

Robbers Roost Men's Group

Group Conscience Minutes: 7 Feb 2017

Attendance: Aaron, Don, Ben, Mark, Scott, Ken, Craig, Chris, Jeff

Intros & minutes—

Reports:

- Don S (GSR): Spring Assembly Mar 17-19th in Co Springs. Summer assembly July 14-16 at Montrose Pavilion. D24 updates - GSC agenda for group feedback (see GSR report). New D24 contact lists (See GSR report). D24 treasurer report in GSR report. Archives Chair requested a "Robbers Roost History" - will provide minutes via website. PI events coming up and beginning to have regular meetings - Andrew contact. CPC as well planning to meet every month - Sully is contact. Treatment (Karsten new coordinator) asking for group chairs for BCTC and changed to 3 month commitment. Corrections (David H new coordinator) - Corrections conference on Apr 8th in Denver. If anyone is bilingual there is a need at Area for volunteers for real-time translation - Kayti (secretary@dist24.org) is contact. DCM Tony wants to attend RR GC - left a VM on how to schedule. For treasurer - make sure group name & # are written on the checks.
- Ben (Alt GSR): Did not attend because he was in Austin. Will attempt to attend spring assembly.
- Chris (Treasurer): Total balance \$1622.06 - going to work on disbursements in the next few weeks. Question about Daniel Memorial Fund - it got used and needs to begin being announced again.
- Ken (GSC): Shifts are staying covered - can't wait till Sammy is back. Aaron new Intergroup Nightwatch coordinator visiting: He visited our GC and says thank you and wanted to confirm our nights of participation. He is trying to create a turn-key packet for groups and would like to use our signup sheet template, our volunteer packet, and our format for passing it around. If you have feedback about the packet - bring to Aaron (aaronesloan@gmail.com). There is another person named Erin who is responsible for updating the 12 step list for Nightwatch.
- Craig B (IGR): All new board and chairs. Good discussions about how CO is financed and distributed proposed 2017 buget - also have 2015 & 2016 actuals. Will be voting on 2017 budget proposal next meeting.
- Tucker (Alt IGR):
- Mikael (CPC): First meeting and wasn't able to sync up - but got in touch with coordinator.
- Aaron (Website): Did not update with minutes from last month but will get them updated.
- OPEN (Archives):
- Jeff (Grapevine): Grapevine is due for renewal and comes to Jeff - we probably want to add a note to remind us that it should be coming due on a particular date. We gift a subscription to Choice House and should be getting a bill for that.
- Ted (Literature):
- Dan (Phone List):
- Larry (Nightwatch):
- OPEN (Tue Coffee/Setup):
- OPEN (PIR):
- OPEN (Tue Cleanup):
- OPEN (Local 12 Step Coordinator):
- OPEN (Thu Coffee/Setup):
- OPEN (Treatment): This position should be open.
- John (Thu Cleanup):

Old business:

> Open Service Positions

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>Group inventory follow-ups.

1. Phone list: The current list is too long and has not been purged for a while. We would like to discuss a process for pruning the list and creating a list that includes active group members only.
 - a. Dan is forming a group to follow up and find out who does and doesn't want to be on the list. Open until closed.
 - b. Individuals will follow up with Dan to see if they can help.
2. Chairing meetings: We suggest that a more formal signup process be developed. Chairs would sign up one week in advance and propose a topic.
 - a. Model would be Men's RR Group in Austin. They have the same person chair the meeting consecutively for a while. Action to follow up with Austin group to find out how they do it [Craig will follow up] Suggestions for 1 month organizer, or chair, or using the GSC signup sheet format.

****Craig: In other RR groups, secretary turns over every 6 months. Part of secy job is to line up a leader/chair for next meeting, to prep topic for next meeting, reminder call etc. That's how they keep the meeting on focus. Chair has a week to prep topic and select reading. Motion: Redefine secretary position to include finding meeting chairs? Better to have a dedicated position. Keep a notebook to track chairs and topics. Motion: create a service position called "Meeting Secretary" which would assign meeting chairs. Two positions: Tues meeting secy and Thurs meeting secy. Service commitment: 6 months. Ensure chairs are prepared with appropriate topics. Approved unanimously. ANNOUNCE! Add some explanation about why we are adding this new position. Outcome of group inventory.**
 - b. **Aaron will update position announcements**
3. Thursday newcomer meeting format: We would like to explore ways to make the meeting more focused on teaching steps and tools for early sobriety.
 - a. Craig has been thinking about maybe doing more of a newcomer step meeting (focused on first 3-4 steps). **Suggest applying same chair position to the Thursday meeting. Done--see above. New Thurs chair can focus the newcomers meeting on Thurs night. Refine the list of topics to focus closely on first three steps--keep the focus on the beginner.**
 - b. **Aaron will update positions**
4. Sponsorship: We would like to see a greater emphasis on how to get and use a sponsor and how to be a sponsor. Sponsorship could possibly be a regular topic for Thurs meeting.
 - a. Craig suggested that sponsorship should be a topic for the Tuesday meeting.
 - b. **Aaron to create Secretary instruction document to include a position description, list of potential topics (including sponsorship).**
 - c. **Don to suggest a sponsorship workshop at D24 meeting.**
5. What is our relationship to Robbers Roost and other RR groups? Are we possibly affiliating with a non-AA entity? Can we discuss and clarify our relationship to RR, specifically as this relates to the Traditions?
6. Information: We would like to focus on providing more information, especially for newcomers. What AA is, how the steps work, etc.
7. Summer cooling: the meeting room gets uncomfortable in the summer months. Maybe consider some form of additional cooling or climate control.

****Audit list of current and open service positions**

****Make a point about the value of service as part of RR vision of recovery. Suggestion: Add a note to the announcement of open service positions. Share that with those we sponsor. Research and propose new language for announcements--MG AI. Check language on AA pamphlets. Inside AA.**

New business:

1. Talk about group history document
 - a. Don and Craig are going to work together to fill out group history
 - b. Larry collected input from members - Don and Craig will talk to him about it