

Monday GLBT Telemeeting Business Meeting

Monday August 26, 2019

Secretary: Brian from Northern California

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm Pacific time

Old Business

There was no old business on the agenda.

No one on the call brought up any additional old business.

New Business

There was no new business on the agenda.

When asked for any other new business, Doug from Oregon brought up an issue. He has taken note that there are those who prey on members of our meeting. These predators call those who share their phone numbers and encourage those members to act out. He says the Monday GLBT meeting seems to be more prone to this than other telemeetings he has attended. He says that the SAA Group Guide provides a way to screen potential members. He suggested that perhaps we could initiate some kind of screening process for this meeting. He says it would not have to be too thorough; the leaders (moderators) of this meeting are trusted servants. Those who want to share numbers would propose it to one of the moderators before it could be shared with the rest of the group. This caused a flurry of discussion. Theo from Canada appreciated the concern but felt that the free exchange of phone numbers was an important part of the 12th step. Sean from Canada echoed Theo's concerns but feels this was just too big of a speed bump. He thinks a blurb on the saataalk.info website for this meeting Stating can block predators would help to make the meeting safe but accessible. Will from California says he appreciates the gate keeping, but the script already has a caution about this just before the exchange of phone numbers. Brian from California pointed out that it is entirely voluntary to share your phone number. Given the waring members should know there is some risk and act accordingly. Joshua says we could add to the warning that we can help those predators. The consensus was that these predators are not looking for help. They want to act out; to have power over someone at risk. Sean says we have the waring at the time to share numbers and we have the dashboard. It may be time to add a comment near the beginning a warning about the dashboard and controls. Reed from Pennsylvania says that predators can hide, conceal or even fake their phone numbers. They do not care about making this a safe place. At this point Brian suggested that it might be better to table the issue for the time being. Alex then made a motion to table the motion until next month. Reed seconded the motion. Brian called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

There was no other new business.

Brian asked if there was anyone else who would be interested in being a oderator for this meeting. No one volunteered.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm Pacific time.