

The second Zoom Meeting of the Fast Break Study Group was held on September 12th to discuss ideas on how to improve our Business Meeting. The first Study Group meeting was held on August 8.

15 members attended the September 12 meeting, with representatives from each of our meetings (FB 1, FB 2, FB Weekend, Zoom and In Person).

21 people attended the August 8 meeting, again reflecting the full diversity of FB meetings times and platforms.

Consensus from discussions at those meetings:

The current meeting format has been and remains problematic. Once service-position reports and regular business are conducted we lack adequate time to address issues.

The Study Group recommends that we consider, on a trial basis, holding a 45-minute Joint Business Meeting of FB Zoom and FB In-Person, quarterly, to be held exclusively on Zoom.

So as to not interfere with the normal meeting schedules, this quarterly Joint Business Meeting could be conducted in the evening, on the same day each quarter.

The initial version of this joint meeting could be held on the 2nd Tuesday of November. The next regularly scheduled meeting would be held on the 2nd Tuesday of February.

Monthly business meetings of FB Zoom and FB In-Person would be held separately at the traditional times, or at times to be determined by each meeting.

At Manhattan Share-A-Day, the overall Chair of the Midnight Group reported that this approach has been successful for them.

FB members who attended the special meetings will informally advise other members of the Group of the consensus that was reached in order to prepare for discussion and a vote on proposed changes at the next scheduled Business Meeting on October 13th.

Meantime, members may opt to conduct straw polls at daily meetings in order to inform others of the issues in advance of October 13th.