

"Bridge Technical Service Meeting Minutes"

Title Voted in by membership in January

(errors on Feb 21 and 28 minutes noted)

Weekly Meetings held every Saturday at 2PM (except second Saturday)

February 28 2015 (Fourth Saturday in February)

Present: 3 "Meeting Space Building Representatives"

Title voted in by membership in January

Thursday Noon Present

Saturday 8AM Present

Third MSBR Absent (ill)

Titles as stated on Feb 21 2015:

Monitor Chair (present) phonemeetingsmonitor@yahoo.com Chair meeting

Info Committee Chair (present) phonemeetingsinformation@yahoo.com

Web Committee Chair (absent) phonemeetingsweb@yahoo.com

"Scribe" - member from Upstate NY
(Title offered by minutes taker)

(Feb 14 was the Concepts Workshop)

Reading of Feb 21 Meeting minutes, slight revisions and accepted

This phone bridge's website <http://phonemeetings.org>

**NOTE: Use of www.alanonphonemeetings.org now leads to an error message
Please announce this in all meetings on 712 432 8873 line**

NOTE: Location of minutes: <http://phonemeetings.org/schedule.htm>

OLD BUSINESS

-- New format to accommodate the needs of the disabled includes but does not exclude able speakers

Proposed time (not yet fixed on the schedule) 6PM Sunday Proposal to put the format on the web

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed before Feb 21:

- ** March 17 Marathon, using holiday format
- ** After meetings - wish to discuss pros and cons

Added as of Feb 21:

- ** Revisit GC in July 2014 regarding blocked member
- ** Number to address failure of this line - please confirm if there are two numbers and if so why

(this matter was resolved at the end of the meeting, item recorded here)

SOLE BACK UP NUMBER FOR TECHNICAL EMERGENCIES:
605-562-0020 code 924308304# ***Star 6 to UnMute***

Item #1 -- March 17 Marathon, using holiday format

Comments:

- why use the name of the holiday?
for some drunks every day is a drinking holiday

marathons can happen at any time

picking particular holidays gives the message that bridge supports particular religions, causes
marathons are about messaging and outreach
just call it a marathon.... great idea

Marathons as "national holidays"?

- need four speakers and four leaders
extra meetings at 2pm (weekdays) 6PM (weekdays) 12AM (Weds) 2AM (weekdays) EST/EDT
- member from NYC offered a phone number (not recorded on the web)

Item #2 After Meetings Discussion

After meetings are spilling into formatted meetings, wish to discuss pros and cons
positives - openness, healing exchanges, sometimes feel like real meetings, very informative
negatives- lack of AI Anon structure, outside issues/programs/books discussed, tension, gossip, arguments

Comments

- I don't use after meetings as often as I use regular meetings
tendency for people to talk a long time, please be mindful of others
- after meeting is not a "parking lot"
items not to be discussed

outside literature, outside programs
forms of gossip, more personal conversation back and forth

ppl call in, hear this stuff, think it's AI Anon

keep in mind that ppl call in who are new to AI Anon - this may be their first impression

- once before there was a small fellowship on the lines and the after meetings were short
we have grown a lot since then - almost a thousand people use this "room" in any given day
- Newcomer from Seattle - it felt like a meeting, was very informative
has also heard open chat lines and knows they have issues
- tend to be more comfortable on the after meeting when it is a bit more organized
- no one has jurisdiction over after meetings, there is no format
where does the authority lay to "chair" the after meeting lay?
should there be a chair for the entire after meeting or is it possible to do only short (15 minute)
service here?
potential for dominance on the line is great
- consider revisiting workshop AI Anon Spoken Here (it was very informative for a member)
- consider revisiting service workshops to support more formal meeting secretaries, this assists with
after meetings
- Monitor Committee chair does believe in the collective wisdom of many voices elected to represent
their groups.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR NEXT WEEK (March 7)

- a) More discussion on the after meetings (first item of business)
- b) Revisit GC in July 2014 regarding blocked member
- c) Workshop AI Anon Spoken Here
- d) Workshop AI Anon Service

Next meeting will be held:

First Saturday Bridge Tech Service Mtg March 7 2015 @ 2PM

Second Saturday - Concepts Workshop March 14 2014 @ 2PM

Third Saturday - Bridge Tech Service Mtg March 21 @ 2PM

**** The first WSO Conference Call in support of all AI Anon Phone Lines at 4-5PM
EST March 21**

**The second WSO Conference Call in support of all AI Anon Phone Lines at 4-5PM EST
March 26**

**NOTE - these meetings are not happening on the 712 432 8873 line, they are on a special WSO
line**

Fourth Saturday - Bridge Tech Service Mtg March 28

****NOTE THIS IS NO LONGER CALLED THE ALL GROUPS MEETING OR THE ALL GROUPS CONSCIENCE**

NOTE AGAIN:

All service addresses and web addresses have removed the word "alanon" per request by WSO

Respectfully submitted by Member from Upstate NY