

Minutes: Ontario Intergroup of SLAA
Thursday, June 26, 2014. 7:00-8:30 PM
Room 2008, Cardinal Carter Wing, St. Michael's Hospital

Present: Jody N. (Chair, Fall Conference Chair); Dionne F. (Vice-chair, Chair Spring Retreat); Jim D. (Secretary, Hamilton IR); Susan O. (Literature Rep., Sat. 5:30 IR); Alan B. (FWS Delegate, Brampton IR, *interim* Niagara IR); John F. (Phone and PI, Pickering IR); Charles V. (Website); Justin O. (Prison Outreach, Oakville IR); Fred K. (Tues 7:00 PM IR); Michael C. (Fri 6:00 PM IR); Daniel W. (Thurs 12:15 PM IR); Tom B. (Sun 10:00 AM); Alex C. (Tues 7:00 PM *alternate* IR).

Absent with regrets: Tim W. (Treasurer, last month in this position); Jim B. (Rockwood IR).

1. **Meeting begins** with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
 - done
2. **Introductions/Attendance.**
 - done
3. **Reading of Trusted Servant's Prayer.**
 - done
4. **Reading of the Twelve Traditions.**
 - done
5. **Reading of Draft Minutes by Secretary – Jim D.**
 - Read bullet form from May minutes.
 - Accepted group conscience.
6. **Secretary announcements – Jim D.**
 - Beginning Recovery in Places Where No Meetings Exist – FWS Info site
<http://www.slaafws.org/no-meetings>
7. **Reading of Reports:**
 - a) **Treasurer – Tim W.** (outgoing absent) Report read by Dionne F. (Vice-chair)
 - Dionne read the report submitted by Tim (see attached)
 - Noted the changes in the Reserve Funds as decided at our last meeting.
 - Jim D. pointed out that we have a significant amount in the General Fund; we should start to think about moving some money to FWS Delegate Fund and to FWS.
 - Fred suggested we wait until the new Treasurer is established before moving any funds – which was agreed by group conscience.
 - Report accepted group conscience.
 - b) **Literature – Susan O.**
 - Reporting through 20 June on the Report
 - Gave details of report (details of the report not yet available as changes may need to be made)
 - We have a surplus of \$269.58 (over Prudent Reserve).
 - Susan raised the issue of cost of shipping. Last shipment cost was about 21% which is well over the 15% we have been charging for quite some time now.

- Cost of shipping has gone up a lot as has the cost of customs.
 - Alan suggested that we estimate the rate of shipping based on several of the last transactions.
 - John asked if we could send COD. Susan says that is more expensive and not desirable.
 - Charles said that all costs (by estimated weight) are known from post office and can be added to the price of shipments.
 - Jody commented that we should try to keep it simple.
 - Fred suggested that we raise the cost of all items by a few percent rather than raising the shipping.
 - Jody suggested that we live with the 15% for now and re-evaluate again at the next meeting.
 - Susan will track the charges for shipping in the recent past and over the summer and report back in September. We will leave the charge at 15% for now. (agreed group conscience)
 - The Report was accepted group conscience.
- c) **Website** – Charles V.
- Submitted his report. (see report attached)
 - Jim commented that the Ottawa contact said that they were still active.
 - Charles said he would check with the source on this.
 - Clarified, by Jim, what needs posting on the “Where the Money Made” item.
 - Accepted Group Conscience.
- d) **FWS Delegate** – Alan B.
- FWS reported that they need Pen Pals for prison inmates; those interested can go to the FWS site for more details;
http://www.slaafws.org/NEWSLETTERS/2014-06/CPOC_Report_May2014.pdf
 - Amazon and iTunes availability of the Basic Text in an electronic form, see link at <http://store.slaafws.org/prod/BO-004.html> to order on line (about \$US10.00).
 - Charles suggested that we can add a link to this e-purchase to our website.
 - A suggestion was made to change the date of future conferences ABC/M (currently in August which is more expensive as holiday season). We support this change.
 - Motions to change bylaws – Alan did not read as not relevant to groups
 - Motion to change the annual contribution maximum from \$12 000 to \$20 000/per group per year. We are in agreement.
 - Accepted by group conscience.
- e) **Phone Line and Public Information** – John F.
- John brought the report for both May and June (see attached).
 - Accepted group conscience.
- f) **Correspondence received and sent** (checking mailbox) – Susan O.
- Tim retrieved 2 cheques from mailbox for Literature.
 - Deposited by Tim in Literature account.

- Accepted group conscience.
- g) Fall Conference 2014 – Jody N.**
 - See attached report for details.
 - First draft Flyer available on to placed on the website; please circulate.
 - Accepted group conscience.
- 8. Old Business:**
 - a) Update on getting a Visa Card for the Literature Rep. – Susan O.**
 - No update
 - b) Discuss the FWS project to produce an SLAA version of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions (from AA).**
 - Noted that IG reps should be reviewing this text and sending feedback to FWS.
 - c) Huntsville – new group - gave a report (see attached).**
- 9. New Business:**
 - a) Daniel W. is willing to stand for election to Treasurer – group to discuss and vote.**
 - Nominated from Tom and 2nd by Fred for Daniel to be the new Treasurer.
 - Daniel stated that he has about 1.5 years in SLAA and that SLAA is an important part of his life as is the program. No accounting background. He runs his own business and knows how to use spreadsheets so knows how to balance accounts.
 - Proposes to keep the reports simple.
 - After discussion, Daniel was elected unanimously.
 - Charles will need contact information for Daniel to transfer confidential information related to website etc. Jim and/or Jody will do this.
 - b) Discuss Tradition 7 and the SLAA-Ontario bylaws as it relates to “start-up” money for new groups.**
 - Tabled
 - c) Discuss invitation from CAPSA – Alan B.**
 - Pass on the information about the CAPSA invitation just for their information. Jim D. will do this. Note: this has now been done by separate email.

Next Meeting will be held on Thursday 25 September 2014 7:00 PM

Meeting ended at 8:35 PM with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer

Jim D. (Secretary, in service)

See Attachments below:

Treasurer's Report

SLAA Ontario Intergroup
May 26 to June 22, 2014

Statement of Fund Balances

	DR.(CR)	FUND					ASSETS		
		General	FWS contributions	Conference	Retreat	AA Ont Rec Conf	FWS Delegate	Total	Bank
Opening balance as reported		(3,107.24)	(203.91)	(200.00)	-		(300.00)	(3,811.15)	
Contributions	Brampton	(100.00)							
		<u>(100.00)</u>	(100.00)					(100.00)	
40% to FWS reserve		40.00	(40.00)						
Bank charge		4.95							
Fido charge		<u>30.51</u>							
		<u>35.46</u>	35.46					35.46	
									-
Adjust reserves		1,150.00		(300.00)	(500.00)	(350.00)			
		<u>(1,981.78)</u>	<u>(243.91)</u>	<u>(500.00)</u>	<u>(500.00)</u>	<u>(350.00)</u>	<u>(300.00)</u>	<u>(3,875.69)</u>	3,875.69
Expected expenditure				<u>200.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>		<u>1,800.00</u>		

Webmaster report June 26, 2014 – Charles V.

- Received a message from a member who discovered a few things: 1. The Ottawa meeting on Friday “Helpless no more” has not functioned for years and 2. The email address as posted on our website for FWS slaafws@aol.com is out of date. I searched the FWS website there were no results so I suggest we replace with this link. <http://www.slaafws.org/contactfws>
- Forwarded about 3 emails for response
- Uploaded temporary “where the money went 2013” PDF document to Intergroup page which will be revised later
- Statistics:
 - requests May 908, June 3256
 - busiest week June 15-21, 1097 requests
 - busiest days June 17 and 19
 - busiest days of week Monday and Tue
- Sending notification that I will not be serving as webmaster after Nov elections so please add a notice in the announcements- Thanks for letting me be of service, C.

Literature Report Revised September 2014

SLAA Ontario Intergroup Literature Report

Period May 30, 2014 - June 27, 2014.

A. Income and expenses

Revenue:		
Sales	472.00	
Credits		
Donations		
Shipping	12.86	
Total Revenue	<u>484.86</u>	484.86
Expenses:		
Bank Fees	4.95	
Cost of goods sold	472.00	
Markdown on FWS purchase to resale		
Shipping	4.05	
Miscellaneous		
Shrinkage		
Photocopies		
Total Expenses	<u>481.00</u>	(481.00)
Net gain/loss:		<u>3.86</u>

B. Balance Sheet and reserve

	Current period	Previous period
Bank account	3,168.03	2,606.54
Petty cash	-	-
Accounts receivable	760.05	394.50
	<u>3,928.08</u>	<u>3,001.04</u>
Inventory	4,841.50	5,313.50
	<u>8,769.58</u>	<u>8,314.54</u>
Accounts payable		
FWS Par Shipment	-	10.34
	<u>-</u>	<u>10.34</u>
Net assets - current period	8,769.58	8,324.88
Transferred from (to) Intergroup		
Adjusted net assets – previous period	8,324.88	<u>8,324.88</u>
Adjusted change in net assets	<u>444.70</u>	
Net assets- current period		8,769.58
Prudent reserve		8,500.00
Current period surplus (deficit) over prudent reserve		<u>269.58</u>

TELEPHONE REPORT FOR MAY and JUNE 2014 FOR SLAA

There was a total of **17 calls** for information or direction to meetings.

All calls looked after by the telephone volunteers.

PUBLIC INFORMATION REQUESTS for SLAA

No calls re public information.

John F., Telephone committee.

2014 SLAA Fall Conference Committee Meeting Report – June 23, 2014

Email: slaaconferenceontario@gmail.com

Conference Date: November 1, 2014. 1 day event

The committee members: Jody N. (chair) Randy W. (treasurer), Jeff R (flyers), Daniel W. (correspondence) & Irene B. (schedule).

Flyer is done and will be distributed at inter-group, meetings and posted on the SLAA-Ontario web site.

A list of possible workshop chairs has been agreed upon and we will be contacting these individuals to ask if they would be willing to chair.

We are also inviting potential chairs to contact us – with the qualifications being: “Minimum one year in the fellowship and solid sobriety”.

At our next meeting we will be discussing the workshop topics as well as matching up the chairs with the topics.

SLAA FALL CONFERENCE 2014

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OPEN TO ALL WHO IDENTIFY AS A SEX AND/OR LOVE ADDICT

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 1, 2014
8:30 AM - 6:00 PM

REGISTRATION: AT THE DOOR

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:
**WORKSHOPS,
FELLOWSHIP
AND A KEYNOTE
SPEAKER**

CONFERENCE FEE:
\$10.00
(OR PAY AS YOU CAN)

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117 BLOOR STREET EAST, TORONTO, ONTARIO M4W 3G8
FREE PARKING OFF HAYDEN STREET (SPACES ARE LIMITED)
PAID PARKING AVAILABLE AT THE CORNER OF CHURCH AND BLOOR STREET

FOR MORE INFORMATION, **VISIT:** SLAA-ONTARIO.ORG
OR **EMAIL:** SLAACONFERENCEONTARIO@GMAIL.COM

**Huntsville Northern Freedom Group
Steve K. (from June 4th)**

Email from Steve: which is the report (modified to highlight the key points by Jim D, Secretary).

I held the first meeting as planned on May 24th (Alone). At the second meeting one additional person showed up. He has a LOT of recovery in other "S" meetings and is interest in SLAA. We held our first Business meeting that day and he is now the group secretary. He has contributed so much to our group already.

[Added by Jim D.) In place of sending \$50 cash, Steve ordered \$50 worth of literature – at Jody's suggestion. This has been done.

End of Attachments for 26 June Intergroup