

WHEEL OF MISFORTUNE – competition - Ok – there will be the three of us and these are the instructions –

'ALISON SAVEALOT' is announcer for Region 9 Budget

'SLIM TIGHTWAD' announcer for OA Inc. (WSO) Budget and

'SLEEZY HOSTESS' is the hostess .

You will need to download the script for the OA Inc. budget Wheel of Misfortune and also recreate the pie charts for Region 9 and OA Inc. on a large picture – suggest use 2 flip chart pages and draw the charts as big as possible.

Opening the evening and game:-

'SLEEZY HOSTESS' - 'Good evening ladies and gentlemen – my name is 'SLEEZY HOSTESS' and I am your host for this evening – we have a wonderful game for you all this evening – but first would our two team leaders introduce themselves' -

..... 'my name is ALISON SAVEALOT and I am your announcer for the Region 9 Budget'

..... 'my name is 'SLIM TIGHTWAD' and I am your announcer for the O A Inc. or shall we say for short - WSO - budget.

'SLEEZY HOSTESS' – 'There is a problem with our finances – so we have to SAVE some money – and like everything in OA – you are in charge – you are the group conscience of OA – SO let's get started then shall we.'

'I will divide you into two groups' – - divide room into 2 teams – 'will all group 1 go and sit on this side – indicates left side of room – and all group 2 will sit on this side – indicates right side of room.

'OK – so we now have our teams – Team 1 will be in charge of saving money from Region 9 Budget. – Alison Savealot – will you stand in front of your team?'

'Team 2 will be in charge of saving money from the WSO budget –

Slim Tightwad – will you stand in front of your team?'

'Ok – so Team 1 - Region 9 will go first – your announcer will ask for a volunteer for each turn of the wheel - she will then ask you to close your eyes and imaginatively spin the wheel – you then close your eyes 'spin' and point to that section. – Your announcer will then ask you if you want to save funds on that section of the budget. – Each team will go in turn and we will have a new volunteer each time – so be prepared to come up and 'SPIN' ! '

'So – ALISON SAVEALOT – go ahead and save lots of dosh... '

ALISON SAVEALOT – 'can I have a volunteer to be our first contestant please? Hopefully a volunteer appears –

ALISON SAVEALOT – 'can you 'spin' the wheel please?' Volunteer closes eyes and picks a segment. –

ALISON SAVEALOT Repeats the title of that segment and then announces the blurb – as given below.

The words that are printed in capitals are those that it is suggested that you can 'play' on or give emphasis to.

SLIM TIGHTWAD – reads the blurb and asks the WSO team up to spin.

Each team goes in turn – until we get fed up and have had lots laughs!

At the end of the evening

'SLEEZY HOSTESS' OK OK I'm convinced. Looks like there are no areas we can eliminate and still be able to carry out our primary purpose: - to carry the message of recovery to the compulsive eater who still suffers. Maybe we learned a little about where our Seventh Tradition goes this evening. We know that our fellowship isn't about making profits, or having lots of money on hand, but even though we have no dues or fees – we do have expenses. So next time you reach a little deeper when the basket comes around, you might feel better knowing that your money is well spent and getting so much done! And then none of us will end up on the

ALISON SAVELAT, SLIM TIGHTWAD & SLEEZY HOSTESS say all together :-

'WHEEL OF ...MISFORTUNE'

Region 9 Items on the Budget and the script for ALISON SAVEALOT!

Region Chairs 1st, 2nd and 3rd Meetings with the Region Chairs Committee - i.e. @ WSBC in May, August and then in the Autumn

ALISON SAVEALOT 'Let me see now - a WHOLE 17% of the budget for our Region. I understand these costs include the fare and accommodation and expenses to get the Chair to those meetings. It says in your Region 9 Bylaws that our Chair - MUST attend the WSBC which is the first meeting with the other Region Chairs - so we have no choice with that one... - and besides this is the Group Conscience of OA as a whole - i.e. to get and keep us all ABSTINENT. I understand that those weeks are pretty intense and there are lots of workshops - has anybody here that has been to the WSBC? With regard to the 2nd RCC meeting - it says in my notes that the Region Chairs Committee share with each other how they are getting on in their regions in carrying the message of OA recovery and ABSTINENCE and they make new plans for carrying the message. And we get a contribution from the WSO budget for our costs anyway for that 2nd meeting. As far as the 3rd meeting is concerned - it says here that there are 2 purposes i.e. 1) our Chair learns by what they do in that region - and perhaps takes ideas home - like focusing on ABSTINENCE and SPONSORSHIP and neat ideas like the 11th Step Sandwich. -' and 2) so that the chair takes part in being seen as a whole body of a committee - in recovery from compulsive overeating. The other Region Chairs come from ALL OVER THE WORLD _ ALL ABSTINENT! Isn't that magic!

Do we REALLY need to send our Chair to these meetings? Maybe our Region isn't important enough to take part in such like? Do you think we could dispense with this cost?' Team - NO.....

Nominee Trustee Travel to WSBC

ALISON SAVEALOT 'Let me see now - this cost pays for our nominee trustee to get to WSBC and the hotel - so they can be voted upon and elected to represent our region on the Board of Trustees. Does our region REALLY want a trustee from amidst us to be on the board?' Team - Shout - YES.

ALISON SAVEALOT 'So do you think we can take that cost out?' Team - NO.....

Region 9 Board - Assembly Travel

ALISON SAVEALOT 'Ah - I know what this cost covers - it gets ALL THREE of the Region 9 Board members to the Assembly and pays for their accommodation and expenses. I know we need a board - but maybe we could cut some of this - maybe we could do without a chair?' Team - NO.....

ALISON SAVEALOT 'Or a secretary?' Team - NO..... ALISON SAVEALOT 'Or even a treasurer?' Team - NO..... Digectedly ... ALISON SAVEALOT 'Maybe not then....!' (*Hangs head in despair.*)

Region 9 Assembly delegate assistance

ALISON SAVEALOT 'Ah - this costs you a whopping 18% of your budget. Maybe we've got some chance of savings here then....Let me see - it funds several people to the Assembly - I understand that their service bodies are asked to send details of their finances in their application. Some service bodies just don't have the funds to send someone to our assembly. - maybe they are from poor countries or don't have many groups. Do you really want them present?' Team - YES.....

ALISON SAVEALOT 'So can we dispense with this cost then?' Team - No

Website Maintenance

ALISON SAVEALOT 'This doesn't cost you very much really - just under 1% - but it is a cost though! Maybe you could save on this - it pays for the hosting of the website - could you do without the website?' Team - NO.....

Accounts preparation and review

ALISON SAVEALOT 'Ahh..._here we are - some chance - nobody likes ACCOUNTANTS do they!!!! ?' Team - NO.....

'We call them 'bean counters' in the UK! This cost is for your region to have an accountant outside the fellowship - apparently so the treasurer can get on with sending out receipts and dealing with applications for delegate assistance and translation assistance - I guess it's a bit much to expect a willing volunteer to be an expert on excel and accountancy terms like accruals and prepayments eh. BAAAAA HUMBUG I understand that this person is very reasonable with the amount they charge - it comes to 4% of our budget. Would it be worthwhile getting rid of this cost?' Team - NO....

Admin Expenses, Bank Charges, Depreciation & Misc.

ALISON SAVEALOT 'These costs add up to 4% of our budget in Region 9. I understand it covers things like paper and ink for the board - and then there 'cad' bankers - they charge you a bit too - but I think we always try to do it as cheaply as possible though. I wonder if we could get rid of this then?' Team - NO....

Contribution towards Translation of OA Literature

ALISON SAVEALOT 'Oh dear - I'm not sure you're going to play ball here - even if it does cost 18 PERCENT OF OUR BUDGET!! This cost apparently helps service bodies translate the OA literature and print it - so that they can sell it to their OA members and help them become ABSTINENT. Maybe you don't want literature in Icelandic or Italian or Hebrew? Could we dispense with this cost?' Team - NO....

Contribution to WSO

ALISON SAVEALOT 'Ah - THIS ACCOUNTS FOR a WHOPPING 25 PERCENT - wow. You have some details of what the WSO costs us - don't you Slim? SLIM TIGHTWAD answers and reads the part in the WSO script....

ALISON SAVEALOT says dejectedly ' Even if we were to contribute that amount - I understand that Region 9 is the LOWEST contributing region of the lot! In 2009 apparently - REGION 9 GAVE ONLY 1.73% OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR WSO. That works out ... let me see... at \$9 per group in Region 9. If all groups in the world were to contribute enough to pay for your WSO - they would have to contribute \$135 EACH. Yiks - We don't do very well do we?

Team - NO....

It also says in my notes that the WSO budget even pays for your Trustees travel budget, as well as supports some of your delegates to the WSBC and even pays out money from their translation funds to help you translate your literature. And this is ON TOP OF ALL THEIR OTHER COSTS - like the computer etc. Let me see - I'm sure I saw something when I read our traditions about funds... *fumbles with papers* Ah - 7th Tradition - EVERY GROUP SHOULD BE FULLY SELF SUPPORTING, DECLINING OUTSIDE CONTRIBUTIONS! - don't do very well with that then do we? ?

Team - NO.... can we dispense with the WSO contributions then?' Team - NO....

Contribution to other Regions

ALISON SAVEALOT 'Em... It says in my notes that your region have ONCE contributed to another region that had a problem with its finances. Have other regions ever contributed to us then? Well I can tell you that EVERY year there are at least 2 regions that support our chair to get to that 3rd RCC meeting. - That's because they recognise that Region 9 is at a distance from most of the meetings and that we have other costs and considerations like languages and translation. - Good of them isn't it?'

Team - YES.... ALISON SAVEALOT 'So even though this year it's in as nothing I guess we can't save anything there then eh??? ?' Team - NO....