

ORLANDO, FLORIDA      OCTOBER 27 &amp; 28, 1988

THE MEETING WAS OPENED BY GEORGE J., CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT 1:35 P.M. ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1988.

- A. AN OPENING STATEMENT BY GEORGE J. EXPLAINED THE WORKINGS OF THE BOARD AND THE PROCEDURES, AND URGING THE NEW PEOPLE TO GET INVOLVED IN THE DISCUSSIONS.
- B. ROLL CALL AND CORRECTIONS WERE MADE ON THE TRUSTEE LIST BY IRVING S., NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.
- C. ALL MEMBERS (TRUSTEES AND ALTERNATES) WERE INTRODUCED.
- D. THE MINUTES OF THE MONTREAL CONFERENCE OF APRIL, 1988 WERE READ AND ACCEPTED.                      APPROVED.....32      AGAINST.....1
- E. OLD BUSINESS:
1. MOTION WAS ACCEPTED TO MAKE RECOVERY AND UNITY. APPROVED.....18  
AGAINST.....3      ABSTAINED.....12      SECOND VOTE.
  2. MOTION WAS MADE AND PASSED ON FIRST VOTE.      APPROVED.....26  
AGAINST.....3      ABSTAINED.....4      SECOND VOTE.
    - A. MOTION WAS MADE IN BIG BOOK TO ELIMINATE NAMES IN PERSONAL STORIES AT THE END.      APPROVED.....21      AGAINST.....8  
ABSTAINED.....4
  3. RE-ASSIGNED TO NORMAN W. AND TABLED.
  4. MOTION WAS MADE AND DEFEATED.      APPROVED.....0      AGAINST.....26  
ABSTAINED.....7
  5. MOTION WAS MADE AND PASSED ON SECOND VOTE.      APPROVED.....29  
AGAINST.....0      ABSTAINED.....4
    - A. IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND AGREED THAT WALES, IRELAND, SCOTLAND AND ENGLAND GROUPS HAVE THE RIGHT TO ADOPT CHANGES OR MODIFY ANY APPROVED G.A. LITERATURE AT THEIR DISCRETION.
  6. MOTION MADE FOR TWO NATIONAL TRUSTEE CONFERENCES PER YEAR. APPROVED.....30      AGAINST.....1      ABSTAINED.....2      MOTION TO KEEP FOUR EXISTING AREAS ROTATION PASSED. APPROVED.....24      AGAINST.....3
  7. MOTIONS MADE TO HAVE THE TRUSTEE CONFERENCES IN THE SPRING AND FALL.      APPROVED.....26      AGAINST.....0      ABSTAINED.....7
  8. THE FEBRUARY, 1990 CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN THE SOUTH WAS CANCELLED.      APPROVED.....30      AGAINST.....0      ABSTAINED.....3
- F. COMBO BOOK:
1. THE MOTION WAS MADE TO RE-DO AND MAKE ADDITIONS TO THE SPANISH AND FRENCH LITERATURE. THE LITERATURE TO BE UPDATED WOULD BE THE COMBO, NEW MEMBER, PRESSURE GROUP HANDBOOK, AND PUBLIC AWARENESS PAMPHLET. MONIES ALLOTTED FOR UPDATING OF FRENCH AND SPANISH LITERATURE TO BE \$500.00 EACH. APPROVED.....25  
AGAINST.....4      ABSTAINED.....4      *for language*

- 1. Continued.....THE UPDATED LITERATURE MUST BE PROOFREAD BY THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE BEFORE BEING MADE AVAILABLE FOR SALE.
- 2. MOTION MADE TO ADD THE WORD "FULL". FIRST VOTE. APPROVED.....17  
AGAINST.....15 ABSTAINED.....1
- 3. MOTION MADE AND DEFEATED. APPROVED.....3 AGAINST.....23  
ABSTAINED.....7
  - A. MOTION MADE AND DEFEATED. APPROVED.....3 AGAINST.....28  
ABSTAINED.....2
- 4. MOTION MADE AND DEFEATED. APPROVED.....2 AGAINST.....30  
ABSTAINED.....1
- 5. MOTION MADE ON DEFINITION OF GAMBLING ON PAGE 14 TO LEAVE OUT  
"WHETHER FOR MONEY OR NOT" AND REPLACE IT WITH "FOR ANY MONETARY"  
DEFEATED. APPROVED.....1 AGAINST.....29 ABSTAINED.....3

G. GUIDANCE CODE:

- 1. MOTION MADE THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND BOTH  
CO-CHAIRMEN HAVE A \$5,000 PER YEAR EXPENDITURE TOTAL, APPROVED BY  
CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES AND PAID BY THE NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE.  
FIRST VOTE. APPROVED.....32 AGAINST.....0 ABSTAINED.....1
  - A. MOTION THAT THE TWO CO-CHAIRMEN HAVE UP TO \$1,200 EACH  
EXPENSES. DEFEATED. APPROVED.....20 AGAINST.....13
- 2. PAGE 5, ARTICLE 10, SECTION 9, REMOVE "ON OR BEFORE JUNE 20TH  
OF THE EVEN YEAR ". FIRST VOTE. APPROVED.....26 AGAINST.....1  
ABSTAINED.....6
  - A. PAGE 5, ARTICLE 10, SECTION 10, ELIMINATE LAST SENTENCE. FIRST  
VOTE. APPROVED.....26 AGAINST.....1 ABSTAINED.....6
- 3. ARTICLE XX, SECTION #3, PASSED. FIRST VOTE. APPROVED.....30  
AGAINST.....0 ABSTAINED.....3
- 4. MOTION MADE. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE INTERGROUP MEETINGS, PICNICS,  
BUT DOES INCLUDE BIRTHDAY MEETINGS. SECOND VOTE. APPROVED.....29  
AGAINST.....1 ABSTAINED.....3
- 5. MOTION MADE TO MOVE ARTICLE 9, SECTION 4 TO SECTION 5 AND PUT "THIRTY-  
NINE MEETINGS" AS SECTION 4. SECOND VOTE. APPROVED.....29  
AGAINST.....0 ABSTAINED.....3

H. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. DISCUSSED SITUATION. NO VOTE WAS TAKEN.
  - A. THERE WERE DIFFERENT WAYS SUGGESTED TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM,  
I.E. INTERGROUP, GUIDANCE CODE, HOME GROUP, ETC.
- 2. AFTER DISCUSSION, NO VOTE WAS TAKEN AND KANSAS CITY, KANSAS G.A.  
WILL STAY WITH AREA 8B.

3. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN THE FALL OF 1989 WAS DEFEATED.  
APPROVED.....0      AGAINST.....31      ABSTAINED.....2
  - A. MOTION WAS MADE FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN 1992  
ON THE EAST COAST OF THE UNITED STATES.      APPROVED.....30  
AGAINST.....0      ABSTAINED.....3
4. THE AREA TRUSTEE REPORTED THAT THERE ARE THREE GROUPS THAT READ  
A.A. LITERATURE AT THE MEETING. THEY ARE: 1. STONEHAM      2. METH-  
EUN      3. FALL RIVER
  - A. A MOTION WAS MADE TO SUSPEND THE THREE GROUPS IF THEY DO NOT  
COMPLY WITH THE GUIDANCE CODE.      APPROVED.....27  
AGAINST.....1      ABSTAINED.....5
  - B. AN AMENDMENT WAS MADE THAT THERE WILL BE A TWO MONTH MORA-  
TORIUM SO THAT THESE GROUPS UNDERSTAND THE DECISION ON THIS  
MATTER AND THE TRUSTEE WILL EXPLAIN IT TO THEM.  
APPROVED.....24      AGAINST.....6      ABSTAINED...3
5. MOTION MADE TO RECOGNIZE RAY M. AS CO-FOUNDER OF GAMBLERS ANONY-  
MOUS. DEFEATED.      APPROVED.....0      AGAINST.....28      ABSTAIN-  
ED.....3
6. VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS PASSED.      APPROVED.....25      AGAINST.....5  
ABSTAINED.....3      YES, WITH FULL CREDIT.
7. VOTE ON THE MOTION THE CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN SHOULD TELL THE HOST  
GROUP THAT THE INVOCATION SHOULD BE GENERIC WAS PASSED.  
APPROVED.....32      AGAINST.....0      ABSTAINED.....1
8. DISCUSSED THE VALUE AND NEED FOR LOCAL AND MINI-CONFERENCES.  
MINI-CONFERENCES ARE LOCAL AND NO BULLETIN ADVERTISING.
9. MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE GUIDELINES. FIRST VOTE. PASSED.  
APPROVED.....29      AGAINST.....0      ABSTAINED.....4
  - A. MOTION MADE AN AGREEMENT TO MEDIA. FIRST VOTE. PASSED.  
APPROVED.....33      AGAINST.....0
10. AFTER DISCUSSION ON THIS MATTER, A MOTION WAS MADE TO TABLE IT.  
APPROVED.....21      AGAINST.....12
11. AMENDMENT PASSED TO SEND COPY OF ALL LITERATURE TO ALL TRUSTEES  
AND ALTERNATES. MOTION MADE TO SEND ALL LITERATURE TO LITERATURE  
COMMITTEE. PASSED.      APPROVED.....24      AGAINST.....1  
ABSTAINED.....8
12. MOTION MADE AND DEFEATED.      APPROVED.....1      AGAINST.....32
13. TRUSTEES DISCUSSED NEW FILM, "EVEN UP THE ODDS".
14. IRVING S. WAS RE-ELECTED NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR A TWO  
YEAR TERM.
15. MOTION MADE TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE NATIONAL OR STATE COUNCILS  
OF COMPULSIVE GAMBLING. DEFEATED.      APPROVED.....11  
AGAINST.....17      ABSTAINED.....5

MINUTES OF THE GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

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16. MOTION WAS MADE AND A DISCUSSION FOLLOWED. DEFEATED.  
APPROVED.....11      AGAINST.....17      ABSTAINED.....5
17. MOTION WAS MADE AND DEFEATED.      APPROVED.....3      AGAINST.....23  
ABSTAINED.....7
18. MOTION WAS MADE THAT IF A TRUSTEE BECOMES CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
OF TRUSTEES, HIS ALTERNATE SHOULD HAVE THE VOTING PRIVILEGE.  
DEFEATED.      APPROVED.....14      AGAINST.....14      ABSTAINED.....5
19. DISCUSSION ITEM ONLY.
20. A MOTION WAS MADE THAT "AFTER A MOTION IS DEFEATED, IT CANNOT BE  
BROUGHT UP FOR A PEIOD OF TWO YEARS. FIRST VOTE. THIS WILL BE  
PLACED IN THE GUIDANCE CODE IF PASSED AT THE NEXT TRUSTEE CONFERENCE  
APPROVED.....26      AGAINST.....5      ABSTAINED.....2
21. DISCUSSION ON CONFERENCE SITES FOR 1990. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
CANCELLED THE SOUTH FOR FEBRUARY, 1990. AFTER PRESENTATIONS BY  
THREE CITIES IN THE EAST, THE TRUSTEE CONFERENCE FOR MAY, 1990 WILL  
BE IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

L. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

1. DAN B. OF SAN FRANCISCO WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES FOR A TWO YEAR PERIOD UNTIL JUNE 30, 1990.
2. DAN M. OF DETROIT WAS ELECTED FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR A TWO YEAR  
PERIOD UNTIL JUNE 30, 1990.
3. LARRY G. OF MONTREAL WAS ELECTED SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR A TWO  
YEAR PERIOD UNTIL JUNE 30, 1990.

ADDENDUM

1. MOTION MADE TO TABLE. PASSED. TONY P. CAME FRIDAY AND SAID AT THIS TIME,  
THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE OBSERVERS AND NOT HAVE TRUSTEE STANDINGS.
2. MOTION PROPOSED. DEFEATED.      APPROVED.....1      AGAINST.....27  
ABSTAINED.....5
3. DISCUSSION HELD. MOTION MADE AND PASSED THAT BOWLING IN MONEY LEAGUES  
IS GAMBLING.      APPROVED.....27      AGAINST.....1      ABSTAINED.....5
4. THIS ITEM WAS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FELT THAT INTER-  
GROUP MONIES SHOULD NOT BE USED TO BUY OR MAKE GIFTS TO ANYONE OUTSIDE  
OF G.A.

- 5. MOTION TO BAR MEMBER IN DETROIT FROM GOING TO G.A. MEETINGS, AND IF DETROIT INTERGROUP NEEDED FINANCIAL HELP, WE WOULD ASSIST THEM. PASSED.  
APPROVED.....30      AGAINST.....0      ABSTAINED.....3
- 6. ITEM WAS DISCUSSED. THE CONSENSUS OF THE TRUSTEES WAS THAT THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ACTED RIGHTLY. EACH CASE IS DIFFERENT.
- 7. A MOTION REGARDING G.A. MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN "FAMILY INTERVENTION" WAS DEFEATED.  
APPROVED.....5      AGAINST.....21

ADDITIONS

THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE UNITED KINGDOM WAS REPRESENTED AS OBSERVERS. THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND A MEMBER OF THEIR BOARD OF TRUSTEES SAT IN ON THE TRUSTEE MEETINGS AND AN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS PREVAILED. EVERYTHING WAS POSITIVE AND WE WILL START WORKING ON A TRULY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR 1992.

ROLL CALL - FOUR MEETINGS:      AREA 1: PHIL K. - 4, KAREN H. - 4; AREA 2: VALERIE H. - 4, JEAN B. - 4; AREA 2A: ROGER D. - 4; AREA 3: MONTY M. - 4; AREA 3A: RICH G. - 4, MALCOLM B. - 4; AREA 4: HANK K. - 4; AREA 5: LARRY G. - 4; AREA 6: MICHAEL V. - 4; AREA 6A: PAUL A. - 4, JIM K. - 4; AREA 7: JO ANNE S. - 4; AREA 8: DON S. - 4, JERRY P. - 4; AREA 8A: STAFFORD K. - 4; AREA 8A: DAVE B. - 4; AREA 9: DANNY M. - 4, JAMES M. - 4; AREA 10: HERMAN S. - 4, JIM B. - 4; AREA 10A: JIM P. - 4, CHUCK C. - 4; AREA 11: ALVIN T. - 4; AREA 12: BILL G. - 4, EDDIE L. - 4, IRWIN S. - 4, MARC C. - 4, ROBBIE B. - 3; AREA 13: TONY M. - 4; AREA 13A: DICK R. - 4; AREA 14: LEE K. - 4; LOUIS M. - 4; AREA 15: MARTY D. - 4, NEIL A. - 4, BILL B. - 4, ALLAN B. - 4, JOE L. - 4, JOE S. - 4, NORMAN W. - 4, BERNIE P. - 4, BENJAMIN N. - 4; AREA 16: PAUL P. - 4; AREA 17: RICH E. - 4, HARRY V. - 4; CHAIRMAN, GEORGE J. - 4; SECOND ALTERNATE, DAN B. - 4; CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF REGENTS, ANDY P. - 4; NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, IRVING S. - 4.

GOOD AND WELFARE

GOOD AND WELFARE WAS EXCEPTIONALLY EMOTIONAL FOR QUITE A FEW OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS. ALL IN ALL, EVERYONE IN GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS FEELS THAT THERE WILL BE GROWTH THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

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