

# **Gamblers Anonymous**

## **Leinster Region AGM**

Minutes of meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2012

The AGM of the Leinster Region of Gamblers Anonymous took place in Room 19 Carmichael House on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2012 at 12 noon.

### **Attendance:**

Those present were as follows: Liam (sec), Tony R (treasurer), Ritchie P (Crumlin), Noel H, Owen R and Shay K.

Apologies were received from Christy (PRO), Peter (Internet Service) and Dave (Phone service)

### **Secretary's Report:**

The regional meetings were moved to different locations over the year to try and generate some additional interest and support for the region. It seemed to have worked and will continue over the next year. There were a number of letters done for members over the year for court etc. In trying to get better contact email addresses and phone numbers were gathered over the year to help communication in general. It was suggested that minutes for the regional meetings be read before the start of meetings to keep people informed. There was acknowledgement of the great work being carried out in the office and a thank you was expressed to John, Joe and Dave respectively.

### **PRO Report:**

All schools were covered. All radio stations were covered and there were articles in the newspapers. Awareness week happened once again this year but the profile needs to be addressed for the year's awareness week.

### **PLO Report:**

Visits were made to St Pat's, Mountjoy, Arklow and the Midland Prison over the year. A list of volunteers has been submitted to Midland Prison and we are waiting on confirmation etc.

### **Phone Service:**

The phone service is working well and volunteers are always welcome

### **Internet Service:**

It was reported that there are circa 2000 visitors a month on the website. It is constantly being updated to improve the service. Proper and accurate maps are being reviewed to make sure people get to the correct meeting locations. Group secretaries should make sure that the correct locations are updated on the website and start times. The beginners meeting in Phibsboro has been cancelled.

### Election of Officers

The following elections took place at the meeting

Secretary:	Liam B
Assist Secretary:	Shay K
Treasurer:	Noel H
Assist Treasurer:	Tony R
PRO:	Owen R
Assist PRO:	
PLO:	
Assist PRO:	
Phone Service:	
Assist Phone Service:	Ritchie P
Internet Service:	
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There are people who have said that they will fill the gaps and we will hopefully have them in place by the next regional meeting.

### General:

It was proposed by Ritchie "P" that we close Carmichael House and we should look at the feasibility of Carmichael House going forward. A discussion took place and it will be brought up at the next regional meeting.

An alternative suggestion was made that we review the Carmichael House site and the Teach Mhuire Site as potential office locations.

A long discussion took place with plenty of input from all parties present and it was felt that it should be discussed further at the next regional meeting.

The meeting also expressed its sympathy to friends and members who have lost loved ones during the past year. All are in our thoughts.

Unity and support are important messages in the fellowship. Step 12 talks about carrying the message. The fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous is run on a voluntary basis and is there to help everyone who has a gambling problem. Your support is needed.

The first regional meeting of the new committee will take place in Crumlin on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 6.45pm all are welcome.