

MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

1985 22nd EASTERN CONFERENCE

BROWN'S LOCH SHELDRAKE, NEW YORK

MAY 15, 16 & 17, 1985

The meeting was called to order by Bill B., Chairman of Board of Trustees at 3 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 (4)

PRESENT: Irving S., (T)(5)(5), Phil K., (5)(5), Manuel E., (5)(4)
Melvyn M., (A)(5)(5), Dan B., (T)(5)(5), Bob M., (T)(5)(5),
Abraham L., (AT)(5)(5), Hank K., (T)(5)(5), Harvey S., (A)
(5)(4), Sid A., (T)(5)(5), Robert V., (AT)(5)(4), George J.,
(5)(3), Stafford K., (T)(5)(4), Jerry G., (A)(5)(5), Lou D.,
(A)(5)(5), Danny Mc G., (T)(5)(5), Bill G., (T)(5)(5),
Jim P., (T)(5)(5), Tom S., (A)(5)(5), Robert G., (AT)(5)(5)
Matty C., (T)(5)(5), Eddie L., (T)(5)(4), Arnie W., (T)(5)(5)
Irwin S., (A)(5)(2), Tony D., (T)(5)(5), Dave S., (T)(5)(2)
Marvin H., (T)(5)(5), Don R., (A)(5)(5), Wm B., Ch (T)(5)(5)
Joe S., (T)(5)(5), Simon S., (T)(5)(5), Steve T., (T)(5)(5)
Jerry R., (T)(5)(5), Artie F., (A)(5)(5), Norman W., (A)
(5)(5), Marty D., (A)(5)(5), Scott A., (A)(5)(5), Sandy C.,
(A)(5)(1), Kenneth G., (T)(5)(5), David F., 2nd (AT) Chairman
(5)(5), Chet B., Ch. B.O.R. (5)(5), Edward B., (T)(5)(5).

ABSENT: Harry P., (T), Jim S., (A), Frank Mc K., (A), Peter A., (T),
Nina C., (A), Marvin H., (T), Morris B., (A), Dick D., (A)
Donald O. S., (T), James M., (A), Ed.W., (A), Thomas H., (A)
Charles H., (A), Keith M., (A), Paul T., (A)

2. Statement ground rules of meetings by Chairman. Many people sent things by letter or phone call, one item that was put on after dead line a group requesting reinstatement. Norman W., has a item plenty of time call on him when it comes up.
3. Minutes of the Meeting of October 17, 1985. By default accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

4. Guide of disbursement and raising of funds for Conferences. Pittsburgh Intergroup sold Cook Books for seed money. Committee was formed Aurthur F., Steve T., all National Conf's.
5. Report of Committee concerning distribution and price of New Big Book, 1st Edition to outside agencies and ways to get better distribution of Big Book both within and outside the fellowship. Mail list to go out next month to Library and Book Stores 1,650 who have a

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OLD BUSINESS:

5. budget of 90,000 per year. Give to 90 Day Plateau members, each individual, Each group, each Intergroup. Everyone make a push or drive on this selling the New Big Book, 1st Edition.
6. Report of Committee concerning the up-dating of National Service Office literature
 - A. To Radio & T.V. Stations
For...14 Against...1 (1st Vote)
 - B. Press Release For...18 Against...3 (1st Vote)
 - C. Dear Judge motion by Bill B., to table. Motion carried to table,
7. Translation of Combo Book into French has been done. Printing to combo size about (30) thirty days.
8. Suggested Therapy and Step Meeting Format Brochure. Spell out Gamblers Anonymous.

Paragraph 3	For...15	Against...8	
Paragraph 4	For...16	Against...4	
Paragraph 5	For...17	Against...4	
Paragraph 6	For...16	Against...4	
Paragraph 7 to 10A.	Motion by Norman W., seconded.		
Read the whole book.	For...15	Against...8	
Paragraph 11 to drop.	For...11	Against...11	Defeated
Paragraph 12 no time limit.			
	For...10	Against...10	Defeated
Paragraph 13	For...9	Against...12	Defeated
Paragraph 13	For...5	Against...13	Defeated
Paragraph 13	For...11	Against...13	Defeated
Paragraph 13	For...18	Against...5	Delete Gambling
Paragraph 15	For...17	Against...0	(1st Vote)
Paragraph 16	For...24	Against...0	
Paragraph 17	For...20	Against...0	
Paragraph 17A	For...0	Against...22	Defeated
Paragraph 18	For...23	Against...0	

Put in page 8 of Group Hand Book and single sheet print out motion entire page.
For...23 Against...0 (1st Vote)
9. "Gamblers Anonymous One Day at a Time" response from publisher and possible ways to overcome any objections. Motion by Mel M., seconded by Marie E. Stafford to contact publisher for our proposal to print Gamblers Anonymous One Day at a Time Book and bring back to

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OLD BUSINESS:

9. meeting in Detroit, Michigan.
For...27 Against...0
10. Second vote concerning set up on quantity literature packages.
For...19 Against...0
11. Second vote "Gamblers Anonymous Step Meeting" new literature paragraphs 4, 5, 7, thru 10, 14 thru 24, tabled.
12. Second Vote Guidance Code Page 15, Section 4 - "Any Trusted Servant is automatically removed from office by his own admission." For...23 Against...0

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Can Board of Trustees control the amount of money added to the net cost for conferences. Motion Mel M., seconded Irving S.
For...3 Against...22
- b. Can local intergroup or groups usurp the guidance lines of the definition of gambling. Motion Dan B., can not change seconded For...20 Against...4 Defeated
- c. Can National Service Office put a telephone number in directories where none appear especially in populated areas. N.S.O. be responsible for telephone committee Dave F., and Scott A.
- d. Can any one city have more than one answering service. If so, under what conditions, if any, how can it be controlled. Motion Ken G., seconded. Pressure Relief Group meeting for Las Vegas Group at Western Conference at San Diego, California. Chairman to contact all parties involved. July 19, 20, & 21st, 1985
- e. No Trustee shall serve more than two consecutive terms. Motion 2nd Marie E. Amendment
Amendment For...9 Against...7 Defeated
Revote For...10 Against...9 Defeated
Motion For...10 Against...11 Defeated
Revote For...11 Against...12 Defeated
- f. No Trustee should serve more than three consecutive terms.
For...15 Against...7 (1st Vote)
- g. Change definition of gambling to read: "Any betting or wager for money no matter how slight."
For...0 Against...24 Defeated
- h. Combo Book Page 16 question 13 to read: Did gambling make you careless of yourself and your family?
For...24 Against...2 (1st Vote)
- i. Have a three person committee oversee what goes into the Bulletin, not just the editor. Board of Regents has a three person committee on the bulletin Phil S., Karen H., and Marge C.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- j. Insert in the Guidance Code the vote taken in 1977 concerning length of time Trustees have to get the items on the agenda and for the Chairman to get to the hands of the Trustees. It is now 65 - 45 prior to conference.
For...24 Against...0 (1st Vote)
- k. Elect National Executive Secretary. Nomination: Jim Z.
Unanimous
- l. Confine Conference Financial Responsibilities and Result to Gamblers Anonymous. Discussion
- m. Trustees to insert in Guidance Code Page 8, Section 4A- Trustees removed from Board of Trustees for not fulfilling their duties in accordance with the Guidance Code can not succeed themselves.
For...14 Against...10 Defeated
- n. To insert in Guidance Code Page 8, Section 5A-If Trustee misses two meetings at the end of term and then is re-elected, the old absences will count towards automatic expulsion for missing three meetings in a row.
For...8 Against...13 Defeated
- o. To insert in Guidance Code Page 11-Upon election of new chair person and assistant chair persons of the Board of Trustees, it will be their responsibility to fulfill votes and suggestions approved by previous Board.
Was not handled.
- p. Combo Book-Page 10-Delete Items 3, 4, 5.
For...14 Against...13 (1st Vote)
- q. Combo Book-Page 10-Change first two lines to read: What are some characteristics of a person who is a compulsive gambler.
For...15 Against...9 (1st Vote)
- r. Combo Book-Page 11-Line 11 to read: "This is another common"
For...14 Against...6 (1st Vote)
- s. Combo Book-Page 13 Line 3, Change from "we believe that most people" to "we believe all compulsive gamblers."
For...2 Against...25 Defeated
- t. Combo Book-Page 8 starting with the last word third line from the bottom, "However it will seldom" to "However it will never"
For...19 Against...6 (1st Vote)
- u. Change Guidance Page 7 Section 1 to read: "Attend at least 52 Gamblers Anonymous Meetings per year."
For...7 Against...14 Defeated
- v. Place "Dear Instructor Letter in material available at no charge.
For...23 Against...0 (1st Vote)
- w. Combo Book Change from "I sought my brother" to "I sought my brother and sister."
For...3 Against...17 Defeated

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NEW BUSINESS:

- x. Change 12 Steps of Recovery everyone had a chance to talk on this. It takes 2/3 votes.
For...15 Against...11 Defeated
- y. Guidance Code Page 11, Section 2 - "To hold mail meetings as often as possible." Motion Eddie L., 2nd.
For...21 Against...2 (1st Vote)
- z. Combo Book Page 7, #6-Change to "Pressure Related Group meeting will be given to members when the trusted servant feels the member is ready."
For...7 Against...16 Defeated
- aa. Proper reprinting procedure of articles. Print as was do not change a word give credit where it came from written by etc.
- bb. Guidance Code Page 15, Section 4-Trusted Servants of Regional Service Office are required to have abstained from gambling for a least two years.
For...24 Against...1 (1st Vote)
- cc. Members who break anonymity. Large discussion Bill G., to find something and write a small article on this.
- dd. Outside people at Meeting - for example - psychiatrists. Discussion trusted servants to talk to psychiatrists.
- ee. Falls River, Massachusetts requests reinstatement has not complied with Guidance Code or using Gamblers Anonymous approved literature still using A.A. literature combo book displayed in room, but do not use a meeting time.
For... Against... Defeated
Unanimously
- ff. A request to have a group vote concerning whether or not the stock market is gambling. Norman W., motion compulsive gambler buy stock in stock market is gambling seconded.
For...5 Against...17 Defeated

Motion Bill B., seconded Arnie W., put in Guidance Code Page 14 after definition of Gambling separate paragraph for the compulsive gambler purchasing of stock, commodities, and option, is gambling.
For...8 Against...14 Defeated

Motion Steve T., seconded put in page 17, #3 for the Compulsive Gambler purchasing of stock, commodities, and options, is gambling. Amendment 1st buying stock, from stock market, options, commodities, is gambling. Dave P., amendment #2 buying stock, from stock market, is gambling.
On the Amendment #1 For...5 Against...17 Defeated
On the Amendment #2 For...24 Against...1
On the Motion For...24 Against...1 To be 1st Vote
Put in Combo Book Page 17, #3.

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NEW BUSINESS:

11. How it works letter from A.A. our permission to print to be answered by Bill B., Chairman of Board of Trustees. Tabled til next meeting.

Bob V., made a motion to have a South Western Conference in Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma area in February, 1986. New Orleans, Louisiana has bid on this one if approved. Motion Steve T., seconded to allow South Western Conference in February, 1986.

For...14 Against...1

OLD BUSINESS:

13. The Board of Trustee Chairmans expense of \$2,500.00 per year. 2 Votes. For...21 Against...0 (2-Votes)
14. Remove Article X, Section 1, Part-1 thru 8 Pages 6, & 7. Group representatives 2 Votes. For...24 Against...2
15. Change Article XI, Section 6 from 17 to 20. For...23 Against...0 (2-Votes)
16. R & U Book Committee Chairman said that he needs help, so all of Gamblers Anonymous members please write your part of the R & U Book and send it in to:

Tom S.
1683 Lander
Mayfield Hgts, Ohio 44124
Phone #(216) 461-2848-Home

Lets get on with this very important assignment, volunteer Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

GOOD & WELFARE:

David F.-It has been a privilege to help chair and work with this Trustees meeting. It was very constructive some of the important issues that come up. I look forward to seeing you in Detroit at the next Trustees meeting.

Manie E.-Excellent meeting, I love all of you. Thank you.

Sy S.-New York. I think I am glad that the Board of Trustees took a possion on the stock market.

Steve T.-New York. Most rewarding a lot of constructive things I am proud to be a member of the board.

Dave S.-Long Island. Sick yesterday L.L. to bid on next Eastern Conference we need your support then. Thank you.

Arnie F.-Between 2:30 & 2:40 was the most rewarding of my time in Gamblers Anonymous. I am very proud to be a member of this board. Thank you.

Don R.-I had a little difficulty on the change of 12 Step of Recovery thing for me to grow or and work on. Thank you.

Scott A.-New York. I am sitting here for my fourth Board meeting and I am amazed at myself. Thank you.

Dan B.-Most interesting Board meeting I have attended the changes and we have made

GOOD & WELFARE: Bob M.-This program is built around people talking to each other, I was real pleased to see the article Bill B., wrote for the Life Line bulletin thank you, I hope more people write their thoughts and experiences to the Life Line bulletin for exchange of articles & thoughts. Thank you.

Abraham L.-San Diego, CA., A very enlightening meeting, I will be back next meeting. Thank you.

Tony D.-My experience is giving and learning. I have grown today not to ask for the point of information. Thank you.

Irving S.-I am glad to see other people like me coming on the program. Thank you.

Mel M.-Southern CA. I am proud to be a member of this board and continue to grow and I am happy to be a part of it. Thank you.

Sid A.-Begining to reconize changes are necessary. Thank you happy to be a part of it.

Paul E.-Upstate, New York New In Trustees are not half as hostile as I heard you were. I have never taken a job I could not finish, I will put everything into the program that is necessary. Thank you.

Bob V.-Houston, Texas First Board meeting, I am not sure I understand it all, I will go home and digest it all. A great experience, I will take it One-Day-At-A-Time. Thank you all for your patience with me.

Norman W.-New York I was very much at peace with myself at this Trustees meeting. I must say about Bill G., he had tremendous feelings about what he puts on the agenda.

Marvin H.-Long Island, New York I appreciate the honesty and the feeling I have heard and this Trustees meeting, I have terrific feeling now and I am sure I will in the future. Thank you.

Phil K.-Southern, CA. Change in the Recovery Program, I am happy to be here. Thank you.

Chat B.-Chairman of Board of Regents They get better all the time, excellent discussions, I had my mind changed several times on issues. Thank you.

Tom S.-Cleveland A pleasure to be here great to see the majority of Trustees here for the changes.

Marty D.-New York Very fortunate to be here with this fellowship eleven (11) years of absence tomorrow the door was opened 11 years ago, tomorrow. Thank you.
Respect and Love.

Don M.-Detroit Seconded Trustee meeting, I am looking forward to see all of you at Detroit Trustees meeting.

Bill G.-Cleveland I think we have come a long way from Yonkers I want to see the proxy from Harey P., Australia. I say that seriously.

Lou E.-Privilege to be here a lot of changes and the meetings are developing for the better.

Sandy C.-New York I want to apologize for not been at the Trustees meeting yesterday, I had a work shop to night I have never before missed a Trustees session I am impressed with all the new people that have come in and been active a good change. Thank you. G. A. is growing up. I am very, very impressed about Gamblers Anonymous.

Joe S.-New York One month from now, I will be celebrating 21-years of abstained from gambling, I will go home richer from this conference.

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GOOD & WELFARE:

Jerry R. New York Five years Trustees meeting I want to thank everyone for their honesty and love for our program and get better and better all the time.

Jerry G.-Chicago, I have never seen a meeting run so badly as this one. I think every one should be cooperations or all parts and I am as guilty as anyone. We are really growing, I think the really hurt him by interruptions should all take our inventory thank.

Jim P.-I think this is the most rewarding Trustees meeting I have ever attended, I am delighted to be here. Thank you.

A note from George J.-Chicago read by David F., This is the best Trustees meeting, I have ever attended, I hope we can work together in the future, I am happy to be 1st Assistant Chairman of this Trustee body, I was happy to be here Thanks.

Jim Z.-I want to thank the Board of Trustees for honoring me with the National Executive Secretary again, I will do a good job to the best of my ability, I would like to have input for the bulletin two Trustees each month it would give us a head start on something constructive to start off with. Thank you.

Bill B.-I am a compulsive gamblers. I do not take the job lightly, I do put a lot of energy physical and other wise one thing, I was disappointed that most people did not do their home work.

Bill B.-If we break the ground work before we get into the room, I would like to see some communication with the chairman, but with one another. special meeting at 1:00 P.M. Saturday regarding proxy Harry P., Australia.

Bob M.-Motion accept the minutes as is seconded Joe S.

For...20 Against...0

Respectively Submitted by

Jim Z.,

National Executive Secretary