



## H.A.W.S., Inc. Minutes for 5/2/21

Meeting opened with the serenity prayer at 9:35 am.

### **1. Board Interview:**

First order of business was an interview, Vance S. for at-large voting member. Vance spoke to his experience and service resume. Board members had a few questions for Vance. Vance left call at 9:53.

### **2. Attendance:**

Adam D. (Phoenix, AZ), Katie C. (Birmingham, AL), Chris G. (New Haven, CT) Pat B. (Rochester, NY), Brandon H. (Birmingham, AL), Dalton L. (Birmingham, AL), Jon P. (Rochester, NY), Billy N. (Del Ray Beach, FL), Sara U. (Indianapolis, IN)

**3. Tradition:** Tradition 5 was read

### **4. Previous minutes read:**

Motion to accept minutes passes.

### **5. Treasurer's Report (Melinda M.):**

Main Account \$6235.19  
savings (prudent) \$6000.00  
Special Savings \$192.22  
Convention \$16854.24  
New Main \$555.00  
PayPal \$7748.54 (transferred all monies except \$1000.00)

-Still cannot figure out charge \$259.87 on our old bank account from a paypal portal, spending lots of time waiting on hold with PayPal with no luck, wondering if we should just write it off and move on? Discussion about resolving this issue followed, some suggestions and clarifications.

Motion to accept treasurer's report passes.

### **6. Webmaster Committee Report (Sara R.):**

Not much new to report, webmaster committee is meeting today. Working on securing information and service volunteer for tech side of the committee. Added disclaimer to meeting list on website.

### **7. Chips and Literature Committee Report (Katie C.):**

Brought in \$1,879 in the past three weeks, numbers are up from last year. Working on meeting for startup kits with employee this coming week.

### **8. Structure and Bylaws (Pat B.):**

Pat talked about the joys of answering secretary emails and sharing experience with the AZ Area S&B Chair, mentioned that he has updates for items in old business.

### **9. Convention Chair (Chris G.):**

Figuring out the details of the program, chair of panels committee has begun inviting speakers. Registrations continue to come in from all over. All speakers are settled except for main Saturday, but there is a likely candidate. No movement with money but we are in a good place. Making outreach efforts. Most important thing is that the hotel has told us that starting June 30<sup>th</sup> the event restrictions will be lifted.

### **10. Haws Conference Liaison (Dalton L. in Ole's absence):**

Not a whole lot going on, struggling to find good time for committee to meet. Chris G. mentioned that a lot of questions come to the convention channels about the conference, suggested updating conference website and improving communications. Question about when new business will be dispersed to the board.

### **11. Old Business:**

- G suites needs a current federal filing papers which takes a while to get. Adam will submit the request and let us know when he has received it so it can be submitted to Google. Will set up domain name email addresses when the G suites is completed. (from previous meeting in July 2019, still in process) updated 4/11/21: still have not heard back, Adam will email Google again. 5/2/21, Submitted new case but still has heard anything back, will review next month.
- Pat B. will submit blurb in the Mainline outreaching open positions including an advisor and 2 at large positions. (will remain but originally from January 2020, Update: new positions will be added to the blurb; 1 at-large, chairperson, vice chair, vice-treasurer, and secretary)
- Pat B. will draft language for how liaisons will attend these meetings, as far as at the start of the meeting or throughout the entirety of the meeting. Ole makes a motion to accept these edits and additions to the bylaws, seconded. Pat makes a motion to table this, seconded, passes.
- Motion to close our Arizona Federal Credit Union checking and saving accounts, seconded, motion passes. updated 4/11/21: stays on old business until debit card and other issues are sorted

- Melinda M. makes a motion to remove Josh Quinn and Faith Mullender (Brewster) from all bank accounts, seconded, motion passes. updated 4/11/21: stays on old business until debit card and other issues are sorted.
- Pat makes a motion to create a second jobs duties and descriptions for the board, seconded, passes.
- Motion to add item B under article VI “HAWS Officer Handbook” and accept handbook is made by Pat and passes.
- Pat makes a motion to make the convention chairperson a voting member of the board, seconded. Motion is amended to read: Starting after the 2021 HAWS Convention, the Convention Liaison position will always be maintained by a voting board member and the duties of this job will be updated to reflect the importance of communication and decision making inherent to this position. Motion passes.
- Billy N makes motion to look into the feasibility of trademarking the name “Heroin Anonymous”

\*Seconded and passes

Updated 5/2/21- got into discussion about 12 step copywrites with a paralegal involved with small trademark/ copywrite firm. Billy is sitting down with paralegal this month to go over recommendations.

## **12. New Business:**

- Vance S. discussion and vote- board was split, consensus was that we want to speak to references. Pat will ask Vance for more time to deliberate and discuss with Billy a way to look into references. Tabled until next month.
- Motion is made to update H.A.W.S., Inc. PayPal account to list Melinda Morales, Treasurer as primary on account instead of Katie Click, motion passes.
- Motion that Treasurer reach out to PayPal the week of August 2<sup>nd</sup> to address the \$259.87 charge on our old bank account from a PayPal portal, motion passes.
- Melinda asks that the minutes be updated to reflect information requested by PayPal for account changes.

**Motion to close passes at 12:31pm.**