

DRAFT - To Be verified on April 25 2015

Bridge Technical Service Meeting

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

Monitor Chair (present) phonemeetingsmonitor@yahoo.com
Info Committee Chair (briefly) phonemeetingsinformation@yahoo.com
Web Committee Chair (not present) phonemeetingsweb@yahoo.com

Scribe present (not an elected office at this time)

Meeting Space Building Representatives

from various meetings on this phone bridge

Tuesday 8PM Present - no
Thursday Noon Present - yes
Saturday 8AM Present - no

Minutes from March 28 2015 - collected but not available

BTSS Meetings in April and May

April 4 Minutes posted at <http://phonemeetings.org/document.htm>

April 11 Concepts Workshop

April 18 Bridge Tech/Scheduling Meeting Minutes under review

April 25 Bridge Tech/Scheduling Meeting Minutes to be taken on the day

May 2 Bridge Tech/Scheduling

May 9 Concepts Workshop

May 16 BridgeTech/Scheduling

May 23 Memorial Day Weekend -- meeting planned?

May 30 Bridge Tech/Scheduling

June meetings to be announced

Old Business - Taking info from here to individual meetings

#1 -- Member volunteered to go to all Saturday business meetings to ask for revisions in the formats per the changes in email and web addresses...a brief GC to ask to email webmaster and ask to update addresses in the formats

Member - I was the one who volunteered for the changes of addresses... I am willing to do the work for one full day, then have another member do the work to do the meetings for another day, maybe other meetings follow suit.

Info Committee Chair - that's a great idea, make it during announcements, quick announcement, just to update web info so that it's all current and accurate....

Call for votes in opposition - none - so approved

Old agenda items: -- many to be discussed later, as the following is involved

After Meetings Discussion

Carrying it forward from April 4 (April 11 was the Concepts Workshop)

Reading of the BTSS Meeting Purpose

I know the after meeting helps a lot of people but if we set up another line there can be a space for that.

The meetings need to separate from the after meetings.

Confusion about the nature of what happens difference between after meetings or AI Anon meeting

WSO objects to after meetings and so does the line owner/monitor chair

Input from MSBRs:

Mbr #1 - I do not use the word "after meeting" I prefer the word fellowship time... if no one steps up to be the newcomer greeter it's skipped altogether then ppl then go rt into free form sharing... some of them are in an unsafe situation...

I am often a little selfish for the newcomer.... read the page about anyone confronted w violence, give out toll free #

My concern - the meetings do not start on time, -- when there are 125 ppl on the line and it does not start on time there is often not enough time for sharing... she would like to allow a one hour period for after meetings... using a second chat line would leave newcomers too unguarded - when the community was smaller 25 minutes of after meeting was enough

We still need a workshop on Service --- when do we do it?

I have a few ideas about encouraging regular secys. I will try to have someone email them into the website for me

Also - please don't use the term "parking lot" - it is not an al anon term...

Members Input

I would vote against the 25 min limit - to me someone behaving badly in fellowship is my opportunity to get off the line, trying to control someone else's share is an outside issue to me... I would like to avoid trying to CONTROL every situation..... Step One, make a decision about my next action.... get off the phone

Asking - what about the newcomer who can't make that decision - how do we protect them?

I am powerless over someone else's recovery -
they have to go learn how to protect themselves.

I am not the keeper of their recovery, just the messenger

I came on this call because I feel isolated. I just want to hear recovery. As a relative newcomer to phone bridge - I found it very confusing - I get on the line at the hour, sometimes there is no chair,

chaos ensues, I was confused for months and months, so I learned to wait until there is a moderator because the beginning of the meeting was so chaotic.

25 min is not long enough partly due to meetings starting late, it tends to be too competitive to speak during the meeting itself. Business meetings take time too. A one hour after meeting feels more likely - monitors are supposed to be present to mute an intruder not to police the content of member shares, hence it is not necessary to keep monitors on the after meetings... if there's a lot of noise in the after meeting everyone has to deal with it together... I would not call into it...

It's not really AI Anon... like going out to eat at restaurant after a meeting... it is not TRULY AI Anon... just fellowship.

I can only speak for me - I know what the meeting schedule is - I come in listen carefully - during the meeting if you watch and listen there are not many sharing - 20 min of instruction and reading - a lot of interruptions - all that takes up time, requires a lot of patience - members may decide to speak in after meeting... we have other members who just dial in at any time and don't know what's going on - there is no official structure for AI Anon recovery.... we need to learn to grow up get responsible and speak up when we need to speak up... conflict isn't bad it means an opportunity to speak kindly - and in person meetings are safest place to go... things are usually taken care of on the after meetings

Another observation - in any given week there is at least one out of line interaction in an after meeting ... sometimes the out of line behavior actually starts IN the meeting as it did in one I attended this week. I understand why people want to fight to maintain the after meeting but what about the meetings themselves? Making meetings accessible to people who are home bound or in some other way genuinely isolated was the original purpose of creating the line... I would like to see a priority placed on keeping the meetings strong, serving them regularly, then accommodating the after meetings after the main course has been served... some use the line like a "service please" restaurant, I see it more as a pot luck meal.

After meetings at 45 min and service support would be another solution to work things thru about the after meetings.

I really love the way the after meeting works... I need to work my own program when I am there... I have never experienced messy meetings... the HP leads us as we go along, having differences of opinion is a part of life...

I like the line as it is... this line has been life saving - ppl call in from all over the world, need crisis line...

I used it to deal with insomnia once and now I sleep better...

I am not sure where I stand on this.... I don't see the problem with service in the meetings - as far as after meetings, I worked thru a family issue by reading literature on after meetings, reading about Trads, reading and sharing helped me to resolve the problem... the feedback that I received was more ppl sharing on Trads... the after meetings can be very spiritual and powerful as well as conflictual and chaotic... and supportive to recovery... it is an extension of a mtg.

The literature holds the answers for me... I just want to share positively on how it has helped me...

I have love for the after meeting... reading thru the Steps can be hard to grasp - we read RPF in the after meeting because P2R takes up so much space in the meeting.... such a joy for me to do that...

want to help in those after meetings, timed ppl at 5 to 10 minutes... I would support shutting things down at midnight.... (NOTE -except on Thursday PM/AM...)

#1 - I remember when there were only a small # of meetings -- service is a major issue on the lines -- I want to do a workshop on doing service in the bridge - though this time slot is a busy one -- I want to stay positive -- this bridge helps many many people, many shut ins especially.... we used to do a service workshop once or twice a year -- take 5 min on an aspect of doing a kind of service with Q&A afterward... do it on an alt phone # if necessary --- it would be helpful.

PPL do step up week to week but this does not provide stability for a meeting...if a mtg not have a regular chair for 6 mos maybe that mtg would come off the schedule, [perhaps] f2f meetings would fold under these conditions...

Weds - 10PM to 6AM leaves a huge gap of no meetings, all fellowship time - if there is no chair, no guide, gossip and other things take place... this can severely distort the AI Anon message....

Can we still do that 3 Obstacles Workshop? Info needs to be brought back to the autonomous meetings... business meetings are not even taking place in some meetings - no chairs there - we need to come together to find solutions.

Workshops proposed so far: 3 Obstacles to Success (mentioned in September), Service Workshop (mentioned in February) AI Anon Spoken Here (have offered in the past, suggested again in February).

Workshop on the Obstacles to Success - member was discouraged given the lack if interest in the Concepts Workshop lately but she has decided to coordinate the Obstacles Workshop anyway. Many thank you's on this.

Please bring this back to business meetings and discuss it with them.

Meeting Closed with Serenity Prayer