1. **Opening Matters** 
   * 1. Check-Ins and Sobriety Statements
     2. Usual Readings
2. **Assign roles**
   1. Facilitator – **Seth S.**
   2. Record Keeper – **Celia G. (replaced by Seth S.)**
   3. Timekeeper – **Christina M.**
   4. Spiritual Reminder – **All**
3. **Announcements**

Gabriel reminded BOT that Florida Roundup via Zoom was 10/16 to 10/17; Texas Roundup via Zoom was all week, 10/19 to 10/23; and St. Louis recovery retreat was 10/23 to 10/25.

1. **Approval of Today’s Agenda** - Approved with additions:

Added discussion of November BOT meeting time (Jay)

Added discussion of Service Dog (Celia)

Added duties of Board Liaison (Nancy)

1. **Approval of last Month’s Minutes**

Minutes from September 12, 2020 Meeting.

Discussion of four items that should be modified in the minutes. Jay moved to accept minutes as amended, Rick seconded. Amended minutes approved: 7-0-1

1. **Monthly Action Items**
   1. Post preliminary Agenda for October 10 2020 in DropBox – **Seth S** – (DONE)
   2. Forward August 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes to Beth and Pam – **Celia G**. (no done)
   3. Post Third Qtr. Financial Report to the Newsletter – **Jay G.** (DONE)
2. **Routine Reports**
   1. Suggestions to the Board Report –
3. (FROM CJC – 7-31-2020) – Discussion and motion.

Letter from CJC requesting options regarding Sober Dating Booklet (CJC Letter to Board 0731202.docx)

Lengthy discussion by BOT (several round-robin discussions) regarding Sober Dating Booklet and how best to handle this request from the CJC. Some BOT members felt the potential revenue was significant and it should not be free while others favored posting it for free. Most BOT members voiced agreement that this was a timely publication that should be made available to Fellowship members sooner rather than later even though dating plans differed by individual and were often evolving over time for members (much like bottom lines in the Program). Some BOT members felt that the Conference committee could go ahead with publication and amend it as necessary without Conference approval if it was non-Conference approved. Some BOT members were troubled by the precedent of pulling a publication back that had been submitted to F.W.S. for publication and the impact that might have going forward on the BOT’s oversight of all publications. There were differing views on whether this was a Journal publication of a special edition of the Journal or a stand-alone publication.

Multiple motions were made and seconded only to be withdrawn due to a general lack of group conscience. Eventually the BOT got to Christina M.’s revised motion:

Allow the Journal to publish the Sober Dating Questions for Discussion pamphlet packaged with the Sober Dating Focus booklet on Amazon Kindle for a price of $5.99.

P.A. seconded the motion. BOT voted to approve motion: 7-0-1.

**Action item**: Christina M. to take the decision to the CJC and make arrangements for this to happen through the BPDC.

1. (FROM member – 9-02-2020) – This item tabled until next month due to time constraints.

Grave concerns regarding fellow in violation of Traditions (File – member Email)

* 1. Webmaster’s Report – No questions or discussion

***(2020-10 Webmaster Report.pdf***)

**BUSINESS**

**ELEVATED PRIORITY:**

**a.)**Discussion of content/posting of BOT Minutes*–***Celia G.**

Discussion of the topic that the minutes need to reflect the content of the meeting and that leaving out significant content, which formed the basis for the BOT members to make or reach a decision would be problematic.

A lengthy, multiple round, round-robin discussion ensued.  Some BOT members felt that most Fellowship members had little to zero interest in what the BOT was doing and this was not a critical issue.  Other BOT members felt that the Fellowship members should have unfettered access to the minutes so that the BOT appeared to all to be above-board; redacting minutes or not publishing minutes would cause members to ask why the change and raise suspicion about the intent of the BOT. Some BOT members expressed concern about the legality of redacted or “washed” minutes and believed the BOT needed to seek legal advice on what the content of the minutes should be and whether or not to publish those minutes to properly be in compliance with Texas corporate law.

Motion by Seth: That the BOT seek the advice of a TX corporate attorney regarding whether the BOT is forbidden from posting our minutes and are we forbidden from having detail in those minutes.

Gabriel seconded.  BOT approved the motion: 7-0-1.

1. Discussion of BOT Meeting time for November – **Jay G.**

Australia already changed its time in October and the U.S. is changing its time in early November so there will be a 16-hour time difference between U.S. Eastern Time (ET) and Australia Eastern Time (AET).

Jay moved: The BOT change the meeting time for the November 2020 Regular 3-hour meeting to: 3:00 pm ET; 2:00 pm CT; 12:00 (noon) pm PT and 7:00 am (Sunday) AET.

Rick seconded. BOT approved the motion: 8-0-0.

**Tabled Items:**

The following items were tabled until the next BOT meeting in November:

1. Discussion of Shoky P. non-BOT member application for BDC – **Seth S.**
2. BOT, BOT Committees, Conference Committees to acquire a shared Zoom Account?- **Christina M.**
3. BPMC 2021 ABM Recommendation – **P.A. K.**
4. CSpC needs an update on BOT’s  2020 stance on “no matching” of sponsors to sponsees by third parties. – **Nancy G.**
5. Request that Board Committee Subcommittees (ABM Planning Committee and LCEP) provide monthly written reports and items for discussion to the full BOT monthly to keep the BOT apprised of any and all developments. – **Seth S. –** Chair
6. BPDC requests for Amazon Kindle publication of past The Journal issues, Sober Dating Focus booklet and Sober Dating Questions for Discussion. – **Christina M.**
7. Establishment of Board Committee Goals and Objectives and set due dates DUE DATE NOVEMBER BOT MEETING - **Seth S. –** Chair
8. Discussion around possible BOT virtual retreat to do strategic planning for the BOT and the Fellowship – **Seth S. -** Chair

**REGULAR PRIORITY:**

a). Discussion of H.O.W.Literature - *H.O.W. Literature Discussion* [Remove from Agenda??]

1. Working with a nonprofit corporation Intergroup – NY Intergroup, Houston and LA

**Check-outs**

**Closing Prayer:**

*Higher Power- make me worthy to serve You through this Fellowship and the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. Help me to be generous with my time and effort, to give without counting the cost, to give back wholly for what I have so freely received without looking for any reward, other than that of knowing I have done your will. Through my service, may I give hope and peace to those who still suffer.* – **Gabriel G.**

**Meeting Schedule for Conference Year 2020-2021**

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| *~~12 Sept 20 – Regular~~* | *~~10 Oct 20 – Interim~~* | *14 Nov 20 – Regular* |
| *12 Dec 20 – Interim* | *9 Jan 21 – Regular* | *13 Feb 21 – Interim* |
| *13 Mar 21 - Regular****14* Mar 20 – Regular** | *10 Apr 21 – Interim* | *8 May 21 – Regular* |
| *12 Jun 21 – Interim* | 10 Jul 21 – Regular | F2F (?) |