

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 1988 AT 1:30 P.M.

- A) ROLL CALL
- B) INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS
- C) STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN
- D) MINUTES OF CLEVELAND MEETING
- E) OLD BUSINESS
  - 1) N.Y. Group - Letter enclosed.
  - 2) Recovery & Unity revision. 2nd vote. (Tabled from Cleveland).
  - 3) Guidelines for establishing meetings in correctional facilities. 2nd vote. (Tabled from Cleveland).
  - 4) New "Big Book". 2nd vote. (Tabled from Cleveland).
  - 5) Report on written standardized election procedures for trustees (Tabled from Cleveland).
  - 6) Big Steve film. A completed film will be available for viewing subject to results of mail meeting of March 4th. 2nd vote.
  - 7) Anniversary key. Follow up on pricing by N.E.S.
- F) COMBO BOOK
  - 1) Pg. 17, #3: Change to (add) "buying stocks, bonds, commodities and options". 1st vote.
  - 2) Add "just for today" before or after 12 steps. Runs about 4 paragraphs. Full copy at meeting.
  - 3) Pg. 17, #2: "Have telephone meetings with other members as often as possible". Use the telephone list.
  - 4) Pg. 1: Change from "had recovered" to "were recovering". 2nd vote.
  - 5) Revision of Pg. 17; copy attached. (Tabled from Cleveland).
  - 6) Pg. 17, #3: Remove all after "this includes" and replace with last paragraph of page 14.
  - 7) Pg. 17, #3: Change from "this includes buying from the stock market" to "buying from and/or speculating in the stock market".
- G) GUIDANCE CODE
  - 1) Article XI, Sect. 7: Add the sentence; "a copy of reimbursed expenses should be submitted to the Board of Trustees at the next physical meeting". 1st vote.
  - 2) Article X, 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". 2nd Vote.
- H) NEW BUSINESS
  - 1) Conference site selections: August, 1989 - East  
November, 1989 - West (Trustees)
  - 2) Requests for additional trustee and alternate: Area 8A, Area 13
  - 3) Two separate requests from Hazelden Press to add 12 steps of recovery to two pamphlets. Pamphlets are sold by them as aids to help compulsive gamblers.
  - 4) Guidance code defines regular attendance for national officers as 39 meetings per year. Clarify what is meant by meeting. Can this include open meetings, intergroup, meetings at conferences or mini-conferences?
  - 5) Can a trustee send in a proxy vote to a trustee's meeting even though the alternate trustee is in attendance?
  - 6) What can we do about a former (?) G. A. member, Gerry Fulcher, who apparently preys on G. A. members?
  - 7) Stipulate in writing the number of meetings required to get pinning or birthday. 39?
  - 8) Address the exact procedure for trustees approving minutes and when they can be published. List exact votes. Ex: Approved 24-3-2

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- 9) On a national broadcast, "48 hours", a G. A. meeting was filmed full face.
  - a) How did this happen?
  - b) What action should we take?
  - c) How can we avoid this in the future?
- 10) Establish a new trustee position to correlate the Board of Trustees, N, S, O and other countries.
- 11) Change the name of the National Service Office to International Service Office.
- 12) Change number of trustees from 36 to 72.
- 13)
  - a) Should a new member (1st meeting) be told "you don't give at your first meeting" and even have a trusted servant return his/her money?
  - b) What should be announced prior to collection when new members are present?
- 14) Should we list one time donations in the bulletin without donor's name? How does this differ from listing money amounts from groups?
- 15) Re-distribute National Conferences - map and plan to be brought to meeting.
- 16) Are pg. 2 and 3 of Combo Book plagiarized A. A. literature? Ref: A. A. Big Book, 3rd edition, chapter 3, page 30.
- 17) Have we oversaturated conferences? Should we have less national and more mini or regional conferences?
- 18) Discuss profit allocation from Cleveland conference.
- 19) Proposal for semi-annual review of funds expended and meetings opened by N.E.S., trustees, etc.
- 20) At a comment meeting, a new man may not comment until he is a member for 90 days.  
 A member states that he gambled the second week in the program and did not tell anybody about it. He wants to change his anniversary date back one week. He has been in the program one year.  
 The Room says "No - tonight is your new anniversary date because you have been lying to the Room - and your anniversary date begins the first night you tell the truth about the last time you gambled".  
 In some Rooms you are required to attend a certain number of meetings over the course of a year to celebrate your anniversary.

(I) ANYTHING OMMITTED FROM THE AGENDA

ATTENDANCE

AREA 1: PHIL S. - 3; LYNNE H. - 3; MANUEL E. - 2.  
 AREA 2: DAN B. - 3; MIKE G. - 3; VALERIE H. - 3; JEAN B. - 3.  
 AREA 2A: ROGER D. - 3.  
 AREA 3: TONY A. - 3.  
 AREA 3A: MALCOLM B. - 3.  
 AREA 4: HANK K. - 3; HARVEY S. - 1.  
 AREA 5: LARRY G. - 3; ALBERT J. - 3.  
 AREA 6: PAUL A. - 3.  
 AREA 6A: JIM K. - 3.  
 AREA 7: JO ANNE S. - 3.  
 AREA 8: JERRY G. - 3; DON S. - 3.  
 AREA 8A: STAFFORD K. - 3.  
 AREA 9: DANNY M. - 3; JAMES M. - 3.  
 AREA 10: BILL G. - 3; HERMAN S. - 3.  
 AREA 10A: JAMES P. - 3.  
 AREA 11: ALVIN H. - 3; DOMINIC C. - 3.  
 AREA 12: EDDIE L. - 3; BILL G. - 3; CHARLES F. - 3.  
 AREA 13: ANGELO S. - 3; TONY M. - 3.  
 AREA 13A: DICK R. - 3.  
 AREA 14: LEE K. - 3; TOM S. - 3.  
 AREA 15: MARTY D. - 3; NEIL A. - 3; SIMON S. - 3; BILL B. - 3; JERRY R. - 3; JOE L. - 3; NORMAN W. - 3.  
 AREA 16: PAUL P. - 3.  
 AREA 17: RICH E. - 3; ED B. - 3.  
 CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES: GEORGE J. - 3.  
 CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES: DAN B. - 3; JERRY R. - 3.  
 REPRESENTATIVE OF BOARD OF REGENTS: HOWIE R. - 3.  
 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: IRVING S. - 3.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS TRUSTEE MEETING  
APRIL 28 AND 29, 1988  
LE MERIDIEN - MONTREAL, CANADA

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,  
GEORGE J. AT 1:45 P.M., FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 1988.

- A. ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, IRVING S. EVERY AREA WAS ACCOUNTED FOR EXCEPT AUSTRALIA.
- B. EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD WAS INTRODUCED, PRIOR TO THE START OF BUSINESS.
- C. GEORGE J. MADE HIS OPENING STATEMENT.
- D. THE MINUTES OF THE CLEVELAND MEETING HELD IN CLEVELAND, OHIO IN OCTOBER, 1988.

APPROVED.....28 AGAINST.....0  
ABSTAIN.....1

E. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. DISCUSSED THE LETTER FROM THE LONG ISLAND INTERGROUP AND THE TRUSTEES ANSWER WAS GIVEN IN THE LETTER TO THEM BY GEORGE J. OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.
- 2. TABLED TO ORLANDO, FLORIDA MEETING IN OCTOBER, 1988. APPROVED.....18. AGAINST.....11. ABSTAIN.....3. TWELVE STEPS OF UNITY TABLED TO ORLANDO.
- 3. GUIDELINES FOR ESTABLISHING MEETINGS IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES (SECOND VOTE). APPROVED.....31. AGAINST.....1. ABSTAIN.....0.
- 4. NEW "BIG BOOK" (SECOND VOTE). TABLED TO ORLANDO MEETING.
- 5. STANDARDIZED ELECTION PROCEDURES FOR TRUSTEES TABLED TO ORLANDO MEETING. APPROVED.....16. AGAINST.....11. ABSTAIN.....5. THE MOTION TO HAVE THE ELECTION FOR TRUSTEES AND ALTERNATES AT THE SAME TIME WAS APPROVED.....22. AGAINST.....9. ABSTAIN.....1. THE AMENDMENT TO HAVE TWO VOTES PER GROUP WAS APPROVED.....27. AGAINST.....3. ABSTAIN.....2.

THESE ARE INTERIM GUIDELINES PENDING APPROVAL OF THE STANDARDIZED PROCEDURES.

- 6. WE SAW AND UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ACCEPT THE NEW FILM. THE BOARD OF REGENTS SHOULD TALK TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BEFORE MAKING A PRICE ON THE VIDEO AND MADE FOR TELEVISION FILM.
- 7. THE ANNIVERSARY KEYS WERE SHOWN IN GOLD AND SILVER. THE GOLD WILL BE SOLD FOR \$45.00 AND THE SILVER FOR \$22.00.
- 8. THE NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE RECEIVED THE STEP MEETING LITERATURE AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING IT INTO A PAMPHLET.

F. COMBO BOOK:

- 1. DEFEATED. 0.....APPROVED. 30.....AGAINST. 2.....ABSTAIN.
- 2. DEFEATED. 1.....APPROVED. 27.....AGAINST. 4.....ABSTAIN.
- 3. AFTER A DISCUSSION, THE PROPOSED CHANGE WAS DEFEATED. APPROVED.....0. AGAINST.....27. ABSTAIN.....5.
- 4. SECOND VOTE. APPROVED.....28. AGAINST.....0. ABSTAIN.....4. CHANGE FROM "HAD RECOVERED" TO "WERE RECOVERING".
- 5. DEFEATED. APPROVED.....0. AGAINST.....32. ABSTAIN.....0.
- 6. DEFEATED. APPROVED.....4. AGAINST.....26. ABSTAIN.....2.
- 7. DEFEATED. APPROVED.....4. AGAINST.....26. ABSTAIN.....2.

A SUGGESTION WAS MADE TO CHANGE THE TYPE IN THE COMBO BOOK TO A MORE LEGIBLE FORM.

G. GUIDANCE CODE:

- 1. MOTION DEFEATED. APPROVED.....13. AGAINST.....12. ABSTAIN.....7. TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED TO PASS.
- 2. MOTION DEFEATED. APPROVED.....2. AGAINST.....25. ABSTAIN.....5.

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H. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A DISCUSSION WAS HELD. A NEW JERSEY LOCATION IN AUGUST, 1989 FOR THE NON-TRUSTEE MEETING WAS APPROVED.....30. AGAINST.....2. ABSTAIN.....0. A NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LOCATION FOR THE NOVEMBER, 1989 TRUSTEE MEETING WAS APPROVED.....30. AGAINST.....1. ABSTAIN.....0.

A CAKE WAS BROUGHT OUT AND PRESENTED FOR BILL G., CELEBRATING HIS TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE TO GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS. HE WILL NOT RUN AGAIN FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

2. NEW ALIGNMENT AND ASSIGNMENT FOR TRUSTEE AREAS. A TRUSTEE WAS ADDED TO AREA 8. THERE IS NOW 8A AND 8B. AREA 8B CONSISTS OF MISSOURI, WESTERN IOWA, KANSAS, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. APPROVED.....28. AGAINST.....1. ABSTAIN.....3.
3. THERE WAS A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE HAZELDON PRESS TO INCLUDE THE 12 STEPS OF RECOVERY IN TWO OF THEIR PAMPHLETS. IT WAS APPROVED.....29. AGAINST.....1. ABSTAIN.....2.
4. A MOTION TO CHANGE THE GUIDANCE CODE TO "DEFINE REGULAR ATTENDANCE AS 39 G.A. GROUP MEETINGS FOR TRUSTEES. APPROVED.....25. AGAINST.....3. ABSTAIN.....3. (FIRST VOTE).
5. MOTION DEFEATED. APPROVED.....0. AGAINST.....30. ABSTAIN.....2.
6. MOTION TO PUT INTO BULLETIN, "WARNING ABOUT PEOPLE FROM OUTSIDE ENTITIES THAT SOLICIT MONIES FROM G.A. PEOPLE". APPROVED.....27. AGAINST.....3. ABSTAIN.....2.
7. A MOTION WAS MADE TO PUT INTO THE GUIDANCE CODE, SECTION 4, ARTICLE 9 (PRESENT SECTION 4 BECOMES SECTION 5), "AT LEAST 39 MEETINGS PER YEAR FOR ABSTINENCE FROM GAMBLING AND REGULAR G.A. ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS REQUIRED FOR PINNING FOR ALL SUCCESSIVE ANNIVERSARIES. APPROVED.....23. AGAINST.....6. ABSTAIN.....3. (FIRST VOTE).
8. MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEE MEETING TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BEFORE PUBLICATION. TWENTY-ONE DAY TIME LIMIT. AMENDMENT APPROVED.....20. AGAINST.....9. THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.....21. AGAINST.....8. THE MOTION TO PUT "GOOD & WELFARE" ON THE MINUTES WAS APPROVED.....23. AGAINST.....5. ABSTAIN.....1.
9. DISCUSSED A, B, & C. WAITING FOR A LETTER TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FROM LAS VEGAS. WE WILL MAKE UP A FORM FOR TELEVISION INTERVIEWS. WE MUST KEEP UP OUR ANONYMITY. DISCUSSION CLOSED AFTER FIFTEEN MINUTES.
10. TABLED. APPROVED.....23. AGAINST.....3.
11. MOTION TO CHANGE THE NAME OF NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE TO INTERNATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE WAS APPROVED.....23. AGAINST.....7. ABSTAIN.....2. (FIRST VOTE).
12. MOTION DEFEATED. APPROVED.....1. AGAINST.....31.
- 13A. WE ACCEPT DONATIONS FROM G.A. MEMBERS AT THEIR FIRST MEETING. APPROVED.....29. AGAINST.....2. ABSTAIN.....1.
- 13B. WE ARE SELF SUPPORTING. WITHDREW MOTION. NO MORE DISCUSSION.
14. A MOTION TO EXCLUDE DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN ONE TIME DONATIONS THAT ARE PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY BULLETIN WAS APPROVED.....23. AGAINST.....9.
15. DISCUSSION. TABLED TO ORLANDO TRUSTEE MEETING. APPROVED.....21. AGAINST.....4. ABSTAIN.....7.
16. DISCUSSION. MOTION TO GIVE A.A. RECOGNITION THAT SOME OF A.A. LITERATURE IS PLAGERIZED. APPROVED.....12. AGAINST.....18. ABSTAIN.....2. MOTION DEFEATED.
17. DISCUSSION. TABLED TO ORLANDO TRUSTEE MEETING. APPROVED.....21. AGAINST.....4. ABSTAIN.....7.
18. DISCUSSION. GAM-ANON WILL TAKE CARE OF SENDING THEIR PORTION OF THE CLEVELAND PROFIT TO E.R.I.C.
19. TRUSTEES DISCUSSED THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY EXPENDITURES FOR TRAVEL TO START NEW MEETINGS THAT WERE SPENT LAST YEAR. THE NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE WILL GIVE A REVIEW OF THE FUNDS AT ALL TRUSTEE CONVENTIONS.
- 20A. A MOTION MADE THAT EACH INDIVIDUAL GROUP DECIDE ON ACTUAL TIME MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ON PROGRAM. APPROVED.....11. AGAINST.....17. ABSTAIN.....2. MOTION DEFEATED.

- 20B. DISCUSSION. MOTION MADE THAT A MEMBERS ANNIVERSARY DATE IS THE DAY HE ATTENDED HIS FIRST G.A. MEETING. APPROVED.....32. AGAINST.....0.
- 20C. DISCUSSION. NO COMMENT.
- 21. A MOTION WAS MADE TO REFER TO POINT #7 AND PUT IT IN THE COMBO BOOK RATHER THAN THE GUIDANCE CODE. APPROVED.....13. AGAINST.....15. ABSTAIN.....3.

L. ADDENDUM:

- 1. PAGE 5, SECTION 9 & 10 OF GUIDANCE CODE - "ELECTION FOR NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IN ORLANDO IN OCTOBER.
- 2. PUT IN GUIDANCE CODE , ARTICLE IX, SECTION 1, "ONLY G.A. APPROVED LITERATURE". APPROVED.....28. AGAINST.....3. ABSTAIN.....1.

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

THE COLLECTION FROM THE TRUSTEE AND BUSINESS MEETINGS WAS \$593.00.

THE NEXT NATIONAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AUGUST 12, 13 AND 14, 1988.

THE NEXT TRUSTEE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA, OCTOBER 28, 29 AND 30, 1988.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
IRVING S., NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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