

MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

20TH EASTERN CONFERENCE

AT PHILADELPHIA MARRIOTT HOTEL

MAY 5, and 6th, 1983

The meeting was called to order by Eddie L., Chairman of the Board of Trustees at 2:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Designation-- Trustee (T) Alternated Trustee (A)
Alternate Trustee Acting Trustee (AT)
Number of Sessions (5) 100% Attendance
Number of Sessions Attended (5)

PRESENT: Manuel E., (T)(5)(5), Melvyn M., (T) (5)(5), Al G., (T)(5)(5), Don S., (A)(5)(4)
Phil G., (T)(5)(5), Howie C., (T)(5) (5), Jerry S., (T) (5)(5), Hank K., (T)(5)(5)
Bob G., (A)(5)(4), Ira C., (T)(5)(5), Charles S., (A)(5)(5), Al J., (T)(5)(5),
George J., (T) (5)(5), Jerry G. (A)(5)(5), Larry K., (T)(5)(5), Dick G. (A)(5)(5)
Dick G., (A) (5)(5), Bill G., (T)(5)(5), Jim P., (A)(5)(5), Don O. S. (T)(5)(5),
Eddie L., (T)(5)(5), Pat P., (T)(5)(5), Joe K., (T)(5)(4), Norman W., (A)(5)(4),
Jim S., (A)(5)(4), Milton K., (A)(5)(5), Tony D., (T)(5)(4), Joe O'N., (A)(5)(5),
Louis T., (T)(5)(5), David S., (T)(5)(5), Norman B., (A)(5)(3), Scott A., (A)(5)(4)
Joel F., (T)(5)(5), Joe S., (T)(5)(5), Si S., (T)(5)(5), Steve T., (T)(5)(5),
Steve B., (T)(5)(5), Robert N., (A)(5)(5), William B., (A)(5)(5), Phillip G.,
(A)(5)(5), George B., (T)(5)(5), Ken G., (A)(5)(5), Paul T., (T)(5)(5).

PROXIE: Vote by Harry P., Australia

ABSENT: Marcia R., (A), Lynne H., (A), Jerry S., (A), Abraham L., (A), Robert B., (A),
Bill G., (A), Gary E., (A).

Chris C., Philadelphia open the meeting from the East Pennsylvania & South Jersey Intergroup of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Welcome to the City of Brotherly Love. 20th Eastern Conference, liberty bell first rang here in the independence of many things. God has entrusted you a Gambler's Anonymous trustee, according to the guidance code of Gambler's Anonymous. It all begins in trust which without accomplishments are impossible, you are only two (2) things trustee or a messenger. Learn to trust God, learn to trust Others if you succeed, I will not love you more and if you fail, I will not love you less. Thank you.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Question and Answer pamphlet update. One paragraph for second voting page 2, para 4, rest unanimous on rest went over entire pamphlet.
2. Directory of Gambler's Anonymous terms-tabled committee Al G., Don S., Jim S., bring back to Chicago Conference cleaned up.
3. Combo book page 13 - after "can a compulsive gambler ever gamble normally again" add no. Approved For 25 Against 0 Abstained 0
2nd Vote
4. Combo Book page 2 - "after Gates of" add Prison. Approved
For 28 Against 0 Abstained 0 2nd vote

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DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Board of Trustees Committee to share basic information with members hosting National Conference. For the 2 Co. Chairman, #1 & #2 of the Board of Trustees to help with the work load. For 19 Against 3 Abs. 6
2. Valley Center Incorporation. Each trustee received a copy of Phil S., presentation of Valley Center Presentation, was made only to inform trustee's of Valley Center, what they were how they operate. Questions after and there were many all answered by Phil S., it is a separate eminuity not connected with Gambler's Anonymous.
3. Chairman Board of Trustee's talk.
 - A. Gambler's Anonymous drink a member of the National Council on compulsive gambling Incorporation, interested in this matter and they discontinued this drink
 - B. Amicos Curale brief - brief presented for some ones defence consisted of many of alot of self help groups etc and presented as a defence for a person on trial.
 - C. Trustee responsibilities. To be in G. A. Bulletin 2 times a year. Will be in June Bulletin
 - D. New member pocket from New Jersey, consist of Gamber's Anonymous new member reprint of add in news paper. Phone list combo book etc. and Gambler' Anonymous approved literature.
 - E. G.A.P. literature pockets - set of three of each piece of literature displayed on table at head of trustee room, for trustee's to be familiar with and know what is available through the G.A.P. of N.S.O.
 - F. Memorabilia display put in plastic protectors covers and have available for future use by conference.
 - G. Public awareness 30 seconds film brief filed with a case in court our name was in it was done by accident but it happened.
4. Open letter to Board of Trustee's tabled regarding Unity Step 6
 1. There is and apparent and alarming trend, based on recommendations, suggestions, and approvals by the Board of Trustees that is not in concert with the written word of the unity program of Gambler's Anonymous. Even with a most liberal interpretation Gambler's Anonymous continues to lend its name to an outside enterprise, thus violating its principals and a particular the 6th step of the unity program. With this open approval for such violations, being condoned, granted, and even suggested by the Board of Trustees it is a small wonder that personal recovery of members is jeopardized by unrest with groups struggling with the decisions of the Board of Trustees.
 2. STEP 6 - GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS SHOULD NEVER ENDORSE, FINANCE, OR LEND THE GAMBLER'S ANONYMOUS NAME TO ANY RELATED FACILITY OR OUTSIDE ENTERPRISE LEST PROBLEMS OF MONEY, PROPERTY AND PRESTIGE DIVERT US FROM OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE.

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Gambler's Anonymous multi-use Public Awareness Booklet - 1st voting.
Cost wise 50,000 at 45.00 per thousand
Cost wise 200,000 at 24.00 per thousand
Except this as a piece of literature color size OK, no fee out, with correction 1st page OK., with correction 2nd page OK., with corrections 3rd page OK. Telephone number confirm if right. Back of pamphlet raise for more room for stamp of local area and phone number voted on piece by piece, paragraph by paragraph. 1st voting english, spanish, french.
For 26 Against 0 Abstained 2
2. Sponsorship pamphlet - 1st voting motion by Howie C., as corrected 2nd by Hank K. For 27 Against 1 Abstained 0
3. Disk coin-size of 50¢ piece one side Serenity Prayer other side Gambler's Anonymous Logo with 2 years, 3 years, 4 years, 6 years, 7 years, 8-9, the disk would be given to Gambler's Anonymous members signifying anniversaries. Defeated For 10 Against 15 Abstained 3
4. Change eligibility for Board of Regents and Board of Trustees, from 2 two year to 5 (five) years. Discussed and voted on the question. Motion by Bill G., 2nd by Joel F. For 2 Against 24 Abstained 2
5. Intergroup = meeting should be held at least once a month and mailed to (1) all local Gambler's Anonymous groups (2) other intergroups (3) N.S.O. office and (4) All regional offices.
Motion Hank K., 2nd by Mel M. All Intergroup forward to N.S.O. and N.S.O. forward to the Groups. For 4 Against 18 Abstained 6 Defeated
Comply with Guidance Code.
6. National Trustee's shall serve no more than two consecutive terms.
Motion on the question Al G., 2nd by Erwin S.
For 12 Against 14 Abstained 2 Defeated
Recount For 13 Against 15 Abstained 0 Defeated
7. Can the N.S.O. and Eric maintain a central listing of all names and addresses of conference attenders on the question.
For 0 Against 27 Abstained 1 Defeated
8. Motion regarding 12 Steps of Recovery Tabled.
9. Cassette tape the reading of the Combo Book, make in english, spanish, french. Motion to table. Defeated Motion Bill B., 2nd Joel F., on the motion. For 24 Against 0 Abstained 4
10. Re-alignment of Trustee's and areas. Area 2 & 3 to switch groups (North California, North Nevada, Reno, South Lake Tahoe, Carson City) Area #8, made a bid for 2 trustees and 2 Alternates. Had their home work done present their case 8 states, 23 group members, 400 square miles 500,000 groups started since previous trustees alignment: Eleven add North Dakota, South Dakota, Kokomo, Indiana.
For 25 Against 0 Abstained 3

Area 2-A Phil G., North Dakota, South Dakota, give to area #8.
Area #10 and 10-A combined for 25 Against 0 Abstained 3
Area #7 Drop Texas
Area #13 Bid for 2 Trustees, 2 Alternates. For 25 Against 0 Abstained 3
Area #15 Gave up a Trustee and Alternate, so has to have 2 for area #8 and area #13

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11. Big Book approval and report fiction story, 2 parts by Mr. Johns of writer allowance Incorporation, to be given the normal copy write credit. Motion by George J., 2nd by Mel M., that we approve the committee recomadition that aurtoilization be given the Mr. Johns, 2nd part stories to be put in the New Big Book if apprciate. Motion by Phil G., amendment, 2nd by Mel M., Hire a attorney to go over the fiction story have it copy written with a copy wright Attorney. Motion by Norman B., #2, amendment not to exceed \$5,000.00
On the amendment. For 15 Against 7, Abstained 6
On the 2nd amendment. For 23 Against 0 Abstained 5
On the motion for 19 Against 4 Abstained 5

Acknowledge page this book was written by Gambler's Anonymous committee was formed of Erwin S., Norman W., Bill B., Eddie L., Sandy S. Acknowledge of Committee. For 20 Against 3 Abstained 5
Committee will act. on wishes writer allowance in contribution only
Motion by Bill B., 2nd by Sy S. For 5 Against 19

12. Change National Service Office to world service office tabled for legal advise to al G., from San Francisco, California.
13. Consider life time free subscription to bulletin to Jim W., was done 18 months ago by G.O.R.
14. Election National Executive Secretary term (7-1-83 to 6-30-84)
Namination Jim Z., Hank K., Bill B. By actimation Jim Z.
15. Election Chairman National Board of Trustee's and 2 Assistants Chairman

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| Eddie L., Declined | Dave F., Declined | Norman W., Accepted |
| Steve T., Declined | Joel F., Declined | Howie C., Accepted |
| Bill B., Declined | Al G., Accepted | Phil G., Accepted |
| | | Erwin S., Declined |

Voting for Chairman Al G., Norman W., Howie C., Phil G.
ELECTED Chairman Al G.

Nomination for 1 & 2 assistant Chairman

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| Howie C., Accepted | David F., Accepted | Erwin S., Declined |
| Bill B., Accepted | Eddie L., Declined | Steve B., Declined |
| Norman B., Accepted | Steve T., Accepted | Joel F., Accepted |
| | Jack O., Declined | Sandy S., Declined |

Voting for 1st & 2nd Assistant Howie C., Bill B., Norman B., David F., Steve T., Joel F.

ELECTED 1st Assistant Howie C.

ELECTED 2nd Assistant David F.

16. Combo Book page 15, add after most compulsive gamblers will answer yes, to at least seven of these questions-When you get home after this meeting review your yes answers and expand on them. 1st voting on the question. Motion Bill B., 2nd by Norman W.
For 1 Against 27 Abstained 0 Defeated
17. Combo Book page 1, change History to Preamble 1st voting call for the question. For 0 Against 28 Abstained 0 Defeated

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18. Combo Book page 17, #3, capitalize Don't Gamble for Anything (start sentence) this individes buying lottery tickets etc. 1st vote motion Al G., 2nd Marie E., put in bold type.
For 25 Against 1 Abstained 2 Passed 1st vote
19. Combo Book page 17, #3, delete or insert after pool or investing in the Stock Market, 1st vote. Motion Tony D., 2nd Bill G., on the question.
For 1 Against 21 Abstained 6 Defeated
20. Combo Book page 17, #8 get a sponsor you don't have to do this alone. Ask someone with time in the program to be your sponsor. They can Answer your questions and help you through the rough spots 1st vote. Call for the question. For 4 Against 22 Abstained 2 Defeated
21. How, I keep from Gambling-Booklet 1st vote tabled G. A. to Gambler's Anonymous misspelling uneasy his & hers booby trap. Not considered your family. Motion to table, 2nd Marie E.
For 21 Against 3 Abstained 4
22. Steve T., New York - It has been an honor to pertisapate in this meeting want to go on record of the Presentation of Valley Center. I received the news and view that did not set well with me. Thank
Bob N., New York - I would like to have the realinment committee to take in to consideration the expenses that have to cover vast areas. I also the maner we have Trustee's election be done make a study of how many votes should be given.
Sy S., New York - Count to be 700 we all do our job so we can come up with more and the next Eastern Conference, I am looking for an escort back to the intergroup New York, have to tell New York we lost a trustee etc...
Joel F., New York - Thanks for another year in Gamblers Anonymous.
Howie C., Las Vegas - I would like to see more unity in the G. A. groups and alot more principals before personality.
Jerry S., San Diego, California - Like to recomend some reasonable way some way that a G. A. member can attend any meeting he or she so desires, without being locked out of a meeting.
Bill G., Cleveland, Ohio - What a wonderful meeting we accomplished a lot I want you to know that the Brecksville meeting and Hospital Program and Dr. Taber, is going great and will correspond with the group of what is going on at Brecksville program.
Hank K., Ontario & Quebec-I want to express my feelings to Eddie L., of New Jersey for being our guest speaker at our 24 hours Marathon. Thank you with last minutes notice.search your heart that due to the economic as is have only one conference a year.
Al G., San Francisco, CA. - Thank everyone here for the confidence they have placed in me, I have enjoyed every minute of it. I want to thank the committee for the work done on sponsorship pamphlet. Thank you, six people did it every week.
David F., Connecticut - I want to thank everyone here for working hard for trying to improve the fellowship of Gambler's Anonymous, Treatment Center of Connecticut, was funded for another year. We had a lot of discussion on unity step 6, it can be done. I want to thank the trustees for putting confidence in me, for electing me Vice Chairman.
Norman B., Long Island, New York - Remember the reason we are here for it saved my life. This has been the best year of my life.
Dave S., Long Island, New York - Very happy to have retation very happy that I am here.

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- Scott A., Long Island, New York - Thank Board of Trustee's for a wonderful job they did, happy to be here to learn.
- Paul T., Connecticut - First time as a Trustee thank you very much for a job well done.
- Phil G., Western Canada, North Western States - Thank our chairman & vice chairman for a job well done thank all for being here and hope to see you for many many years more.
- George B., Upper New York - First time being here as a Trustee of my area happy to be here thank you.
- Mel M., Los Angeles, California - My wife is here also as a deligate of Gam-A- Non. I will try to be a little more quiet next time.
- Jim P., West Virginia - Glad to be here, we have doubled some area in my area they have grown in the last six months.
- Don S., North California - first time being here, thank all for a job well done.
- Joe K., New Jersey - I attended two other conclave, I have been told by a number of people it was a joke and I have found out that it is not. It was absolutly fantistic a great great job. Thank you Eddie L., for informal chat on sunday morning that helped a lot. Thanks.
- Charles S., Florida - I want to thank everybody here that helped me. My first trustee meeting in clasing, I want to give George J., Puerto Rico and all the alligators we have in Florida.
- George J., Chicago - I am a rookie here this is my first offical meeting as a trustee, I have been observing you people for eight years. I have been setting in back of these rooms dying to talk, I want to thank you for excepting me as a member of trustee's. I never once felt like a rockie. Thanks the out going officers thanks the incoming officers, they have helped me alot. Thank you.
- Bob B., Cincinnati - I want to thank the whole board for puting up with my explosions. I want to thank these four people at head of table for doing a fine job. Welcome the new elected officer. I am feeling good.
- Mannie E., Los Angeles, California - I want to appoligize for exploding my views on the Valley Center, I said what had to be said. I want to thank these four fellows at the head of the table New Offers coming in. I hope I can stick around for quiet a while.
- Larry K., Detroit - Wish to compliment the Board of Trustee's on a job well done. The work of this fellowship on the work of this board will never be done. To continue to pass along what you have received. Thank you.
- Joe N., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - My first meeting, I wish to thank everyone in this room for an experience, educational experience. Thank you.
- Joe S., New York - July 15, 19 years of absent form Gambling. Congradulate the out going officers for a job well done. Congradulate the New Officers Al G., Howie C., David F.
- Tony D., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - Thank the trustees for recognizing lasting of this conference this year to havethe Trustee's from San Diego, to send their minutes to Phildelphia, Pennsylvania thank you. If there was something that was distasteful it was not done intencial.
- Don O., Massachusetts - Grateful to be here as a Trustee of my area my first meeting alot of love expressed here Happy to be a part of of this. Thank you.
- Phil G., New York - Never Aragent thank you for letting me read the New Big Book Eddie L., emotional yes.
- Jerry G., Chicago - I talked to my wife today she asked if, I made a fool of myself, I said no. George told me on the plan coming here, I should not have to or, I could not help him with the convention in Chicago in October, 1983, I have learned alot five years clean this month thank you.
- Pat P., New Jersey - I want to congradulate officers coming in and out going officers a job well done.

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Milt K., New Jersey - Thank everyone did a fine job. I am proud to be a Trustee 's in New Jersey, conected with Eddie L., Chairman a great great conclave. Thank you. Milt does not talk alot but does alot of work.

Erwin S., New Jersey - 10 years end of month, I am always an a learning process for improvement of our fellowship, I see nothing but improvement from the first day, I came in to now. The fellowship works. Thank you. I will be here tomorrow.

Ray S., New Jersey - Very strong meeting, position meeting trustee to come here with a complete open mind and vote for the betterment of Gambler's Anonymous as a whole.

Bob S., Ohio - Glad to see everyone , everyone is doing a good job. Love the convention thank you.

Jack O., Chicago - Could not pick up.

Stafford K., Minnesota-Appreciate you calling on me real happy to be here and will be back thank you.

Bill B., New York - Not Aragent thank you for allowing me to take your time. We could all make the trustee meeting alot easier and alot more informative by doing our homework before we come here. The work the chairman did in getting the material to us to work with.

Steve B., New York - Proud to be from New York, thanks Eddie for the job has done after the past years. I'm sure his wife will be happy to have him back. I got a trumendious feeling about the Trustee's meeting. I think we accomplished a lot of work thank the incoming officers, thank the new trustee's for their input.

Jim Z., Los Angeles, California - Thank the outgoing officers than the incoming officers for their pertisapation the first time that every area in the U.S. and Canada all were present one by proxie Australia. Please send information on groups etc let me hear from you.

Eddie L., New Jersey - I sat in Cincinnati, Ohio for 14 hours in amazement involvement in Trustee amazed me. I wanted to get involved in Trustee work. It was sight to be hold discuss something for hours and come up with accomplishment. I have six children, youngest 15 now, he was so proud of me being chairman on the way up, I told him that, I was chairman that I was not going to run again he was disapointed but he will get over it. Thank you.

Harry P., Australia - Two things distrub him that the convention is Australia for the week end is only \$36.00. Disturbed on the amount of contribution to N.S.O. put a lid on it,lets as all work with the new officers, I will.

Annual G. A./Gam-A-Anon UK & Ireland Convention 1983

Time 13th and 14th, August, 1983

At The Grand Hotel Colmore Row

Birmingham B3 2BR. England

23. Any business brought before the Board and omitted.

24. Combo Book page 15 & 16

4A Have you ever felt remorse change remorse to sorry or sad after Gambling? on the question. For 0 Against 28 Abstained 0 Defeated 1st vote.

12B Were you reluctant to use gambling money for normal expenditures? To expenses. Motion made by Phil G., 2nd by Hank K. On the Question For 7 Against 21 Abstained 0 Defeated 1st vote.