

Telephone Conference Call Committee Report
May 2020

The past month has passed very quickly for the Telephone Conference Call committee, as our GA recovery community continues to deal with the Covid-19 crisis.

Nightly meetings continue to be held from 8:00-10:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The 8 trained moderators have developed a schedule that includes (for the nightly meetings): a meeting moderator, a timekeeper, a person who inputs caller information and someone who is ready to open a newcomers room in the case of 3 or more newcomers being in attendance at the meeting. Those who are new to the program and claim a desire to stop gambling are read the 20 Questions, either in the main room or in the newcomers room. At the Friday afternoon meeting, held from 3:00-4:00 Eastern Time, newcomers are welcomed and read the 20 Questions following the meeting. This meeting lasts an hour.

Attendance has again dropped slightly for some of the meetings. Current attendance ranges between 25-90 callers per meeting. There is a significant number of attendees who have 90 days or less of clean time in our program. Other attendees range up to those who have 40 or more years of clean time.

It has been an amazing experience for the moderators to be able to offer this vital, life-saving service to our brothers and sisters in the program.

The Canada-wide meeting has also met the challenge. They now have meetings on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday. This information has also been updated on the Trustee website.

Spanish speaking meetings originating from Mexico continue to be held on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. Meetings from Madrid, Spain and Riga, Latvia held in their native languages have been added to the roster of approved meetings. Moderators for these meetings have been trained by members of the Telephone Conference Call committee and their formats have been approved. These meetings are also included on the list found on the Trustee Website. (Meeting times are listed by the local time of the originating cities.)

The dedication shown by the moderators has been nothing short of amazing. The GA program is very, very fortunate to have such stalwart members take up and maintain these meetings for such a long period of time.

Please make sure that you are getting the word out to GA members in your area. A full list of meetings can be found on the Trustee website.

Respectfully Submitted.

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