Group Conscience Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2014

Group Conscience Meeting was open by the Group Chair at 1:30 Eastern standard time.

Web Cordinator made a request to have the Group Conscience Meeting (GCM) Chair to follow the GCM format that has been established and voted by many members at the GCM throughout its history.

GCM Chair stated that they been working on a system that will restructure the phone bridge meeting. She then announced a guest speaker, conference owner of nocostconference (Conferencing company for 712-432-8722 at www.nocostconference.net).

Owner then began to discuss the 712–432 exchange web interface system and blocking abilities. He went onto discussion about another fellowships dashboard usage functionality and the benefits of using that system functionality in Al-Anon system to identify the disruptions. He stated it is usually an easy process to identify the intrusion. Everyone has had these issues. The system usually runs very smoothly and accomplish to meet our needs. He then went into how long distant service provider carriers and how the money is made. He also noted that there was litigation in place regarding some issues at hand.

Member from Florida asked about rotating numbers off and on different phone numbers to prevent dialing in technical difficulties.

Conference owner talked about second phone number carriers or stripping down the phone lines and spoofing. He then explained how certain cell phone carriers are bundling and it's difficult to monitor when several numbers are bundled together to extract out the person phone number that is causing the intrusion to have them blocked.

He then mentioned another fellowship in which they have several different phone numbers and each meeting is monitored on the dashboard by a member of the fellowship.

Member from Manhattan stated that when they mention that there's an intruder on the line and that the meeting is being monitored on the dashboard the intruder hangs up.

Conference owner describes the web control/ Dashboard uses one main contact person to respond back to him about members concerns and that person is the Security Monitor.

Member from New York asked about Landline/cell blocking from provider. Conference owner explains long-distance, routing to a less quality line using an example filed at a FCC stand-in tracking.

GCM Chair discussed having 5 to 10 monitors for the entire phone bridge.

Security monitor stated that the bigger issues is to get monitors to monitor their own meetings. He

then would be the primary monitor of the monitors with their own system credentials to the dashboard.

Much discussion followed by the Security Monitor about the facet of being capable of having 2500 per conference per meeting. Each group has a voice of in the GCM. More was discussed about the structure failing to have stable people of service at this capacity. But explains the necessity to have representatives/monitors of each autonomous group be elected into the position reporting their findings to the Security Monitor.

WSO's representative for electronic/ phone meeting lacks the authority to support the phone bridge. It's up to the phone bridge to solve its own problems.

GCM Chair stated the concerns about each group being autonomous with the phone numbers being viewed on the dashboard.

The conference owner stated that access to the phone numbers are displayed but the information such as names can be removed. Also the Al-Anon phone number 8733 has the anonymous caller block. Without that they would not have full access.

Member from Chicago discuss that the disturbing call from intruder. She was encouraged to file a report.

The Security Monitor then restated how important for service from each group representative, that it's too much for one person and there's too many meetings. WSO's had reservations and has not given support in the history of the meetings on the the phone bridge.

Member from New York asked if there could be a seventh tradition contribution to nocostconference.

The conference owner states the history of long-distance payment of local exchange where the originating carrier paid two cents a minute for example. FCC stepped in and now pays the conference company's 10/10th of a penny per minute.

Several members discuss their concerned about dropped calls. Why wasn't the intruder arrested, background material being heard such as porn, loud, TV radio blasting etc.

Conference owner said he left messages on the intruder voice mail and they did not get a call him back.

Security monitor brought it back to the point that it's up to the group to set up their own structure through monitoring the dashboard.

Conference owner also stated we had the right to contact the FCC at one 800 call FCC or at www.FCC.gov.

Member from New York has inquiry about dashboard system and addresses safety concerns about

phone number display, dashboard monitoring for each meeting and also concerned about multiple monitors and safety.

Conference owner and security monitor said that the dashboard system and blocking in kicking off of the intruder off it is already in place in the system.

A member stated that she was suspended by her landline service for calling into conferences. But her cell phone is still working.

Conference owner encouraged situations like that to contact the FCC. Calls are being routed down into a cheap IP were out with a lower quality.

Member from New York describe problems with cell phones, Magic Jack and Skype.

Conference owner explains Skype capabilities. That in some areas they are not allowing conference calls. The \$29.96 Skype payment per year does not allow access in certain areas to conferences. There's some Skype members are purchasing a one year plan.

GCM Chair said 2017 the whole system may change and may not offer free Skype at all.

The conference owner entire discussed the entire system reversal. No one knows what's going happen with Skype in the future.

Another member from New York request information on blocking and how to block other phone lines.

Conference owner explains the dashboard visuals and how to block phone numbers. He goes into how the security monitor has the ability to block from the system on the 8733 interchange. He explains that there's no charge to the customer but the conference companies are getting one 10th of a penny per minute.

Member from Massachusetts stated they dailing into the conference and get dropped calls all the time.

Another member expressed gratitude to the Al-Anon Phone meetings. They explained providers increased cost and discontinuing their phone stating that it was violations third-party code restrictions.

Conference Owner said parties excessive talking according to the provider, and local exchange systems and NCC has platforms. This would happen to anyone. Use the example if you were calling a relative that many times the same circumstances what occurred.

GCM Chair thanked the conference owner. She then asked members to write down any questions and send it to the Security Monitor to forward it onto the conference owner. The conference owner then exited the call.

GCM Chair asked if there was any old business.

Member from New York asked to have a new sponsorship workshop.

GCM Chair stated that there has been privately held Executive committee meetings in the past six months.

Web Cordinator says there's been no such meetings held in the past six months. There also is no such group named Executive committee, all members who serve beyond the group level belong to an advisory committee that meets to inform each other of bridge information to carry it to the GCM to inform representatives of the group and members of the bridge.

Member from Chicago said if we did have committee meetings it would've stopped the intrusion that has been going on where the leader code would've been change frequently in the beginning.

Group chair said she's been working on a system that will restructure the phone bridge meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM Eastern standard time