

# Robbers Roost Men's Group

## Group Conscience Minutes: September 5, 2017

Attendance: Shawn, Sami, Herman, Adam, Craig, Don, Marc, Aaron

Intros & minutes— minutes accepted.

### Reports:

- Don S (GSR): Don provided written report and D24 treasures report. RR donation did show up for Q2. D2 PI rep is looking for volunteers to participate on a panel/mock-panel. We don't have a PI rep. CU students requested info for class project. Don attended the corrections application gathering on 8/26. IG 501c3 almost recovered. (Newbiz) feedback for D24 on sale of BB original manuscript.
- Jeff (Alt GSR):
- Chris (Treasurer): written report provided by Chris
- Sami (Tues mtg secy): things going well. Folks are doing well preparing topics.
- Shawn (Thurs mtg secy): ready to roll out from the commitment. Open the position.
- Michael (GSC): Via Txt: thanks to folks for signing up. New signup sheet for next two months is on the clipboard now. Intergroup is now offering training for central office volunteers, first Saturday of each month at 11 am. I also recommend that we fill the RR Nightwatch position. It's been empty and group service coordinator has kind of done both jobs, but with recent changes at Intergroup with phones, we really need a service position focusing on Nightwatch, and that person needs to attend Intergroup and be in contact with IG Nightwatch chair Aaron.
- Marc W (IGR): 501c3 paperwork has been filed. Answering service is up and running.
- Tucker (Alt IGR):
- Mikael (CPC):
- Aaron (Website): website is updated. Took down picnic and reunion links.
- OPEN (Archives):
- Jeff (Grapevine):
- Ted (Literature):
- OPEN (Nightwatch):
- OPEN (PIR):
- OPEN (Local 12 Step Coordinator):
- OPEN (Treatment):
- Dan (Phone List):
- Mark F (Tue Coffee/Setup):
- Herman (Tue Cleanup): everything is pretty clean.
- Craig B (Thu Coffee/Setup): same as last month.
- John (Thu Cleanup):

### OLD BUSINESS

>Group inventory follow-ups.

1. **(Closed)** What is our relationship to Robbers Roost and other RR groups? ~~Are we possibly affiliating with a non-AA entity?~~ [no] Can we discuss and clarify our relationship to RR, specifically as this relates to the Traditions? **Discussion: Part of the history--do some research. List of questions for the reunion.**
2. **(Closed)** Information: We would like to focus on providing more information, especially for newcomers. What AA is, how the steps work, etc. **--let's think about this question and how to give newcomers the best information. Let's address that for May group conscience. Newcomer packets? Get some brochures and talk to lit rep about stocking some packets. Other items to discuss. Possible idea: take aside newcomers to do a small first-step meeting. Craig: Can't carry the message with a packet. Working with newcomers is the whole point.**

#### **(Closed)** Newcomer Group Inventory Item #2

- Ben provides some new meeting format text.
- Discussion:

- Don: likes the 'see one of us if you don't have your Big Book yet'
- Craig: likes the Big Book text. Not other literature.
- Sami: Prefers the Big Book statement.
- Motion passes to add last proposed sentence to our meeting format. (AI) Ben to update the format.
- (AI) Ben to update the Thursday meeting format.

3. **Summer cooling:** the meeting room gets uncomfortable in the summer months. Maybe consider some form of additional cooling or climate control.
- Craig: we have improved the swamp cooler a bit. Not much more we can do with it. Hot season is over. Hesitate to invest more in it given our room status.
  - Recommend we close this GI item.

**(Tabled) Speaker meeting:**

- Sami: suggest that we have a RR open speaker meeting outside of our Tu/Th format.
- Discussion:
  - Don: Already Sat night Jive speaker meeting. RR Austin is heavily involved in Sat night speaker meeting in Delta. Should this be a different meeting. Don thinks we voted this one down before. Owner is trying to sell our meeting space.
  - Sami: Used to have a speaker meeting in Louisville. People miss it.
  - Craig: If called upon to speak at a meeting, Craig will share about his experience specifically at RR. Not sure he is ready for RR speaker meeting.
  - Table this one until we have more passion on the topic.
  - Recommend that we **close** this until future passion.

**Central Office / Night Watch / IG shift and sign-up coverage:**

- Sami: the role of the trusted servant to coordinate the shifts, not cover/fill the shifts.
- Don: be better about announcing service opportunities. IG should get back to us on how they are using the results and how often between updates.
- Marc: Marc should be responsible for making known what the service optys are and how to get folks to sign-up. Do others see how other meetings handle this?
- Jeff: we should have deadlines for our sign-ups.
- Craig: we don't need other sheets to pass around. What does IG want us to do. Sponsors should sponsor folks into service.
- Jeff: can we post service optys on our web-site? Marc 'Yes'.
- Recommend we **close** this item.

Keeping shares to the appropriate length.

(AI) Ben follow-up with meeting secretaries to provide guidance to speakers. - **Close**

**Web-address promotion:**

- Craig: we should post our web-site address in our room.
- Don: (AI) volunteers to get sign for our web-site. **Close**
- How do we leverage our web-site more?

**Finding a new meeting location.**

- Chris: what are the criteria?
- Don: let's table this until next meeting.
- 9/5 Update:
  - Don: building owner is looking to sell. We need some more urgency around this. Our job is to secure a new meeting location.
  - Marc: we should get a new place sooner than later. Not wait until last minute.
  - Craig: Ray's brother passed away last month. Recommend we create an ad-hoc search committee.
  - Sami: much ado about nothing? Would prefer to not move until we must.
  - Motion: RR is committed to moving from current to a new location when one is found. 5 in favor. 1 opposed.
    - Minority opinion: Sami – we don't want to move.
  - Motion: Create an ad-hoc search committee. Passed unanimous.
    - Craig, Marc, Ben, Shawn form the ad-hoc committee.
    - AI – (Ben) we should begin announcing this. Try to get this done soon.
    - AI – (Don/Marc) bring this up at district and IG.

**New business:**

- Feedback for D24 (Martha) – Board of Trustees has filed injunction against the sale of the original BB manuscript. Legal fees for these types of things come from our group funds. BoD has voted that they want the manuscript back. Encourage AA groups to discuss and share feedback with district.
  - Discussion:
    - Don: BB manuscript could go for \$2-3M. Does not think this will help the suffering alcoholic. Funds should be used elsewhere. Discuss and noodle on this topic; share with others.
    - Martha: looking at about ~1.8M in legal fees. Never too late to share our authority and weight on these types of topics. BoD is legal instrument of AA.
    - Craig: confidence in BoD that they are making well informed decisions. Not enough info to weigh in.
    - Aaron: what action can come from this? Sharing feedback with Martha to take back to Area.
    - Sami: could we get more information? Any detail about the “fiduciary responsibility”.
    - Herman: we could discuss this all night long.
    - Marc: should we vote our stand as a group?

**Open Service Positions:**

- Thur Nite Mtg – Herm stands and accepted
- Tues Cleanup – Shawn stands and accepted
- Treatment Rep – Adam stands via Craig.
  - Don: D24 treatment chair is vacant.
  - Sobriety Requirement?
  - Recommend we table this.
- (AI) Ben to reconcile the open position list.