

## Minutes Bridge Tech Service Meeting February 21, 2015

Chair - Phone Line Owner/Monitor Coordinator

Sec'y - (Temporary) Member Upstate NY

Present: incomplete list of participants.

Representing Groups: Two Members

These people will be given the floor before people who are not representing a group.

Timed shares, 3 min apiece

Name of Meeting: Bridge Technical Meetings

Saturday Technical Service Meetings

Purpose of Meetings and Past Minutes can be found at:

First See **Purpose of Saturday Meetings Feb 7, 2015**

<http://phonemeetings.org/schedule.htm>

Issues under discussion:

- a) After meetings are spilling into the formal meeting at the time scheduled for formal meetings
- b) Meeting formats need to be changed Re: new contact addresses and website address  
can this be done by a quick mention at a meeting rather than a business meeting on the matter
- c) Discussion about the needs of handicapped and disabled people not being able to share in meetings  
their voices, often soft or slow, are overtaken by the strength of the more functional members

Discussions:

Before we begin, a discussion and decision to move the time of the business meeting to 2PM in order to accommodate the needs of the noon meeting - phone numbers, business meeting, after meeting etc

Meeting now begins at 2PM and ends at 3:30PM

Item (a) After Meeting spilling into scheduled meetings

\* make an announcement 5 min before the start of the meeting  
make this as a gentle reminder, not a shout out  
Read the schedule for all the meetings at the end of each meeting

after meetings often don't have chairs, so let it begin with me  
just being on this meeting has helped several members to be more aware of the need to be mindful of this

Item (b) Updating formats to reflect changes in critical addresses  
phonemeetingsinformation@yahoo.com (Bridge Service Secretary)

phonemeetingsweb@yahoo.com (Website Coordinator)  
phonemeetingsmonitor@yahoo.com (Bridge Owner/Monitor  
Coordinator)

\*call quick group conscience?  
be aware of the competitive nature of this request  
proposal for individual members to go to all meetings for one day

then make an announcement of the need for these changes in each meeting that day

then contact web co-ordinator with the results of this effort

establish a forwarding address at all old addresses until this info circulates.

Item (c) need for greater awareness and courtesy for disabled and otherwise challenged members

\* bridge was started to address the needs of the disabled, has since been overtaken by able speaking members

request is to raise awareness that these soft or otherwise buried voices can be heard as "minorities"

write a format for a meeting that addresses these needs and get a meeting going strong

this meeting then becomes a role model for other meetings

the best way to address problems in meetings is to launch successful meetings that solve the problem

New Item: (d) announcements for meetings on other bridges taking up time/attention in meetings on this bridge

\*Can the 7th Tradition guide us in addressing this as a self support issue?

ie take care of meetings on our own bridge before taking care of the needs of meetings on other bridges?

This matter can only be addressed in each individual meeting as a matter of group conscience

Several discussions brought the above point home - meetings on the bridge are autonomous and must solve their own problems in their own ways. The purpose of the Bridge Technical Support and Scheduling meeting is to address technical issues that facilitate or interfere with the meetings and the after meetings, and to arrange for scheduling of meetings on this bridge line. Everything else is handled in the individual meetings themselves.

Respectfully submitted by member from Upstate NY