

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1987 AT 1:30 P.M.

A) ROLL CALL

B) INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

C) STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

D) MINUTES OF PHILADELPHIA MEETING

E) OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Recovery and unity revision. 2nd vote.
- 2) Pressure relief form (pages 1-3) 2nd vote.
- 3) Guidelines for establishing meetings in correctional facilities. 2nd vote.
- 4) Final review of new "Big Book".
- 5) Allocate \$600 to open new meetings with a maximum of \$5,000 per year. 2nd vote. (coordinate wording with B.O.R.).
- 6) Review the cost of attending conferences, possibly set a ceiling or a standard.
- 7) Committee report on proposal to have written, standardized election procedures for B.O.T. members.
- 8) Letter Re: Author of "Nation of Gamblers" to cease and desist.
- 9) "Big Steve" film.

F) COMBO BOOK

- 1) Pg. 17 #4; live the Gamblers Anonymous program one day at a time, don't try to solve all your problems at once. 2nd vote.
- 2) Pg. 12 ; after "relieved", insert "G.A. members have found that the best road to financial recovery is through hard work and repayment of our debts. Borrowing and/or the lending of money (bail outs) in G.A. is detrimental to our recovery and should not take place. 2nd vote.
- 3) Page 8, 1st paragraph; delete the 1st sentence and half of the second sentence to read: What is compulsive gambling? Compulsive gambling is an illness, progressive in its nature, which can never be cured, but can be arrested. 2nd vote.
- 4) Page 17 #1 change to; "Attend as many meetings as possible per week." 2nd vote.
- 5) Page 9; insert "Openmindedness" between honesty and willingness. 2nd vote.
- 6) Page 16; regarding the sentence; "most compulsive gamblers will answer yes to at least 7 of these questions".

- A) Change 7 to 3
- B) Change 7 to 12
- C) Delete sentence as it gives people a chance to deny they have a problem.

7) Recovery program - step 4;

- A) Take financial inventory out.
- B) Combine financial inventory and make a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.
- C) Add a step 8 for financial inventory and bump 8-12 down one.

- 8) Page 17; delete "particularly the new G. A. member".
- 9) Page 16, #18; change "Do" to "Did" to agree with all others in past tense.
- 10) Page 1; change from "who had recovered from to "who were recovering from".
- 11) Page 17, #3; delete any reference to stocks, options, etc.
- 12) Page 3, last paragraph; omit "lead normal happy lives" and insert "develop a better way of life". To eliminate problem understanding what is a normal life and to be consistent with page 14, 1st paragraph, last sentence.

G) GUIDANCE CODE

- 1) Art. XII, Sect. 4; insert that minutes be sent to "all" trustees within 14 days of the meeting. 2nd vote.
- 2) Art. IX, Sect. 1 to read; to follow G.A.'s guidance code and limit their use to only approved G.A. literature. 2nd vote.
- 3) Art. XI, Sect. 1; after "right to vote" insert "the trustee may also assign the right to vote to the alternate at his/her discretion, provided the chairman is notified prior.

H) NEW BUSINESS

- 1) For 5 years or so we added \$2 per head to conference attendees for the purpose of supporting the 25th anniversary. Should we reinstitute this policy to support the NSO?
- 2) Implement a method at NSO of maintaining a master copy of all literature and proofread before distribution. If errors are found, either reprint or correct with overlays.
- 3) Is giving money, to be used to purchase a raffle ticket, to be donated in the name of a charity, where you will not know the outcome, gambling for others?
- 4) Avoiding mini conferences being held close in time or area to a national conference. Possible rule minimum 3 months away from national in your area and at least one month away from any national.
- 5) Is it allright to put up billboards with the local Gamblers Anonymous phone number?
- 6) Is the speculative buying of real estate considered gambling?
Example given: Someone not in the realty business, buys a condo for the purpose of making a quick profit on the investment.
- 7) Should the B.O.T. make a determination that all short term speculative buying may be considered gambling? This would include, but not be limited to precious metals and other collectibles.
- 8) Implementation for setting up "Anniversary Life-Liners" procedure:
NSO requests names and anniversary dates of all active members from groups. One month prior to date, a letter of congratulations is sent to member with a return envelope and a thought of a way to celebrate might be a contribution to NSO.
Possible suggested formula:

1-4 years	\$ 6.00
5-9 "	12.00
10-14 "	24.00
15-19 "	42.00
20-24 "	66.00
Over 25 years -	196.00
- 9) Suggest purchase of a "memory writer" to Board of Regents to handle items such as "Anniversary Life-Liners".
- 10) Discussion on breaking of anonymity in our G.A. bulletin.
- 11) Conference site selection through May 1989.
- 12) Proposal to dissolve G.A. Publishing and incorporate it into G.A. NSO. Tax status to remain intact and bookkeeping greatly simplified.
- 13) Proposal for BOT to discuss and recognize the need for a one (1) hour meeting. Possibly designed for those 3 years and longer in program. Would reduce "boredom" and stimulate attendance.
- 14) What constitutes a G.A. member, or when does a G.A. member become an ex G.A. member? There are many times this comes up but the specific case is a member who has not attended any meetings for a long time, but writes the NSO to put their anniversary date in the bulletin.
- 15) Proposal to prohibit sexual workshops at conferences due to embarrassment, graphic illustrations, person giving same not being an authority etc. (Long letter to be read at meeting.).
- 16) Remove the word alternate every place it appears and just have trustees.

I) ANYTHING OMITTED FROM THE AGENDA

J) GOOD AND WELFARE

ADDENDUM

- 1) Australia needs a 2nd Trustee and Alternate.
- 2) Page 10 #2 to read: The only place I really felt like I belonged was sitting at a poker table, betting at the track, buying lottery tickets, betting sports events. While doing these things, I felt secure and comfortable.
- 3) Page 14: Eliminate "whether for money or not".
- 4) Page 8: Eliminate the word "simple".
- 5) Change the word "illness" to "disease" wherever used in the book.
- 6) Page 14: Change "for self or others" to "for self or with the intent for others".
- 7) Page 17 #3: Change "buying" to "speculating".
- 8) Have literature available for sale at conferences, even non G.A. approved.
- 9) Discussion item - placing bets for others. Is it gambling? Are you still clean? Can a group vote to exonerate? Can I/G bar the group from phone service?
- 10) Can a Trustee have four (4) years clean, but only one in G.A.? See XI, Section I, Page 6.
- 11) Second Trustee for the Florida area.
- 12) Change definition of gambling to add cashiers at racetracks are making bets for another.
- 13) Are G.A. golf outings approved? Literature?
- 14) New G.A. pin for birthdays for approval.

ATTENDANCE

THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT ALL FIFTY STATES HAVE TRUSTEES. PLEASE SERVICE THEM!
 - Four Meetings Were Held -

- AREA 1: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA & HAWAII - VINCE V. - 4; PHIL S. - 4
 AREA 2: NORTHERN CALIFORNIA & NORTHERN NEVADA - DAN B. - 4; MIKE G. - 4; VALERIE H. - 4; JEAN B. - 4.
 AREA 2A: BRITISH COLUMBIA & ALBERTA & SASKATCHEWAN - MANITOBA, WASHINGTON, OREGON, MONTANA, IDAHO - ROGER D. - 4.
 AREA 3: SOUTHERN NEVADA, UTAH, COLORADO, WYOMING - ROBERT J. - 4.
 AREA 4: ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA - HARVEY S. - 3.
 AREA 5: QUEBEC, LABRADOR, NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW FOUNDLAND, NOVA SCOTIA - LARRY G. - 3; ALBERT J. - 3.
 AREA 6: SOUTH FLORIDA & PUERTO RICO.
 AREA 6A: CENTRAL & NORTH FLORIDA, GEORGIA, SOUTH CAROLINA - JIM K. - 4.
 AREA 7: LOUISIANA, MISSISSIPPI, TEXAS, OKLAHOMA, ARKANSAS, LOUISIANA - BOB V. - SENT IN PROXY; JO ANNE S. - 4.
 AREA 8: ILLINOIS, MISSOURI, WISCONSIN, NORTHERN INDIANA, EAST IOWA - JERRY G. - 4; DON S. - 4.
 AREA 8A: NORTH DAKOTA, SOUTH DAKOTA, NEBRASKA, MINNESOTA, KANSAS, WEST IOWA - STAFFORD K. - 4.
 AREA 9: MICHIGAN, TOLEDO, OHIO - DENNY M. - 4; JAMES M. - 4.
 AREA 10: OHIO, KENTUCKY, TENNESSEE - BILL G. - 4; HERMAN S. - 4.
 AREA 11: MASSACHUSETTS, RHODE ISLAND, MAINE, VERMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE - DOMINIC C. - 4.
 AREA 12: NEW JERSEY, SUFFERN, NEW YORK - EDDIE L. - 4; BILL G. - 4; CHARLES F. - 4.
 AREA 13: EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, SOUTH NEW JERSEY, DELAWARE - ANGELO S. - 4; TONY - M. - 4.
 AREA 13A: MARYLAND, VIRGINIA, NORTH CAROLINA - DICK R. - 4.
 AREA 14: LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK - LEE K. - 4; TOM S. - 4; KEVIN M. - 4.
 AREA 15: NEW YORK CITY & SURROUNDING AREAS - MARTY D. - 4; NEIL A. - 4; SIMM S. - 4; BILL B. - 4; JERRY R. - 4; JOE L. - 4; NORMAN W. - 4.
 AREA 16: UPSTATE NEW YORK - PAUL P. - 4.
 AREA 17: CONNECTICUT, WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS, UPSTATE EASTERN NEW YORK - RICH E. - 4; ED B. - 4.
 AREA 18: EASTERN AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND - BARRY S. - 4.
 AREA 18A: WESTERN AUSTRALIA.
 CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES: GEORGE J. - 4
 1ST ALTERNATE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES: JERRY R. - 4
 SECOND ALTERNATE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES: DAN B. - 4
 CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS: BILL M. - 4
 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: IRVING S. - 4

ATTENTION: REMEMBER PLEASE THAT THE IDEAL SITUATION FOR MAXIMUM COVERAGE OF ALL AREAS IS TO HAVE THE TRUSTEE ASSIGNED AT ONE END OF YOUR DESIGNATED AREA AND THE ALTERNATE TRUSTEE ASSIGNED AT THE OTHER END. PLEASE WORK TOGETHER SO THAT YOUR ENTIRE AREA WILL BE SERVICED. THANK YOU EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:45 P.M. BY CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, GEORGE J.

- A. A SHORT TALK WAS GIVEN BY BILL G. OF CLEVELAND AND GEORGE J., CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REVIEWED THE GUIDELINES FOR THE MEETINGS.
- B. THE TRUSTEES AND ALTERNATE TRUSTEES INTRODUCED THEMSELVES AT ROLL CALL. THERE WERE FOUR MEETINGS (ATTENDANCE IS INCLUDED IN THIS BULLETIN).
- C. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST TRUSTEE MEETING, HELD IN PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA IN MAY, 1987 WERE READ AND APPROVED AS CORRECT.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. TABLED TO LITERATURE COMMITTEE, TO BE PRESENTED AT MONTREAL.
- 2. APPROVED. PAGES 1, 2, AND 3. SECOND VOTE.
- 3. TABLED.
- 4. TABLED.
- 5. APPROVED. SECOND VOTE.
- 6. DISCUSSION. A MULTITUDE OF CONSTRUCTIVE IDEAS WERE PRESENTED.
- 7. TABLED.
- 8. THERE WAS A DISCUSSION. GEORGE J. WROTE A LETTER TO THE PUBLISHER. THE RESPONSE BACK WAS THAT THEY ARE NOT PRINTING NOR SELLING THE BOOK.
- 9. THE COMMITTEE MADE IDEAS THAT WE WILL TRY AND CARRY THROUGH; EXAMPLE: THE SCRIPT SHOULD BE BETWEEN FIFTEEN AND TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES.

F. COMBO BOOK:

- 1. APPROVED. SECOND VOTE.
- 2. APPROVED. SECOND VOTE.
- 3. APPROVED. SECOND VOTE.
- 4. DEFEATED. SECOND VOTE.
- 5. APPROVED. SECOND VOTE.
- 6. DEFEATED. 6A, 6B, & 6C.
- 7. DEFEATED. A, B & C.
- 8. DEFEATED.
- 9. DEFEATED.
- 10. PASSED. FIRST VOTE.
- 11. DEFEATED.
- 12. DEFEATED.

G. GUIDANCE CODE:

- 1. APPROVED. SECOND VOTE.
- 2. APPROVED. SECOND VOTE, THEN TABLED TO MONTREAL.
- 3. APPROVED. FIRST VOTE.

H. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. DEFEATED.
- 2. NO DISCUSSION AS THE NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE IS HANDLING THIS.
- 3. DEFEATED. IT IS NOT GAMBLING.
- 4. DEFEATED. COMMITTEE OF JOE L. AND JERRY R. FROM NEW YORK WILL COORDINATE ALL CONFERENCE DATES.
- 5. DISCUSSION WAS HELD. THE CONSENSUS OF TRUSTEES OPINION WAS THAT IT WAS A POSITIVE THING.
- 6. NO DISCUSSION AS THERE WERE NO COMMENTS ON THE SUBJECT.
- 7. DISCUSSION WAS HELD, BUT NO DECISION WAS MADE.
- 8. DEFEATED.
- 9. NO DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE MATTER.
- 10. A DISCUSSION WAS HELD. NO LAST NAMES OF G.A. MEMBERS ARE TO BE GIVEN. OTHERWISE, IT IS UP TO THE DECISION OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.
- 11. CONFERENCE SITES WERE DISCUSSED.
- 12. DEFEATED.
- 13. A DISCUSSION WAS HELD, NO DECISION WAS MADE.
- 14. THERE WAS A MOTION FOR ONLY SECRETARIES TO SEND IN FOR BIRTHDAYS.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS TRUSTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 22 AND 23, 1987
HOLIDAY INN - CLEVELAND, OHIO

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H. NEW BUSINESS, Continued:

- 15. DISCUSSION WAS HELD, BUT THERE WAS NO DECISION.
- 16. DEFEATED.

I. ADDENDUM:

- 1. APPROVED.
- 2. DEFEATED.
- 3. DEFEATED.
- 4. DEFEATED.
- 5. DEFEATED.
- 6. DEFEATED.
- 7. DEFEATED.
- 8. DISCUSSION WAS HELD AND THE N.S.O. WILL HAVE THE ONLY APPROVED G.A. LITERATURE FOR SALE AT MONTREAL.
- 9. A LONG DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM WAS HELD.
- 10. DEFEATED.
- 11. APPROVED.
- 12. DEFEATED.
- 13. DISCUSSED AND DECIDED THAT IT SHOULD BE SETTLED BY INTERGROUPS, GROUPS OR PARTICIPATING MEMBERS.
- 14. ENGLAND DOES NOT, ACCORDING TO THE TRUSTEES, TAKE OUTSIDE CONTRIBUTIONS. THEY ARE PARTLY SUBSIDIZED FOR THEIR OFFICE RENT.
- 15. THE PROPOSAL FOR THE ANNIVERSARY KEY PASSED. THE NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE WILL ATTEMPT TO GET A LESS EXPENSIVE COST ON THE MANUFACTURE OF THEM.

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED WITH GOOD AND WELFARE, FOLLOWED BY THE SERENITY PRAYER.

THE COLLECTION FOR THE NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE FROM THE FOUR TRUSTEE MEETINGS WAS \$472.00.

SEE YOU ALL IN MONTREAL. STAY HEALTHY !

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
IRVING S., NATIONAL EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY

ANNIVERSARIES

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NEW JERSEY, Continued

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BILL B.	WEST ORANGE	2 YR.	11/3	STANLEY C.	SUFFERN	1 YR.	11/20
JOE D.	BLOOMFIELD	2 YR.	11/3	MIKE G.	UNION	10 YR.	11/22
TOM P.	FAIRLAWN	9 YR.	11/4	PETE S.	BOGOTA	16 YR.	11/23
DANNY B.	BLOOMFIELD	1 YR.	11/5	HENRY H.	BLOOMFIELD	3 YR.	11/24
HARVEY W.	OLD BRIDGE	1 YR.	11/5	DICK C.	SAYERVILLE	4 YR.	11/25
JOE D.	FAIRLAWN	5 YR.	11/6	PAT C.	OCEAN	6 YR.	11/30
GEORGE F.	BLOOMFIELD	4 YR.	11/10				
LARRY H.	SAYERVILLE	4 YR.	11/11	<u>NEW YORK</u>			
GEORGE C.	UNION	4 YR.	11/12	BILL S.	BEGINNERS	7 YR.	11/1
BRIAN M.	OLD BRIDGE	1 YR.	11/12	ANDY M.	HARTSDALE	1 YR.	11/3
JOE K.	FAIRLAWN	13 YR.	11/13	MATTY G.	FLUSHING	6 YR.	11/3
BARRY H.	UNION	4 YR.	11/15	LINDA M.	KISSENA	2 YR.	11/3
MITCH R.	WEST ORANGE	29 YR.	11/17	BOB K. #1	POMONA	12 YR.	11/3
LOU C.	BLOOMFIELD	1 YR.	11/17	AL B.	STATEN ISLAND	10 YR.	11/3
DAN B.	SAYERVILLE	2 YR.	11/18	ALAN L.	EASTSIDE 31 ST.	10 YR.	11/3
ALAN W.	BLOOMFIELD	6 YR.	11/19	STAN P.	BENSONHURST	2 YR.	11/4
JAY B.	OLD BRIDGE	11 YR.	11/19	EDDIE H.	WHITE PLAINS	2 YR.	11/4
GREG S.	FAIRLAWN	3 YR.	11/20	JOE T.	FLUSHING	1 YR.	11/4