

DRAFT of Minutes for April 4 2014 -- To be finalized at 2PM on April 18

"Bridge Technical Service Meeting

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

"Meeting Space Building Representatives"

from various meetings on this phone bridge

Tuesday 8PM Present

Thursday Noon Present

Saturday 8AM Present - present later in the meeting

Monitor Chair (present) phonemeetingsmonitor@yahoo.com

Info Committee Chair (present) phonemeetingsinformation@yahoo.com

Web Committee Chair (not present) phonemeetingsweb@yahoo.com

"Scribe" present (not an elected office at this time)

Minutes from March 2014:

March 7 - on the website

March 14 - Concepts Workshop

March 21 - postponed

March 28 2015 - collected but not available

Meetings in April and May :

April 4 Minutes under review

April 11 Concepts Workshop

April 18 Bridge Tech/Scheduling Meeting

April 25 Bridge Tech/Scheduling Meeting

May 2 Bridge Tech/Scheduling

May 9 Concepts

May16 BridgeTech/Scheduling

May 23 Memorial Day Weekend -- planning?

May 30 Bridge Tech/Scheduling

June meetings to be announced

Old Business (from memory)

Workshop - 3 Obstacles to Success

Person offered to chair this but later expressed mixed feelings about staying on the bridge

Brief Discussion about Marathon for April 5

Brief Discussion - Special Focus Meeting on Sunday

No one has been there - no leader - no indication on the web

Someone went to the line but found a simple after meeting

No time slot on the web leads to confusion

Chair of Tech/Scheduling meeting will check the website to make sure the format is available

(chair who offered to lead this said she could not find format on the web

need clarity about this and will check for details on April 18...)

New Business

Long Discussion -- The After Meeting - pros and cons - proposal available on the web

Explanation of what actually happens during the after meeting.

Monitor Chair and member monitors can't manage the whole thing and keep the line open for quality recovery

The current proposal is to keep the line open 25 min limit after the scheduled meeting,

then re-open the line 10 min before the next one. Please start looking for other options for a 24 hr chat line.

(the issue of dealing with time needed for business meetings will be addressed in discussion)

Please start with reps for meetings:

#1 - I suggest we read only CAL with time to ask about this....

I go to another place that has recovery then have a time

(I need some clarity on part of the share - my notes are hard to interpret)

Complaints about family or the bridge waste time....

I need/have a right to be heard.... vs I just hang up when I hear something unhealthy

#2 - I think the fellowship time can be wonderful but I also hear not wonderful things happening

The Three Obstacles to Success during that time, consider the newcomer... mixed number of monitors... that's a lot of time, ppl skip the actual meeting to go to the after meetings... it is a difficult decision to make.... maybe an hour of fellowship time is a compromise... a lot of ppl come here to recover and it's a wonderful thing... but other things happen too...

Some happy medium could be good....

I choose to call people personally when I have an issue rather than address them in the after meeting

#3 - I think the idea of 25 min to support newcomers is plenty of time

We need more ppl to keep the lines clear, we can barely do it for the meetings themselves...

We can't do it for the in between times...

When there is monitoring (?) chairing (?) there is less unhealthy stuff going on...

Info Committee Chair

I called in just in time to hear the last member - when we have more monitors then we can have healthier after meetings.

Web Committee Chair - no comment

Member comments:

I much prefer meetings to after meetings - I think there are some ppl who come exclusively to after meetings, say what they wish, have no concern about length of time and a lot of complaining about the program... we need leaders for the after meeting, some stability... I hear just amazing things - but then the gossip that has gone on.... mentioning names...

Timing them seems a good idea - the shares may need to be timed

To me this is very important - we don't just have the meeting, we can call someone...

It's been while since I have attended the bridge - I LOVE the after meetings

The service structure on the line seems to have collapsed... how the after meeting feeds this and how this affects the after meetings as well... why not rebuild the strength and structure of the meetings as the first priority then slowly re-expand into more sharing and support in the after meetings when the meetings are stable again... can we discuss this three times?

Seeing the cultural differences between English Speaking and the Spanish Speaking meetings - I remember when our lines closed after 25 minutes - we had a history of scheduling meetings... trying to keep an open mind... but the idea freaks me out.... how can the scheduler know the timing for the business meeting, newcomers etc... she hears the issue with monitors... taking this away could create a major disturbance...

Each time I have done an after meeting I never had a problem... "People don't like to be criticized."
I am going to pray too know if this means my HP wants for me to leave the phone bridge and focus on f2f meetings

I have felt that the after meetings were- more like a free for all -- I didn't think what I heard was very healthy --

I hate to think that the after meetings would be cut - still, the last after meeting I heard was absolutely crazy - nasty, cursing and screaming - it was horrifying - I don't hear that a lot but when it does happen it's really scary...

Monitor Chair - people can form their own parking lot meeting - make an announcement - organize it themselves

When things like what you described happen it can really affect everyone

Is there a way to manage the after meeting rather than cut it off completely? The cut off seems extreme...

Monitor Chair -- Managing the after meeting is probably not possible - we are talking about making the bridge structured meetings with some after meeting - what we have now is something that evolved afterwards - what it has become is something that cannot be managed anymore... it makes more sense to get meetings to manage themselves...it's not about losing it it's about giving that opportunity to someone else...

Member - I really love the after meeting and I will be sad to see it let go.
I would be open to timing shares on the after meeting -- 3 to 5 minutes

Second Shares:

#1 (again) - It's so good to hear what some of us have to say - we are not talking about when things go well, we are talking about when they don't go well ---let's keep it real - there are real problems here.... real problems.... -- we are just discussing how we can nip them in the bud -- I didn't hear about taking it away completely, just putting up a temporary boundary - setting time limits, leading the after meetings.... to bring health and peace to the line...

Members:

Gossip - discussing The Three Obstacles to Success may be a blessing - learn how it hurts our fellowship

Three Obstacles Workshops would be very helpful for many of these problems...
....there have been some absolutely horrible after meeting events...

Final Member Comment: Perhaps the words "after meeting" should be a guide that tells us we need and deserve to have some reasonable time boundaries on this environment.... and service is needed....

Monitor Chair is still leaning toward the 25 minute limit - we will have another discussion in 2 weeks.... he wants to see someone else pick up the ball for the after meeting culture....

Final Member Question: Who has jurisdiction over the after meetings?

Answer - the line owner and and Monitor Chair as the "building manager" has the ultimate decision making voice but he is open to hearing more from others.

Meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer. Next Meeting on April 18 2015 (see schedule for April and May above)