44

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b.) Checking Account (B. of A.).....\$143.83

Total.....1,099.26

Income:

Funds from Eastern Conference to Finance 25th anniversary conference.....\$894.00

Finance 25th anniversary conference Fund from Mid-West Conference278.00

Interest accrued from savings account from 6/7/79 to 3/30/80..... 45.44

Total Income.....1,217.44

Disbursements:

Rental of Post Office box 6/7/79..... 40.00

Purchase of extra key for P. O. Box..... 2.00

Renewal of Post Office Box for 1980..... 20.00

Printing of flyers and registration forms..... 56.18

Total Disbursements. 118.18

Cash on hand as of this report..... \$1,099.26

Respectfully Submitted,
Vince V. - Treasurer

Please submit all mail and inquiries to:

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- 7. Big Book report, given by Norman W., Chairman of Bib Book Committee. 6 x 9 soft book, approximately to print 100 pages, 10,000 copies at 11,200.00, 160 pages 10,000 copies @ \$13,500.00, or 196 pages 10,000 copies @ 15,500.00. Approximate cost edited print approx cost \$20,000 - one writer interview and explained approx cost \$15,000 combined finished ready to sell approx \$35,000.00 to \$45,000.00. The writers name - Frank Sperie.

May 1, 1980

NEW BIG BOOK OUTLINE (Preliminary Draft)

PREFACE

(1) History of Gambling - its beginnings, continual growth and where it is today.

(2) The emergence of the compulsive gambler and the first recognition of this problem by compulsive gamblers themselves.

MAIN BODY OF THE BOOK

PART A - THE OVERVIEW (short description of this section - see notes below)

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Chapter One - Historical Background (NOTES: Follow the beginning (where and when), growth and the geographical expansion of the fellowship. The slow, but continual, growth of G. A. in terms of numbers - both in numbers of members and groups throughout the world. We have experienced a "doubling" every six years).

Chapter Two - Public Awareness of Compulsive Gambling A major sociological problem and a sickness being recognized as such by the medical profession. (NOTES: Trace the gradual recognition of the problem from the first articles by the newspaper columnists through the medical, legal and sociological professions).

Chapter Three - Third Party Contributions (Notes: Offer articles written by the medical profession (Dr. Custer, etc.), newspaper columnists, probation officers, clergy, etc... Have an appropriate introduction for each contributor)..

PART B - THE GAMBLING ANONYMOUS GROUP (short description of this section - see notes below)

Chapter Four - Attracting the New Member (Notes: Getting people aware of Gamblers Anonymous and that there are groups meeting in many areas of the world. Methods employed by G. A. in attracting the compulsive gambler to a meeting in his or her area. Utilization of Mass Media, telephone directories, informed third parties and our own membership in getting out the word about G. A.).

Chapter Five - Composition of Group (NOTES: Define trusted servants of a group and their responsibilities. Define types of meetings, sponsorship, Pressure group committees, etc.)

Chapter Six - The Combination Book. (NOTES: Reading from the book a most important segment of the meeting. Define segments of the book place special emphasis on the 12 Steps of Recovery and Unity. Look to the membership for considerable assistance in writing this segment. We can seek varied interpretations and opinions on the Steps.)

Chapter Seven - Therapy (NOTES: Allow for numerous and varied personal stories from our membership. Stress importance of remembering. Affords us the opportunity to identify with another compulsive gambler - Psychological significance).

PART C - STRUCTURE, TOOLS & ADJUNCTS OF G. A. (short description of this section - see notes below)

Chapter Eight - Structure (NOTES: National & Area representation defined. Description and purpose of the N. S. O., B. O. T., B. O. R., Area representation (E.R.I.C., Australia) Intergroups.. Funding for these functions).

Chapter Nine - Tools available to G. A. (NOTES: Discuss all G. A. approved literature, and possibly, G. A. items available such as pins, etc.)

Chapter Ten - Adjuncts to G. A. (NOTES: Discuss Gam-Anon, Gamateen, Brecksville Program, Maryland Program and Prison Programs)

POSTSCRIPTS

- (1) Benefits accruing to those who abstain from gambling and continue in the program. (NOTES: Positive factors such as gaining maturity, reduction of character defects, change in family relationships) for the better), and financial and spiritual rewards. We can insert short statements from members of the fellowship "indicating how each has grown in G. A. and how their values have changed").
- (2) Acknowledgment to individuals and groups who have helped G. A. with use of meeting rooms, etc.
- (3) Glossary of Terms.

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Motion by Rich I., move that Board of Trustees authorize Big Book Committee to obtain a professional writer in preparation in writing the New Big Book, in this regard they interview various writers and come up with a recommendation for a writer and a 2nd choice-2nd by Board of Trustees, strongly recommend to Board of Regents, that they appropriate the initial sum of \$15,000.00 and authorize the committee to spend that money in the initial preparation of the new Big Book. Also Chairman of Board of Trustees to get the Bibliography of the writer and disburse some to Board of Trustees that this may be passed on, in 25 days. 2nd Al P.
For 18 Against 4 Abstain 1

8. Sanctity of Gamblers Anonymous room.
Removed from agenda.

9. National Conference workshops - should all Gamblers Anonymous workshops be open to all Gamblers Anonymous members?
Motion Sandy C. Any Gamblers Anonymous workshop of any National Conference should be open to everyone. 2nd Bob F.
For 21 Against 0 Abstain 0

10. An individual gamblers anonymous members declaration of grievance to gamblers anonymous.
Motion by Dave R. 2nd - this article is not to be printed in bulletin.
For 17 Against 2 Abstain 4

11. National Service Office bulletin:
A.) Should there be any restriction or any items to be published in the N.S.O.
B.) Who should review these items.

A.) Motion National Executive Secretary edit with the Board of Trustees suggestions and recovery program and unity program.

B.) National Executive Secretary editor in chief.

12. National Conferences - should we establish guidelines for running National Conferences with regards to the following:

A.) Cost - Profit Guidelines

B.) Responsibility in the event of a financial loss.

C.) Reservations, confirmations, cut off policies.

D.) Refund policy

E.) Control of finances.

F.) Specific responsibilities of members and various committees.

Bob F., Chairman of committee for guidelines.

For 18 Against 0 Abstain 5

13. Sponsorship Committee report -
Chairman not present - Dropped from agenda.