

EVI

EMERALD VALLEY INTERGROUP

EVI Diverter Committee Meeting

13 September 2003

MEETING MINUTES DISTRIBUTION LIST

Volunteer	Responsibility	Telephone No.	Group Represented
Harold B.	Steering Comm Chair	579-8087	EVI Steering Comm
Kurt J.	Steering Comm Co-Chair	747-8925	EVI Steering Comm
Bill B.	EVI Office Coord.	685-9216	EVI Office
Bob E.	Diverter Chair	747-2246	EVI Diverter Comm.
Julien	Diverter Co-Chair	520-7408	EVI Diverter Comm
Amanda W.	Member at Large	988-9656	EVI
Elisabeth R.	Member at Large	747-5814	EVI
Bob W.	Member at Large	302-3290	EVI
Brad W.	Group Coord – Sun A&B	606-3456	Downtown AM
Derrick M.	Group Coord – Mon A	741-7171	Sunday Big Book
Bill S.	Group Coord – Mon B	741-0343	Sunday Big Book
Doris H.	Primary Vol – Tue A	726-7827	None
Allen	Group Coord – Tue B	517-4098	Thursday Men's Big Book Study
Richard H.	Group Coord – Wed A	484-0328	Sober Awakening
Jim A.	Group Coord – Wed A	521-0668	Sober Awakening
Katherine R.	Group Coord – Wed B	484-0328	Try God
Kirk S.	Group Coord – Thu A	343-7483	Attitude Adjustment
Julien	Group Coord – Thu B	520-7408	Tuesday Nite Big Book
Lani H.	Group Coord – Fri A	687-0727	Stairway to Sobriety
Tim Z.	Group Coord – Fri B	688-2759	New Freedom
Jana P.	Primary Vol – Sat A	606-8012	None
Joe H.	Group Coord – Sat B	232-1267	Men's Sponsorship – Creswell

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Place : EVI Eugene Office **Date** : 13 September 2003 **Time** : 10 – 11:30 AM

Objective : To form an EVI Diverter Committee and to initiate activity to begin operating under the “Approved Diverter Policies & Procedures” as mandated by the EVI Steering Committee on 1 September 03.

Meeting Chair : Bob E. – Chairman, EVI Ad Hoc Committee

In Attendance : Kurt J. . – Rep. for EVI Steering Committee
 Bill B. – Rep. for EVI Office
 Elisabeth R. – Member at Large
 Katherine R. – Diverter Group Rep. – Try God Group
 Lani H. – Diverter Group Rep. – Stairway to Sobriety
 Joe H. - Diverter Group Rep. – Men’s Sponsorship
 Brad W. - Diverter Group Rep – Downtown AM
 Robert - Downtown AM
 Bob W. – Downtown AM

Discussion :

1. Synopsis

The Diverter Committee will comprise representatives from the various EVI entities as spelled out in the “Approved Diverter Policies & Procedures” under para New Diverter Program, No. 2. a. Those that attended this meeting form the initial Committee.

The group discussed the “Approved Diverter Policies & Procedures” (APP) and developed a Strategy & Work Plan for implementing the changes needed.

Attendees from the Downtown AM Group then requested that an Amendment be made to the APP to reflect their desire to maintain Group control of the Diverter on Sundays. After some discussion, the Committee agreed that the Amendment would not jeopardize diverter operations on Sundays and should be presented to the EVI Steering Committee for final decision on the matter.

2. Meeting Details

Diverter Committee Formulation

It was agreed that those present at this meeting are all qualified to serve as Diverter Committee members as stipulated by the APP. The term of office for the Diverter Coordinator and Co-Coordinator will be dictated by EVI Business Meeting elections and rotation schedules. The other initial members should plan to serve on the Committee for a year or so. Future Committee members will be elected by the Committee itself based on interest shown and attendance at

meetings. Meetings will be open to the entire EVI membership, but voting will be limited to Diverter Committee members.

Implementation Strategy

The new Diverter policies and procedures, as spelled out in the APP, will be fully in place by 1 November 2003.

In the meantime, Committee members will prepare for full implementation by: 1) recruiting from the ranks of present Diverter volunteers to perform Diverter work under the new system; 2) updating the 12th Step List using criteria spelled out in the APP; 3) revising the Diverter Packet as appropriate; 4) developing a simple Training Program for new volunteers; and 5) building a backlog of new candidates to fill holes that may be left by old volunteers if some decide not to continue work under the New Program.

Work Plan

<u>No.</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>When</u> <u>Start</u>	<u>When</u> <u>Complete</u>
1	Bob W.	Call 12 th Step List volunteers and cancel present List	14 Sep 03	11 Oct 03
2	Elisabeth R.	Revise Diverter Packet to suit APP (w/o 12 th SL)	14 Sep 03	11 Oct 03
3	Bob E.	Provide a Map for the Diverter Packet	14 Sep 03	11 Oct 03
4	Elisabeth R Lani H. Bob E.	Communicate New Program to existing volunteers and recruit those that want to continue under the new policies & procedures.	14 Sep 03	11 Oct 03
5	Joe H.	Draft a Training Program for new volunteers	14 Sep 03	11 Oct 03
6	All	Recruit volunteers under new criteria	12 Oct 03	25 Oct 03
7	All	Recruit new 12 th Step List under new criteria	12 Oct 03	25 Oct 03
8	Joe H. Elisabeth R.	Finalize Training Program	12 Oct 03	25 Oct 03
9	Bob E.	Promulgate new Diverter Packet (w/ 12 th SL)		28 Oct 03
10	Bob E. Julien	Promulgate volunteers' monthly schedules.		Monthly
11	All	New Program fully implemented		01 Nov 03

Downtown AM Request for Amendment to APP

Several members of the Downtown AM Group requested that the APP be amended to allow their Group to retain control of the full Diverter function on Sundays. This issue is not within the jurisdiction of the Diverter Committee for decision purposes, but was discussed with intent to find ways to ensure that this proposal would work.

Pros included: 1) there is no overlap with the EVI Office on Sundays and this fact makes Sundays different enough from the other days to allow a different approach to Diverter coordination; 2)

Downtown AM has done as well as any other Group in managing the Diverter function in the past; 3) this Group has a large membership and has no problems with burnout or recruiting new volunteers; 4) Downtown AM has done a great job of managing this function in the past and could be a big help to the Diverter Coordinator by taking Sunday off the EVI schedule; 5) the Group Coordinator has promised to give the EVI Diverter Coordinator a schedule of all volunteers and their telephone numbers at least one month in advance so that breakdowns can be tracked down and promptly fixed up; and 6) agreement by Downtown AM to rotate out of the Program at some future time and let Sundays revert to the newly approved policies and procedures for the Diverter Program.

Cons included: 1) runs counter to the Program objective that aims to recruit from total EVI membership; 2) subverts the Program objective that aims to achieve Program coordination at the Steering Committee level of EVI rather than on a Group by Group basis; 3) proposes to use 3 hour shifts throughout the day and night which has proven to be the single biggest cause of service breakdowns; 4) has potential for inciting other Groups to fight for retaining their right to manage a weekday night which could negate the progress made in Diverter system improvement; and 5) runs against unity within the EVI organization.

The Committee agreed to bring this issue up to the EVI Steering Committee for resolution.

3. Meeting Closure

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Diverter Committee is scheduled for 10 to 11:30 AM on Saturday, 11 October, in the EVI Office. An Agenda for this meeting will be distributed to members of this Committee at least one week prior to the meeting.

This Meeting

The EVI Diverter Committee Meeting closed promptly at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob E.
Chair, EVI Diverter Committee