

# TCIO MEETING | MINUTES

MAY 20, 2018

## ATTENDANCE

Brian K, Rick H, Lake H, JJ G, Trenton, Jeff S, George M, Tommy R, Nick S, Keri H, Eileen M, Tim O, Ardis J, Matthew F (NAG), Clark B, Patty T, Keith P, Daniel S, Malcolm J, Patrick H, Mike F, Christy T, Lake H, David E, Rae-Rae, Chris H

## GENERAL

The TCIO purpose was read.

The 12 Traditions were read.

The Minutes were not accepted.

## REPORTS

**CHAIRMAN** Chris H (TCIO Alternate Chair) is sitting in for our Chairman, Robert G, who is out of town today. \*see "Alternate Chair"

**ALTERNATE CHAIR** Chris H – Previous issue caused by an accidental overcharge has been handled and is now fixed. We need to address finding a new treasurer asap.

**TREASURER** Matthew-not here – no longer able to serve – Former TCIO Treasurer, Charlie F, is sitting in as Treasurer for this month. He has made copies of the bank statements from the last 4 months for everyone present to view. No inconsistencies in banking were found.

The ad hoc committee of 4 TCIO members (Chris H, Charlie F, ClarkB, Matt) got together and made recommendations for adding more security to our accounts. The recommendations were:

- Have the Prudent Reserve account and the Operating Account in separate banks. **COMPLETED**
- Have the Chairman and Alternate Chairman signers for the Prudent Reserve Account **COMPLETED**
- Have the Office Manager and Treasurer signers on the operating account **COMPLETED**
- Add an Alternate Treasurer position to the committee who could become a signer on the Operating Account. **Motion made in April**. Requires a vote to change the bylaws in our June meeting. Please attend our June meeting to vote on this proposed change to the bylaws.

Group Donations	\$1,600.00
Total Expenses	\$3,462.00
Total Income	\$4,765.96
Total Operating Account Balance	\$10,381.66
Prudent Reserve Balance	\$12,006.96

**COMMUNICATIONS** Eric – Meeting schedule has been updated to reflect communications meetings. May 1<sup>st</sup> was the first Communications Committee meeting. He is reaching out to people who previously served on this committee for volunteers. To help out with the Communications Committee, please email Eric at <mailto:riceew@gmail.com>

**OFFICE MANAGER** Pete – We are always looking for volunteers to help out. Volunteers just need 1 year or more of sobriety. There is also an option to be an alternate or fill-in. Contact Pete for more information. Office hours are on the meeting schedule which can be found at meetings and tcio.org

**SPECIAL EVENTS** Rae-Rae is filling in for Emily G who is out of town.

#### FOUNDER'S DAY – SUNDAY JUNE 10TH

\*\*If anyone would like to help that day – please show up at James Island County Park at 10:30 am for set up  
Catered Lunch at noon; Speaker at 1 pm: Kate M.

#### SOBERFEST AT FOLLY BEACH – AUGUST 11, 2018; 12-8 PM

\*\*Group Support needed!! This is a costly event – to allow us to continue to promote unity in Charleston and have more events all year we will need group/district donations. Donations – checks: "FOR SOBERFEST ONLY" in memo line, or donate cash. Contact Emily for more details. If you would like a costs breakdown of all events in 2017, we can email you a copy.

#### 12 OUT OF HELL POKER RUN – JULY - PENDING TCIO APPROVAL

Location: Step Up Club in Summerville. "Poker Run" – bikers would start in North Charleston and end at the Step Up Club. Robert G., Pat M. and Matt Z. have been discussing details of bike run. This is a great way encourage District 71 participation and would attract our sober bikers! Once the bikers end at Step up Club, there will be a cook-out (burgers/hot dogs) then a speaker – Matt Z. from District 73.

For those who are not riding, come straight to the Step Up Club for food fun and fellowship!

Cost: \$300 (food/drinks) *\*\*requesting vote of TCIO\*\**

#### ADDITIONAL

We used Marty's microphone for events in the past. TCIO was in need of a microphone for upcoming events including Founder's Day. Requesting \$100 for a used microphone/speaker system which will be property of TCIO

To help with Special Events, email Emily at <mailto:eventschair@tcio.org>

There was a brief discussion about TCIO Special Events funding. There was question as to why the Special Events Committee needs additional funding from

AA groups for Soberfest and other special events when groups already donate to TCIO.

This is the special events report for 2017 with what was done, feedback, and cost:

### Special Events Report – 12/19/17

**Tradition One:** Our common welfare should come first, personal recovery depends on AA unity

Primary purpose is to stay sober and to help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety

Goal: to practice Tradition One by promoting AA unity in all 4 districts of our Tri-County

Intergroup, to raise awareness, participation and support of TCIO

**What was done:**

- More events this year than in the past, more member/group participation was available.
- Service work was available to newcomers and to all members of AA
- Promoted events within AA with the help of members not directly affiliated with TCIO thus providing additional opportunities for service (who were able to participate in events just by making an announcement or dropping off a flyer)
- Announced events at District meetings and at Area Assembly to spread awareness of what TCIO was planning

**Positive Feedback:**

- More events than in past years – members were excited about the activities available in sobriety
- Service work – many were involved
- Connected members from different areas of the Charleston
- Raised group participation of TCIO (measured in groups who donated to TCIO)
  - January 2017: 27% group participation
  - As of 11/19/17: 72% group participation

**2017 Event Costs:**

- Founders Day: estimated \$800
- Soberfest: Group/District donations: \$2530.95, Donations at event: \$1753.00 = Total: \$4283.95. Costs: \$3122.63 – donations \$4283.95 = overage **\$1162.32**
- Spiritually Lit: Costs: \$356.38 – donations \$256 = **TCIO paid \$100.38**
- Halloween Party: Costs: \$1244 – donations \$473 = \$771, **TCIO paid: \$771**
- Attitude of Gratitude: Costs: \$2937.05 – donations \$1259.00, **TCIO paid: \$1678.05**
- New Years Eve: estimated \$500-\$800

Total cost of events added in 2017 to TCIO: **\$1387.11\*\***

**\*\*Includes Soberfest, Spiritually Lit, Halloween, AOG\*\***

**Bottom Line:**

This has been a year of trying new things, seeing what works/doesn't work – and these factors can all be used to continue this spirit of unity in the years ahead.

Districts, groups and members have stepped up to make these events possible. Special thanks to Brian K. and Robert G. who stepped up for every event this year and have gone above & beyond to make these events possible.

**WEBSITE** Christy – new Website Developer – We have had over 2,000 hits in the last 6 weeks. 63% of the users are using a mobile device which the site is specially designed and optimized for. She has integrated tcio.org into the “Meet-up” App. This makes it easier for end users to find our meetings while improving our SEO at the same time. Christy added a user-friendly meeting change form, making it simple to change or update the online meeting schedule. People remarked how much they like how user-friendly the site is.

A potential issue was raised regarding flyers. Anyone can submit flyers for events, workshops, roundups, etc., etc. It is possible someone could submit a flyer for an event that is not AA related, even though the person submitting the flyer might not realize it. For example, submitting a flyer that is recovery related but not AA related. In the past, ‘Website’ Joe has been the “filter” for this. Christy said that she has been working closely with Joe to filter what is coming in if necessary to keep our website in accordance with the traditions. To contact Christy, send an email to:

<mailto:webadmin@tcio.org>

**MEETING SCHEDULES** Ardis – We are running out of room on the meeting schedule to be able to add new meetings. She needs a graphic designer to help create a new meeting schedule layout. Please contact Ardis if you know how to do this and are able to volunteer. [ajerome@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ajerome@sbcglobal.net)

Click link to email Ardis: <mailto:ajerome@sbcglobal.net>

#### **CORRECTION FROM APRIL MEETING MINUTES:**

I, the secretary, put in the April minutes that Ardis was looking for someone to be the Meeting Schedule Chair.

That was incorrect. Ardis was elected Meeting Schedules chair in April. She just needs someone with the ability to create a new meeting schedule so that there will be room to add extra meetings to it.

**PICPC:** Position currently Vacant – Ardis said the Charleston County Library agreed to do a 30-minute show on Alcoholics Anonymous in September for recovery month.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Sign for the building at TCIO – We will vote on this when Robert is here next month.
- Change to the bylaws – A motion was passed last month to change the bylaws, allowing there to be an Alternate Treasurer who can be a signer on the operating account. This will be voted on in the June meeting. Please spread the word.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Prudent Reserve – Chair and Alternate Chair are the signers.
- Operating Account – Office Manager and Treasurer are the signers.
- People expressed interest in TCIO having a budget made as soon as possible for groups to be able to see.
- The secretary was asked to attach the treasurer’s report to the meeting minutes from now on. Patty will work with Brian to get this accomplished.

- Patty T volunteered to stand as treasurer. Patty said that she has the amount of time available it takes and experience required to be our treasurer. Patty was voted in as TCIO Treasurer. Patrick from Acceptance Group offered to help Patty. There is not an Alternate Chair position currently. Patrick expressed interest in standing as Alternate Treasurer if/when the position is made.
- Motion made by Rae-Rae asking TCIO to give the Special Events Committee \$300 (to cover food and drinks) for the Poker Run which will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week in July. Motion passed.
- Motion made by Rae-Rae asking TCIO for \$100 to buy a used microphone/speakers to be used for events. Marty's PA system was used in the past. He is no longer alive. Motion passed.
- A vote will be held in the June meeting regarding changing the bylaws to create an Alternate Treasurer position. The motion

## GROUPS

**WAG** – George - good

**Summerville** – Keith – Dealing with a Women's meeting conflict currently

**Goose Creek** – Dan – New Women's meetings are growing. See meeting schedule.

**Cool hip sober** –

**Sullivan's Island light meeting** – Malcolm - good

**Crowfield Group** – Jeff S - good

**Just for today** – Eileen – attendance numbers are way up

**Second Chance** – Tommy – good attendance

**Holy city speaker group** – JJ – doing great – their Saturday meeting is now a separate group/meeting called the Charleston Big Book

**Charleston Big Book** - good

**Folly Beach** -

**Riverland Terrace** –

**NAG** – Matt - good

**Oakbrook group** – Trent - good

**Old Central** – Ardis – In September there will be a recovery play. The midnight meeting on Saturday night needs support. It is widely attended by many in the food and beverage industry.

**James Gang** –

**St. Paul's Group** – Tim - good

**Pre-Nooners** – Pete - good

**Downtown in the morning on Daniel Island** – Sadie – good and attendance is growing too

**Acceptance Group** – Patrick – Patrick said that the Church has threatened to kick them out again. He said it is an old building and historically the church has blamed them for problems that arise.

**As Bill sees it** – Bill A - good

**Sea Breeze** – Mike – Anniversary dinner in June. Stay tuned for more info.

**District 73** – Clark – Delegates Report and Area Assembly

**Dist. 71** –

**Dist. 72** – Eileen - good

**Carolina group** –

**Sunlight of the spirit group** – Mandy - good

**Heritage Group** – good

**Keystone** – Rick H – Working to update the meeting schedule to reflect their meeting as “BB” (Big Book). The current meeting schedule does not call the meeting a BB Meeting.

**East Cooper Sunrise** – good

**Eustabaffleus** – Patty - good

Motion to close was passed.

Closed with the I am responsible statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian Knight  
Secretary