Business Meeting Script SAAPP Nordic

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At the bottom of this document, you can find more info about the business meeting and voting process.

Business Meeting opening

Hi! My name is _____________ and I am a sex addict. I hereby declare this Business Meeting opened. Welcome!

Which time would we like to finish this meeting? (recommended maximum length is 45 minutes) This meeting will close at _________ and I will round off five minutes before closing time.

All topics that have not been addressed by that time will be tabled until the next meeting or removed. A topic is only removed if the proposing person withdraws their suggestion or if the group conscience decides, for any reason, that the topic should be removed.

Let us find stillness and invite our Higher Power to this meeting. We do this for one minute.

Let us pray the third step prayer together.

Paste the following in the chat:

***God, we offer ourselves to Thee – To build with us and to do with us as Thou wilt. Relieve us of the bondage of self, that we may better do Thy will. Take away our difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those we would help of Thy Power, Thy Love, and Thy Way of Life. May we do Thy will always. ***

I will now read SAA tradition one and two:

SAA tradition one: Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon SAA unity.

SAA tradition two: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as expressed in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Members who have worked the 12 steps using the BB of AA and consider this their home group are welcome to vote.

Secretary, please read the minutes from our last meeting. (Take notes of the tabled topics.)

We will now request members who are available to fill our monthly service positions.

But first we would like to open up floor to anyone who hasn’t done service in the past month and is willing to serve for even a single week or more in any of the positions.

Secretary, can you please post the positions in the chat.

1. Who would like to be the **facilitator** for the next month?
2. Who would like to be the **tradition reader** for the next month?
3. Who would like to be the **study leader + give a recap** for the next month?
4. Who would like to be the **zoom host** for the next month?
5. Who would like to do the **breakout room** for the next month?
6. Who would like to do the **general backup** for the next month?

7. I will now ask our servants to give short factual reports. Please try to keep each report brief. Any questions or suggestions should be discussed under "Any other topics". If any of the servants is not present, please read the report if there is one, or just ask the Secretary to notice the servants absence and that we don't have a report at this time.
   - **Treasurer?** Changes in December
   - **Intergroup rep?** Changes in December and June
   - **Web page admin?** Changes in December and June
   - **Email admin?** Changes in December and June
   - Is there any other SAA information?

8. SAA tradition five states that "Each group has but one primary purpose — to carry its message to the sex addict who still suffers."
   - Does anyone have anything to report regarding tradition five?

Businesses

The Chairperson is recommended to take note of the topics for discussion.

Priority of Discussion

New topics and tabled topics will be discussed. We discuss them in the following order:

A. Topics that help our group's ability to carry our message to the sex addict who still suffers.
B. Tabled topics
C. New topics.

Before a decision is made, I will try to formulate a question that can be answered with Yes or No so unambiguous decisions can be made by the group conscience. An example: Can we decide to _____ ? Yes or no?

I will first ask for all the possible agenda items and then later on, we will open up for discussions and make decisions.

A. Are there any tabled topics? Secretary, please read any tabled questions from the minutes of the last meeting.
B. Are there any other topics?

The Chairperson suggests the meeting agenda in priority order as explained in Priority of Discussion above.

C. Decide on the agenda.
D. Carry out the agenda.
At the bottom of this document, you can find more info about the voting process.

Closing

Hi! My name is ______________ and I am a sex addict.

The time of the business meeting has come to its end, and I will break all discussions for today. Secretary, please read any tabled topics that will be addressed at the next meeting. Next meeting will be held on the last Thursday next month, which will be on the _____.

I hereby declare this meeting to be adjourned. We end it with the seventh step prayer. Pause and paste the prayer in the chat.
Our Creator, we are now willing that you should have all of us, good and bad. We pray that you now remove from us every single defect of character which stands in the way of our usefulness to you and our fellows. Grant us strength, as we go out from here, to do your bidding. Amen.

Now it's time for fellowship. I would like to remind everyone that this is an open meeting. We have no way of knowing who all is here. Please bear that in mind when you give out personal information.

Info about the business meeting and order of decision/voting:

The following can be read if questions arise on how to conduct the meeting.

A Business Meeting is held the last Thursday of each month and starts 10-15 minutes after the ordinary meeting has ended. **A business meeting can only be made valid when at least three people are present and at least one of the three people has a service position.**
Major changes such as changed day and/or time for the meeting or any changes in the meeting order must be announced in the Nordic Whatsapp group. The announcement must be made in good time before an upcoming Business meeting in order for a decision to be made valid. Only people present may start a new topic or bring up a tabled topic.
When the Business Meeting agenda has been decided, no new topics can be raised at the current meeting.
A friendly suggestion: exchange ideas regarding a topic you like to discuss with another person before the meeting. In general, a well elaborated suggestion is usually easier to decide upon.

Order of decision:

1. The topic/motion is brought up and explained.
2. The motion has to be seconded by someone other than the one who brought it up.
3. Discussions and questions may be raised regarding the topic for a limited time (suggested time is five minutes).

4. Voting

Voting
Zoom attendees are asked to use the Raise hand function while voting is in progress. Remind them to lower their hands as soon as the current voting topic has finished.

- First we will ask everyone who likes to pass the vote to use the Raise hand function. Thereafter, we will ask anyone that opposes passing the vote to use the Raise hand function.
- In order for a vote to be passed, more than 50% of the participants must vote to pass it.
- If a vote has fever then 50% in favor of passing, the suggestion will be removed.
- If there were to be a tie: 50% for and 50% against, the people against are welcome to make arguments for their case. A revote will be held thereafter. If it is still a tie, the suggestion will be tabled. We encourage the person bringing up the suggestion for change to further elaborate on the suggestion and, if possible, run it by someone else before the next Business Meeting.

Key Links

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