

MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
 22ND WESTERN CONFERENCE
 AT HILTON RIVIERA HOTEL, PALM SPRINGS, CA
OCTOBER 30TH & NOVEMBER 1ST, 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)
 Alternate Trustee Acting Trustee (AT)
 Number of sessions (4) 100% - attendance.
 of sessions attended (4)

PRESENT: George Y., (T) (4)-(4), Belle S., (T) (4)-(4), Sid L., (A) (2)-(2),
 Manuel E., (A) (2)-(2), Al G., (T) (4)-(4), Dan B., (A) (4)-(4),
 Phil G., (AT) (4)-(4), Howard C., (T) (4)-(4), Al P., (T) (4)-(4),
 Ira C., (A) (4)-(4), Jack O., (T) (4)-(4), Ed A., (T) (4)-(4),
 Larry K., (A) (4)-(4), Bill G., (T) (4)-(4), James P., (AT) (4)-(4),
 Eddie L., (T) (4)-(4), Pat P., (T) (4)-(4), Milt K., (AT) (4)-(4),
 Tony D., (T) (4)-(4), Pat M., (A) (4)-(4), William V. B., (T) (4)-(4),
 Louis T., (T) (4)-(4), William K. B., (T) (4)-(4), Steve B., (T) (4)-(4),
 Simon S., (T) (4)-(4), Joel F., (T) (4)-(4), Stephen T., (AT) (4)-(4),
 Kenneth G., (AT) (4)-(4), David F., (T) (4)-(4), Norman M., (A) (4)-(4)

ABSENT: Ed S., James T., Hank K., Myron C., Paul M., Lee N., Bob G., Julie W.,
 Charles D., Glenn P., Norman W., Norman B., Jerry R., Joe S., Sandy C.,
 Robert B., and Vincent W.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Literature - 20 Questions survival 1st Voting
 Motion - Tony D., 2nd - Al P.
 For 17 Against 1 Abstain 1 Passed
2. Literature Moral Inventory 2nd Voting
 Motion - Dave F. 2nd - Bill B.
 Written permission from Frankie D., Notarized. Hold copy until this has
 reached office?
 Motion For 19 Against 2 Abstain 0
 Amendment For 18 Against 2 Abstain 0 Hold for Document.
3. Literature maintaining abstinence from gambling. Put on back of amendment #1.
 For 12 Against 2 Abstain 5 2nd Voting
 Motion For 19 Against 2 Abstain 0
4. Literature to the New Member - Do I need a sponsor? 2nd Voting
 Motion Joel F. 2nd Bill B. (Brentwood)
 For 1 Against 16 Abstain 2
5. Combo Book - Page 1, 9, & 12 change personality to character. 2nd Voting
 Motion Bill B. 2nd Ed A.
 For 18 Against 0 Abstain 2
6. Combo Book - Page 16, question 11, delete any real property - add anything -
 Motion Bill B. 2nd Jack O. 2nd Voting
 For 19 Against 1 Abstain 0

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7. Combo Book - Page 11, change Score to Kill to; Win in both instances.
For 17 Against 3 Abstain 2 2nd Voting
- 8A. Letter from Australia; Harry P. Trustee. Answered by Jim Z., to be put in bulletin. Board of Trustees approved action taken by Jim Z.
For 20 Against 0 Abstain 0
- 8B. What is a G. A. Group: Motion by Steve S. 2nd Joel F. Article 9, Section 1; Whenever two or more persons with a desire to stop Gambling meet together on a regular, scheduled basis to discuss their gambling problem they will be known as a group, only if they apply themselves to follow Gamblers Anonymous literature. They are also to notify the National Service Office of their existence.
Amendment - Article 9, Section 1, 2, 3 & 4 be included on amendment.
For 11 Against 1 Abstain 8
On Motion For 15 Against 0 Abstain 5
- 8C. Introduction: Chief of Staff, Dr. Edwin Wright MD., & Dr. Dewey Jacobs PhD., Chief Psychology of Veterans Hospital at Loma Linda, Calif., to the Board of Trustees of Gamblers Anonymous, Research people in the People Business. People are sick in body, sick in mind, and sick in the heart. People helping people a treatment center for the compulsive gambler for a healthy Body, a healthy mind go together. Some times the persons who see a Dr. that has pain does not want to give up that pain.
To have a work shop from 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. Friday evening.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Literature - 21 questions for Trusted Servants. 1st Voting
Motion Howie C. 2nd George Y., to accept this as a piece of literature after cleaned up.
Amendment Dave F. 2nd Bill B., to accept this as part of the Guidance Code.
on Amendment For 15 Against 1 Abstain 7
on Motion For 8 Against 12 Abstain 3
2. Literature - Guideline for National Board of Trustees and Alternates of Gamblers Anonymous.
Motion Joel F. 2nd Al P. to accept this as a piece of literature.
Amendment for majority. 2nd Amendment put in bulletins April & May even year.
Mail to Intergroup.
On first Amendment - For 20 Against 0 Abstain 3
On 2nd Amendment For 19 Against 0 Abstain 4
On Motion For 19 Against 0 Abstain 4
1st Voting
3. Stoneham Group request reinstatement as a Gamblers Anonymous Group Tabled Bill B.
2nd Tony D.
For 13 Against 6 Abstain 4
Letter from chairman of Board of Trustees to Stoneham, Massachusetts group of the Trustees thought on A. A. 12 & 12.
4. Big Book - Committee report on the new Big Book.
Tape played made by Norman W. Contract with Writer alliance of fee of \$15,000.00 \$3,000.00 on signing - \$3,000.00 on submission of outline - \$1,500.00 on submission of the first draft of each unit of approximately 50 manuscript pages until the entire 15,000.00 is paid.

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5. Phil G.'s letter to the Board of Trustees was read to Board of Trustees and discussed.
Motion Bill B. 2nd Al G. to let the book committee handle and ask the lawyer to advise on distribution of letter.
For 19 Against 0 Abstain 4
6. Possible legal difficulties regarding Frank Speiring, writer and Gamblers Anonymous.
Motion by Dan B. answer complaint to summons. 2nd Big Book Committee to explore the options and follow the advise of an Attorney. Hire the best Attorney.
For 16 Against 2 Abstain 5
7. Can we purchase real estate for our N. S. O. headquarters and / or a halfway - house? Does this conflict with our unity program? Tabled unanimous by Board of Trustees.
8. 1982 Silver Anniversary Conference report - Financial report by 1982 conference committee George Y., Co-Chairman :

LOS ANGELES INTERGROUP
1982 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
P. O. Box 339
La Mirada, California
90637

Financial Report as of October 29, 1980.

Cash on Hand:

(a) Savings Account as Coast Federal S & L.....	\$3390.84
(b) Checking Account at Bank of America.....	\$ 144.01
Total cash on hand.....	\$3534.85

Income:

Funds from Eastern Conference to Finance 25th Anniversary Conference.....	\$ 894.00
Funds from Mid-Western Conference.....	\$ 278.00
Funds from Detroit Conference.....	\$ 148.00
Registration Receipts.....	\$2525.00
Interest accrued from savings account deposits.....	\$ 107.84
Total cash on hand.....	\$3952.84

Disbursement:

Post Office box rental and renewal.....	\$ 120.00
Extra key for Post Office box.....	\$ 2.00
Printing of flyers and registration forms.....	\$ 56.18
Office supplies.....	\$ 75.01
Rubber Stamp.....	\$ 11.00
Postage.....	\$ 33.80
Refunds on cancellations of registrations.....	\$ 120.00
Total disbursement.....	\$ 417.99

Respectfully submitted,
George Y. Co-Chairman

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8. Discussed on work shops on 1982 conference it was the feeling of the Board of Trustees, that there should be a lot of them. Everyone who wants to put on a work shop write to Committee about this the 1982 Conference Committee will send out flyers on this and put in bulletin.
9. N. S. O. Financial report was explained the first nine months the N. S. O. went in deficit of over \$3,000.00 the last two months we have made a profit only because of profits from 2 Conferences, one in May and one in July. The Board of Regents came up with the Lifeliner Cans and sent out to the groups in hope that this would put the N. S. O. in the Black. Lets all get behind this project. One and all.
10. Literature - Making the Program. Questions and Answers about Gamblers Anonymous. Motion Howie C. 2nd Ken G. 1st Voting
For 2 Against 19 Abstain 2
Steve S., made motion 2nd George Y. to revise existing Q. & A. about gambling and take the best on what is new from the new literature presented making the program and combined the two pieces.
For 20 Against 0 Abstain 1
Put in to committee; Steve B., Sy S., Ken G. and Steve T.
11. Sponsorship report - None motion. Ira C., 2nd
For 18 Against 0 Abstain 5
Write a letter to Hank K., in Toronto, Canada, to find out what they did with their Sponsorship they were going to try for 2 years.
12. Requirements for bidding on hosting a National Conference.
A.) Preliminary workup should be undertaken to establish the tentative conference site and dates.
B.) A Statement that the facility satisfies all rooms, meeting rooms, food & social functions requirements. Died for lack of 2nd.
Discuss time of year secret ballot.
13. Honorary new Big Book 1st Ed., copy motion to table.
For 15 Against 2 Abstain 6
14. Review - A. Suggested Mini Conference profit disbursements.
B. In equity in our Service Office's share of profits from National Conference (N. S. W. - Eric)
Bill B., Motioned on A. 2nd Steve B., profit same as National.
For 6 Against 15 Abstain 2

Trustees mail list corrected handled
15. Combo Book addition - Question.
I am a recovering Alcoholic, a member of A. A., do I need to attend G. A. meetings to correct my compulsive gambling problem? It has proven to be of little value in stopping gambling. It has been the experience of G. A. members that it is extremely difficult at best for any person to stop gambling without attending G. A. meetings. G. A. meetings offer you the strength, hope and experience of other compulsive gamblers like yourself who attend.
on Motion and 2nd
For 1 Against 19 Abstain 3
16. Guidance Code change - Article 25, Section 1, page 26 - Delete two thirds (2/3).
Motion Ken G. Bill B. 2nd
For 2 Against 16 Abstain 4

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17. Literature - Gamblers Anonymous conference guidelines. 1st Voting
 Motion to table for more work. Everyone take home make changes and bring back
 to Florida Conference in May.
 For 13 Against 2 Abstain 8
18. Expenses for members who would help start G. A. groups in new areas discussed
 pro. & con. no decision was made. No motion.
19. Guidance code change -- Article XI , Section 1, page 7 - Delete 2 years and add
 3 years.
 Motion on the question
 For 3 Against 16 Abstain 4
20. Board of Trustees physical meeting - 1982 When? Where?
 Motion Tony D. 2nd
 Amendment to include April 1982.
 For 1 Against 16 Abstain 6
 Motion to have one in year 1982, June 30 & July 1st.
 On motion;
 For 20 Against 2 Abstain 1
21. Election Board of Trustees officer's for following two years chairman nominations
 opened:
- | | |
|----------------|------------|
| Bill B. & 2nd | |
| Bill G. & 2nd | - declined |
| Steve B. & 2nd | - declined |
| Al P. & 2nd | - declined |
| Eddie L. & 2nd | |
- Elected Chairman of Board of Trustees - Eddie L.

2.) Assistant Chairman Nominations opened:

Steve B.	George Y.
Howie C.	Belle S.
Dave F.	Al P.
Bill B.	Steve T. - Declined

Elected Assistant Chairman - 1st Bill B.
 2nd Steve B.

22. Extend present Board of Trustees term to cover the July 1 & 2 tentative meeting.
 With compliance with guidance code article 11, section 3, page 8.
 Motion Bill B. 2nd Dave F.
 Amendment can relax Guidance Code - show of hands
 For 17 Against 3 Abstain 2
 On the motion -
 For 19 Against 1 Abstain 0
23. Literature - have available at the G. A. Publishing for purchase by groups, va-
 rious slogans: Easy does it - One day at a time - think list of character de-
 fects) etc.,
 Dropped from agenda.
24. Combo Book change page 11 - Change the gamble to: dream greater dreams etc. - to:
 They gamble and dream greater dreams etc. 1st Voting
 Motion Howie C. 2nd Jim P.
 For 5 Against 17 Abstain 1 Defeated

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25. Change Combo Book - page 15, place - most compulsive gamblers will answer yes to at least 7 of these questions, place after the last question on page 16.
Motion Pat M. 2nd Howie C. 1st Voting
For 15 Against 0 Abstain 8
26. Change combo book - recovery program page 4, Step 2.
Delete - a normal way of thinking and living add sanity.
On the question;
For 2 Against 20 Abstain 0
27. Combo Book change - recovery program page 4 step 5, add to: God after ourselves.
Motion Al P. 2nd Bill B.
For 2 Against 19 Abstain 2
28. Combo Book change - Recovery program - page 4, and 5, (switch numbers around, so the twelve steps will be in the following order: Steps 1, 2, and 3 remain the same - Step 6 will be 4 - Step 7 will be 5 - Step 11 will be 6 - Step 4 will be 7 - Step 5 will be 8 - Step 8 will be 9 - Step 9 will be 10 - Step 10 will be 11 - Step 12 will be the same.
Motion Bill B. 2nd Howie C.
For 0 Against 20 Abstain 3
29. National Conference guidelines - Literature everyone take back and work on for the conference in May in Florida.
30. Limit Board of Trustees agenda items to 15 minutes discussion.
Motion Pat M. 2nd Sy S.
For 12 Against 9 Abstain 2
31. Discussion on 30 days separation between Mini-Conference and National Conference.
Motion Phil G., change to 14 days. No Second.
32. Good and Welfare -
Bill G., talked on Article XI, Section 3, of Guidance Code to be used on Item 22, new business gave a brief talk on Ray M.'s letter about the founder Jim W. Send a get well card to or write him. His address is in October 1980 Bulletin, title "Lest we forget".
Al P. - A plug for May 1981 Conference in Miami, Florida.
Steve B. - Thanks Eddie L., for his past performance, stood by the Guidance Code of G.A., Help a lot of people who are still suffering.
Steve T. - I was under the impression that the Board of Trustees was different, I learn a lot, and hope to be a part of the Board of Trustees in future will not be at Miami Beach, Florida. Hope I never can write a check to any member of G. A. at a meeting.
Eddie L. - Public Relations for G. A. to secure an 800- telephone number to help speed up inquiries for cable television 24 hour answering. Wanted to thank Bill B., for his help in fulfilling his duty as Chairman, as well as Bob F., of California.
Belle S. - Wanted to thank Eddie L., for a great last 2 years of Chairmanship - Around of applause.

Closed with Serenity Prayer.

Collection \$140.00

Respectively Submitted,

Jim Z., - Recording Secretary
Board of Trustees & National Exec. Secretary