

**SLAA ONTARIO INTERGROUP
MINUTES OF MEETING THURSDAY May 2013**

30 May 2013

Present: Jody N. (Chair); Dionne F. (Co-Chair); Jim D. (acting Secretary and Hamilton Fri. IR); Wayne M. (Treasurer); Tim W. (Lit. Co-ord); Natalie C. (past Spring Conf Chair); Charles V. (Website); Alan B. (Brampton Sat 9 am IR); Justin O. (Prison Outreach); Fred K. (Fall Conf Chair); Susan O. (Sat. IR); Alex C. (Tor. Thurs IR); and Ron R.

Absent with regrets: Jim B. (FWS Delegate and Rockwood IR); John F. (Phone and PI, Pickering);

1. Meeting commenced with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
2. Followed by the readings:
 - a. Trusted servants prayer
 - b. 12 Traditions
 - c. Introductions around the table.
 - d. The minutes of the previous meeting circulated by Susan O.; after corrections the minutes were accepted unanimously. Copy not yet available.

3. Treasurer's report, May 2013 by Wayne M. (see attached report for details):

	Opening Balance	\$500
	Total Income	\$414.18
	Total expenses	\$414.18
	Closing Balance	\$500
Retreat & Conf Comm. Fund Balance		\$899.80
Fellowship Wide Service (FWS) Fund		
	Opening Balance	\$986.23
	Transfer from Gen Fund	\$176.36
	Closing Balance	\$1162.60
Delegate's Fund		
	Previous Balance	\$542.25
	Transfer from Gen Fund	\$176.36
	Closing Balance	\$718.61
Overall Balance		\$3281.01

Treasurer's Report approved unanimously.

4. Lit. Rep. Report by Tim W.:

Tim reported that there were \$315 in sales, \$4.95 bank charge and \$5000 in the bank.

Some discussion followed about how to move the Basic SLAA Textbooks that have Titles. Most people do not want the Cover Titled books. Tim suggested that we sell these 'titled' books first (Tim indicated we have about 40 of these titled books) before selling any more 'anonymous' covered books.

Another suggestion was to discount the 'title' covered books (perhaps at \$5 or \$10) in order to get them out of our stockpile. Further suggestion was made that IG could recommend to groups to buy one or two 'titled' books each to keep as 'group copies'. This would avoid having to force individuals to buy the 'titled' versions.

A suggestion was made that IG reps should discuss the above with their groups before the next IG meeting.

5. **FWS Delegate Report:** - Jim B. sent his regrets and indicated that he has registered for the conference and no new information.
6. **Telephone Delegate Report:** - John F. absent. Wayne M. and Tim W. reported on there efforts to shorten the voice message (max. 30 s). Tim W will record the message.
7. **Fall Conf. Delegate Report by Fred:** - Fred reported on the committee's progress (see attached report). Jim B. was nominated to be the co-dependence workshop chair. The committee is meeting about once a month and more frequently by email and is making good progress.
8. **Webmaster's Report by Charles:** - Charles reported on changes made to the website (see attached report). Highlights include the removal of one of the Guelph meetings that is no currently operating, changes to the List of Meetings including that 'all meetings are closed', and reported on the statistics for site usage. As well, he learned from the service provider that the site had been hacked last year and that the malicious content had been removed by them. Charles followed up with the service provider but they could not give him any more information on the nature of the 'hack'. Bottom line is that the problem was fixed sometime ago.
9. **Spring Retreat Delegate Report:** - Natalie (out going Chair) reported that she had been in contact with Stew (the Chair for the 2014 Spring Retreat) and that a report would be available for the June meeting.
10. **Prison Outreach by Justin:** - Justin reported he was still waiting to hear back from the psychologist contacted last month.
11. **Correspondence Received and Sent by Ron R.:** Ron checked the mailbox and passed on cheques received for literature.

12. Old Business: Jim D. was asked if he would stand for the vacant Secretary position and he agreed (nominated by Natalie C. and seconded by Ron R.). Motion was carried.

Jim D. promised to circulate the minutes ahead of the next meeting to attach any reports that were sent to him in time. Those who could not submit reports ahead of time should bring copies for distribution at the meeting.

A question was raised as to whether or not email distribution should be made as BCC (Blind Carbon Copy) or with emails given explicitly. After discussion, it was decided that emails would be sent to an explicit distribution list unless members asked that their emails be kept confidential and those would be sent as BCC. Members were encouraged to create new email accounts for SLAA business to help keep anonymity (such as gmail accounts).

A backup secretary is still needed.

13. New Business:

a. Replacement Treasurer As Wayne M. is stepping down as Treasurer at the end of his term in November we need a replacement. Tim W. (current Literature Rep.) offered to take on the duty as Treasurer as well as being Literature Rep. In further discussion, Susan O. offered to take over as Literature Rep. if Tim W. took the position of Treasurer. A motion to this effect was made by Natalie C. and carried unanimously.

Effective in November, 2013, Tim W. will be the new Treasurer and Susan O. will be the new Literature Rep. This will give several months for transition into the new positions.

b. IG Summary Page: A suggestion was made by Natalie C. that IG produce a one-page summary of announcements to be distributed to Intergroup Reps for presentation at group meetings (as was previously the practise). She promised to send a sample to Jim D. and work with him to produce the first of these.

c. Problem with SLAA Group Member: Wayne M. raised the issue that one SLAA member (who is also a member of other 12 step groups) was advertising his private business workshops at SLAA meetings. This action is in direction conflict with our Tradition #6. The person involved had been told several times that advertising their personal business should not take place as part of an SLAA meeting; but he continues to do so.

After considerable discussion, it was decided that individual groups have the right to accept or reject the above behaviour, as our individual groups operate independently. All agreed that making such announcements outside of a group meeting, such as after a meeting is finished, is acceptable.

However, this still does not deal with the original issue as noted above. A final decision on any action that should be taken was Tabled to the next meeting. Jim D. said he would check in the By-Laws to see if there is any information about such behaviour.

14. Meeting Close: - After the Serenity Prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm. The next meeting is set for Thursday 27 June 2013 (this will be the last meeting before the summer break in IG meetings).

Jim D. (elected Secretary, Hamilton IR) in Service (please let me know if there are any problems with the minutes and I will amend before the next meeting).

**May 2013 Treasurer's Report
SLAA Intergroup Ontario**

GENERAL FUND

Opening Balance \$500.00

Income - Donations/Contributions

Toronto Saturday 0530 PM	Cash	14.18
Rockwood Wednesday 0700 PM	Cheque	400.00

Total Income \$414.18

Expenses

Transferred to Delegate Fund	176.36
Transferred to FWS Fund	176.37
Bank Service Charge & Image S/C	4.95
Fido Cell Phone - Electronic Debit	30.51
April Rent St Michaels Cheque #128	25.99

Total Expenses 414.18

Prudent Reserve = \$500.00

Closing Balance \$500.00

RETREAT COMMITTEE & CONFERENCE COMMITTEE FUND

Previous Balance TOTAL \$899.80

Prudent Reserve = \$900.00 + \$682.31 for 2013

BALANCE \$899.80

FELLOWSHIP WIDE SERVICES FUND

Previous Balance	986.23
Transferred from General Fund	176.37

PAID TO FWS - End of each Quarter

BALANCE \$1,162.60

DELEGATE'S FUND

Previous Balance	\$542.25
Transferred from General Fund	176.36
Advanced to Delegate	
Received from delegate.	

Prudent Reserve = \$2,000.00

BALANCE \$718.61

Overall Balance \$3,281.01

SLAA Ontario Intergroup Literature Report

Period *April 22 to May 26, 2013*

A. Income and expenses

Revenue		
Sales	315.50	
Shipping		
Total revenue	<u>315.50</u>	315.50
Expenses		
Bank fees	4.95	
Cost of goods sold	<u>315.50</u>	
Total expenses	<u>320.45</u>	(320.45)
Net loss		<u>(4.95)</u>

B. Balance sheet and reserve

	Current Period	Previous Period
Bank	5,180.40	4,700.06
Petty cash	-	19.50
Accounts receivable	483.05	674.64
	<u>5,663.45</u>	<u>5,394.20</u>
Inventory	3,722.25	4,037.75
	<u>9,385.70</u>	<u>9,431.95</u>
Accounts payable		
Individual		(41.30)
Net assets	9,385.70	9,390.65
Transfer from(to) Intergroup		
Adjusted net assets	<u>9,390.65</u>	<u>9,390.65</u>
Adjusted net change in assets	<u>(4.95)</u>	
Net assets current period	9,385.70	
Prudent reserve	<u>8,500.00</u>	
Surplus	<u>885.70</u>	

2013 SLAA Conference Committee Meeting Report

30-May-2013

Email: slaaconferenceontario@gmail.com

Committee

Members: Fred K. Nicole C. Jody N. Dionne F. Elizabeth G. Felipe M.

Conference Date: November 2, 2013 1 day event

Registration Price: Free

Location: St Andrews Anglican Church

Bloor St. East

Theme: "HOW IT WORKS"

Chair: Fred K.

Co-chair: Nicole C.

Email Monitor: Elizabeth G.

Treasurer: Nicole C.

Flyer Design: Jody N.

Issues

Decided:

- All chairs and speakers shall be active members with a home group in SLAA
- No lunch
- No entertainment

Workshops:

- 12 steps in 4 "blocks"
 - Setting Bottom Lines
 - Anorexia in Sex and Love addiction
 - Sponsorship in action
 - Romantic Obsession
 - Sex Trade workers and SLAA
 - Co-dependency in sex and love addiction
 - Withdrawals
 - Signposts for healthy sexuality
 - Cybersex and Pornography
 - Rebuilding Relationships in Recovery
 - Spirituality
 - Break-ups in recovery
- Approximately 16 workshops to be scheduled and determined
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Potential Workshop Facilitators

Michael C.
Jody N.
Ken S.
Tom T.
John F.
Jim B.
Felipe M.
Dionne F.

Natalie C.
Nicole C.
Craig
Nicole C.
Jody N.
Elizabeth G.
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Webmaster report

May 30, 2013

For the past month, here are the following items to report:

- Created a conference page for the Fall Conference at address: slaa-ontario.org/events.htm
- Removed closed Guelph meeting from meeting lists
- Forwarded 2 email information requests to John F. The number is quite low! In order to increase the number of enquiries, I recommend, if the group allows it, to place a link to the email and indicate the phone number right on the main landing page?
- Found out we had been Hacked last year. I received an email from our Host Server letting us know we had been Hacked. See below:
 - We have found that some of the pages on your web site (see above) had malicious content added to them. Since the changes were made more than one year ago, we do not have any logs to find out how the modification was done. However, the most likely source of the modification was through FTP. We have removed the malicious content and recommend that you download a copy of your entire web site so that future uploads of old/modified files do not add back the malicious content.
 - To prevent further modification to your site files, we recommend that you change the password for your site as soon as possible through your member page.

In response, I spoke to customer support to find out more. All is ok right now. I changed the password and sent an email to request a name change on the account from Shawn Jay to My full name, which, can be changed by sending a request to Geohost support. I was able to be identified as the webmaster when I gave them the current password.

I removed all references to "Open Meetings" from the website and meeting list.

I modified the meeting list by adding a Key: at the top of the list indicating x = wheelchair accessible. It had come at the end of the document when I felt it might be better at the beginning.

The "News" section of the Intergroup page was updated as follows:

Service Positions

Intergroup is currently looking for a Secretary and, in the fall, the Treasurer's position will be open (November, 2013). Details will follow regarding the expectations and suggested skills for the position. See [\[Elections\]](#).

Monthly Intergroup Minutes

Click the following link to read the minutes: [\[March\]](#), [\[April coming soon\]](#)

RE: Site statistics.

Busiest week – 1st week of April, Busiest day – April 30, Least busy day – May 19 (Victoria Day holiday),

Usual busiest day is Monday, Busiest hour is 1 AM. Next busiest is 10 pm.

Website to do list:

Make a FAVICON.ICO . It's a missing file that just needs to be blank

Figure out how to create robots.txt file so GOOGLE and other webcrawlers can do whatever they do.

End of Minutes May 2013