



Open: 9:18 AM with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer and the reading of the 12 Concepts

Roll Call: Amber S., Deb B., Taylor M., Candain M., Dawn H., Angie E., Ernie S., Jim M., Bobby W., Keith B., Abel C., Paco R., Mike M., Sharon F.

Guests: None

Birthdays; Angie E.; 9 months, Bobby W.; 6 years, Mike M.; 10 years, Abel C.; 6 months.

Approval of Last Month's Minutes: Motion to approve last month's minutes with a second. Minutes not approved. Changes: 1) Clean Serene Freak's group didn't donate Poker Run proceeds to CRCNA, money was donated to Area. Amber's birthday is incorrect.

Motion to approve April Minutes after acknowledgement of corrections by Deb B., seconded by Ernie S.

Opening Reading: "Teachable" "We have learned that it is okay to not know all the answers, for then we are teachable, and can learn to live our new life successfully".

In a way, addiction is a great teacher. And if addiction teaches us nothing else, it will teach us humility. We hear it said that it took our best thinking to get to N.A. Now that we're here, we're here to learn. The NA Fellowship is a wonderful learning environment for the recovering addict. We aren't made to feel stupid at meetings. Instead, we find others who've been exactly where we've been and who've found a way out. All we have to do is admit that we don't have all the answers, then listen as others share what's worked for them.

As recovering addicts and as human beings, we have much to learn. Other addicts - and other human beings - have much to teach us about what works and what doesn't. As long as we remain teachable, we can take advantage of the experience of others.

Just for Today: I will admit that I don't have all the answers. I will look and listen to the experience of others for the answers I need.

Group Reports:

4th Street Recovery: Not in attendance

Addicts Helping Addicts: Sharon F.; GSR, Jennifer C.; GSRA. Attendance small but steady. Could use support.

Addicts Seeking Sanity: Amber S. GSR, Danny G. GSRA. All is well. Jackson Lake group sites full, but they have other sites available. Group inventory is May 21st - group members only. Area donation: \$60.

Addicts United: Beth A. GSR. Taylor reporting: **Meeting is closed.**

Back to Basics: Dave. A representing. Not in attendance.

Buena Voluntad: Not in attendance.

Group Reports: (cont'd)

Clean Serene Freaks: Taylor M.: GSR, Chris K.: GSRA. Having a lot of newcomers coming in. All chair positions are open. Could use some support. Sub-committee meeting for Poker Run is doing good. Ray L. is Activities Chair.

Dead Without It: Thelma J.; GSR. Not in attendance.

Drug Busters: Mark M.: GSR. Attendance good. Area donation: \$20.

Esperanza de a Vida “Hope for Life”: Francisco R.; GSR, Abel C.; GSRA. Abel reporting: Meetings are going well, Wednesday night meeting is bilingual, could use support.

Free at Last: Bobby reporting. This meeting needs support. Unless there is someone to go up there on Friday nights, the meeting may cease to exist. Will a group be willing to make the effort to go up and do the meeting there in Estes Park?

Chair: Please take this back to the groups.

Freedom Springs: Jennifer C.: GSR. Dawn H. reporting. All is well. Area donation: \$100.

Dead Without It: Not in attendance.

Hugs Not Drugs: Newt L. GSR. Not in attendance.

Humbling Asking: Kurt B. reporting: **Meeting is closed.** Jeff donated literature to the **Steps and Traditions Roulette** meeting, and funds were donated to Area.

Just For Today: Greg P.: GSR Randy L. GSRA. Not in attendance.

NA Nooner: Candain M.: GSR. (Still in need of a GSRA). Meetings going good. Day care did not go thru. Group decided that kids 2 and under can go to the meetings. **No meeting on May 30th.**

New Horizons: Not in attendance.

Primary Purpose: Deb. B.: GSR. Carrying a strong message of recovery. Rent paid 2 months on both meeting places. Lit and medallions purchased.

Steps and Traditions Roulette: Jacqueline A.-B.: GSR. Kurt B. reporting. Changed to study of “It Works; How And Why”. Bought 4 “It Works; How And Why” books for the meeting. Area donation: \$25.

When At The End Of The Road: Daniel GSRA. Angie E. reporting. Having a BBQ at the church on Memorial Day weekend. Details forthcoming, and to be posted on the website. Area donation; \$25.

XX Genes: Jessica C.: GSR. Angie reporting. Women’s meeting, is going well.

If your meeting report is not on here, make sure a written, preferably typed so I can read it, copy is turned in to Area Secretary! Thanks

Officer Reports

Vice Chair: Bobby W. - Unfinished Business – Adhoc Recommendations –

It was discussed that we should postpone the voting on the Adhoc committee recommendations since many members were not present. Bobby read bylaws for voting (suspending a vote) when not enough members are present. Bobby's experience is, that we need to take care of business at hand, and vote on the adhoc committee's recommendations so that the monies can be properly taken care of, and that we can change it later if needed. Discussion; The ASC guidelines state that whomever are present is adequate for a vote. It was also stated that we only need 2/3 of the present members present to vote on the Adhoc recommendations. Bobby read each recommendation, discussion followed. When needed, changes were made and agreed upon, and then called for a vote:

1) Operate all OTW Area business from one bank account, and any debit cards attached to the account be held by the Area Treasurer.

Discussion: Drug Busters Group: Concern of large amounts of money (cash) at hand at any time, so how can each subcommittee manage this without own accounts?

Primary Purpose Group: Merchandise & Lit to have their own accounts? What is the reasoning? Each Chair may have high amounts of cash in hand at any time.

Vice Chair explains that it is difficult to assess use of all different accounts and cards, and transaction sheets, and the bank charges money for changes of signers.

Literature Chair was asked how this will affect how he does the Lit. He stated that there are pros and cons for both sides. Separate accounts has Lit chair only spends Lit money. But then the bank system is not efficient. If a subcommittee needs Lit, they have to do a disbursement form, then get it from Area, etc. Joint accounts can be a hassle, but he is in favor of it.

Changes to the wording of the guidelines will need to be changed to: Lit can spend in one month no more than what it made the last month. One figure per month should be kept by the Lit and Treasurer Chairs.

Vote: 13 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention. Recommendation passes.

2) Use checks for all transactions (or at least for all transactions over a specified amount). AVOID CASH WITHDRAWALS!

Discussion: Addicts Seeking Sanity group: Recommendation should be amended to; No cash withdrawals at all. Vice Chair stated that the recommendation was stated that way because a last minute withdrawal might be necessary. RCM1 stated that planning needed to be better. Drug Busters Group: Why have the recommendation state "checks" only, when we have debit cards? Chair; Agreed, sometimes Chairs need to make online purchases. Primary Purpose group: Amend to; "Use checks or debit cards" only. Treasurer has the debit cards only. Amend the recommendation to; "checks or debit only"? Accepted. Suggested: Eliminate; "(or at least for all transactions over a specified amount). AVOID CASH WITHDRAWALS!" Accepted.

Recommendation amended to:

Use checks or debit cards for all transactions.

Vote: 14 For, 0 Against. Amended Recommendation passes unanimously.

Officer Reports (cont'd)

Vice Chair: Bobby W. – Unfinished Business – Adhoc Recommendations (cont'd)

3) Require timely deposits of all funds.

Discussion: Addicts Seeking Sanity Group: Change to requiring deposits within no more than 5 business days. “Timely” is not specific enough. Nooner Group: What about reserve for change box, such as Merchandise? Answer; Cash does not need to be maintained. 48 and 24 hours deposit timeline were also suggested. There may always be exceptions. Vice Chair: 2 hours after the event, unless other arrangements are made. Critical to have it deposited right away. Concerns are that there is not a Home State bank in all cities. Answer: Vice Chair may then be contacted, then he/she may make the deposit. ASC agreed to amend to require timely deposits of all funds within 24 hours.

Recommendation amended to:

Require timely deposits of all funds within 24 hours.

Vote: 14 For, 0 Against. Amended Recommendation passes unanimously.

4) Establish standing operating budgets (S.O.B.'s) for the Merchandise, Activities, and possibly Public Information sub-committees. Each sub-committee would be required to maintain its own account ledger of expenditures and include an accurate financial reconciliation to the ASC each month.

Discussion: Addicts Seeking Sanity Group: Include Lit and H & I sub-committees, say all sub-committees in the recommendation. Freedom Springs Group: It may be too much to keep a separate ledger and budget. Drug Busters: We have chosen people with skills to do the job. RCM1: Budgets are part of the job. Freedom Springs Group: Verbiage makes task seem overwhelming to everyone. Chair: Each sub-committee is to get an account ledger. Drug Busters: Treasurer will account for all monies in ledgers and report to ASC. Addicts Seeking Sanity: If ledgers are bought, each sub-committee chair will be trained. Vice Chair: Had in mind a training day for this.

Recommendation amended to:

Establish standing operating budgets (S.O.B.'s) for all sub-committees. Each sub-committee would be required to maintain its own account ledger of expenditures and include an accurate financial reconciliation to the ASC each month.

Vote: 13 For, 1 Against. Amended Recommendation passes.

5) Better Planning. No last minute events and no flyers printed until an event is actually on the calendar.

Chair: Clarifying that this recommendation is for Area event vs. group event. If group comes to Area for support, it becomes an Area event. Vice Chair: Area suggests the events. Group can step up and host the event. This cuts out the happening of the event getting planned before the money is asked for. Need something specific, timeline. Task Activities for planning details ahead, maybe 2 months ahead. Since Activities chair is not here today, can we decide on the timing? Yes. Guidelines will not be changed until a later date. Vice Chair: What be a holdup of planning Activities a year ahead? ASC agreed on amending the recommendation to: All events must be presented to ASC 60 days in advance of the event.

Recommendation amended to:

All events must be presented to the ASC 60 days in advance of the event.

Vote: 13 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention. Amended Recommendation passes.

Chair: Addendum to the Guidelines will be changed after going back to the groups.

Officer Reports (cont'd)

Secretary: Sharon F. Contacted Becky Stewart at the City of Loveland to reserve this meeting room for August thru December. The cost will be: \$197.50. The first Sunday of October is already reserved by another group, so we'll need to decide today on the Sunday we would like to meet for that month. The next Sunday, October 9th is available. I will submit a motion to call a vote for changing the October meeting date to the 9th.

Treasurer: Trino F. Not in attendance, but sent a report via email. Keith reporting:

The bank returned a check for non-sufficient funds. Vice Chair: Where is the money? \$50 missing. Chair: One person is responsible he will take care of it.

Off The Wall Treasure Report for April 3, 2011

Our beginning balance was \$1877.00. We had the following disbursements that day;

- \$6.60 to ASC chair
- \$18.40 to PI
- \$84.00 to H&I
- \$389.31 to Secretary

- \$500.00 to NA Region Donation
- \$94.18 to T-Mobile

Total disbursements that day were \$1092.49

We had a deposit of \$436.00 minus \$50.00 for three checks that did not have sufficient funds. One for \$30.00, \$10.00 and another for \$10.00. This brings our balance to \$1,170.51 minus our prudent reserve of \$600.00 for a general fund of \$570.51. I apologize for not being able to make this ASC, it looks like I will not be able to stay for the rest of my term. I will be more than happy to help out our New Treasure thank you all once again for being part of my recovery.

ILS,
Trino F.

RMC 1/RCM 2: Jim M. and Keith B. RCM Team. Jim M. reporting

Regional Assembly was held on Saturday, April 16, 2011 in Greeley. We'd like to extend a huge thank you to all the GSR's and GSRA's who were in attendance. OTW was very well represented!

World Service Structure System Proposal: The 2nd draft of the Service System Proposal came out in March, 2011. It is available to view at:

[http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/servsys/Service System Proposals Report March2011.pdf](http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/servsys/Service%20System%20Proposals%20Report%20March2011.pdf)

This is very important to become familiar with, as there will be proposals coming from World which will be brought to the CAR meeting in 2012. Each group will be asked to bring a vote to the Spring 2012 Colorado Regional Assembly. Later in the year, we can look at setting aside some time for the RD and RDA to come and present this information. We might even look at tying this in with an activity so to get more addicts involved. The Regional PR sub-committee is looking at compiling a resource pool of people they can call upon to help be of service in all areas and levels. They will be looking for help in H & I, PI Fellowship and Development & Outreach and general PR. This list is for the regional level. More information will be coming on this.

New trusted servants at the Regional Level are:

Secretary: Open
Treasurer: Jim H.
H & I: Dawn H.
PI: Mac Mc.
PR: Tawni C.

Regional Guidelines were presented and accepted. A copy of the new Regional Guidelines can be viewed and downloaded at: <http://www.nacolorado.org/region/CRSCNAGuidelines.pdf>.

Officer Reports (cont'd)

RMC 1/RCM 2: Jim M. and Keith B. RCM Team. Jim M. reporting (cont'd)

Western Service Learning Days XXVI coming to Colorado in 2012 is still looking for addicts to be of service. They are in need of a Vice Chair and Treasurer. These positions require being in attendance at the Regional Service Committee meetings. Other sub-committee Chairs which need to be filled are: Fundraising, Entertainment, Hospitality, Merchandise, Programs and Registration. The WSLD meets on the third Sunday of odd numbered months at 3:30 following the RSC meeting at 1212 Mariposa, Denver.

Region Inventory Discussion: Region is there to serve areas just as Area is here to serve groups. Therefore, your ideas and concerns are important. If you have ideas on how Region can better serve our area, please get those ideas to Keith B. or Jim M., and we will forward those to the Regional Service Body.

Again, a huge thanks to all who were of service and attended the Regional Assembly.

Activities Subcommittee: Scott N. Not in attendance.

CRCNA Liaison: Karen C. Not in attendance, but sent a report via email:

CRCNA 25 Report
April 9th, 2011

Good Morning, Our CRCNA meeting was held Sat. April 9th in Englewood.

I am going to divide my report into sub committees.

Fundraising: Our area needs to begin planning our Fundraiser, Barn Dance. We are attentively looking at having the dance in August. The next event is in Pikes Peak area, Mexican Dinner, flyers are on line! Our Chair for the Fundraising is Patrick G. (720)233-3881.

Programs: Listening to speaker tapes

Merchandise: Limited on T shirt ideas-pre convention shirts \$15

Web: We can begin reserving time slots to chair Marathon meetings, also, reserve a slot for your homegroup to host the Hospitality room.

Registration: Early bird reg. ends in June.

H&I: A letter to facilities has been designed and ready for distribution.

Printing/Display: discussing the colors to use on logo.

Grateful to Serve,
Karen C.

Hospitals and Institutions: Sjon C. Candain reporting:

H & I met on April 23rd. Seven addicts were in attendance. LCDC Women's group is going good, 10 women going in. LCDC Men;s group is also going good, but could use support. Work Release is going good. Detox is struggling. TRT is going great. ICCS is going good, (doing better). Need a Vice Chair. Need a chairperson for Detox, or it might not happen anymore.

Literature Sub-Committee: Mike M.

Off the Wall Area Literature Report 5/8/11

April Sales	\$ 675.50
New Lit Purchased	\$ 699.47
Current Inventory Value	\$2082.54
Current Back Balance	\$ 72.53

Officer Reports (cont'd)

Literature Sub-Committee: Mike M. (cont'd)

As reported in the recent issue of the NA Way Magazine, literature prices will see a 5% increase on all items except for the Basic Text. This change in World service prices will take effect on July 1st, 2011. I plan to have revised order forms with new prices ready for use starting in August.

Since the ASC does not meet in July, I would like to note that groups may want to plan ahead for stocking literature in their order next month.

Literature sub-committee meetings will resume next month.

Grateful to serve,
Mike M.

Public Information Subcommittee: Ernie S. No meeting this past month. There were 9 addicts who were at the 9 News health fair.

Merchandise Subcommittee: Stephanni C. Not in attendance.

Chair: Kurt B. I want to thank everyone for their support in doing service in this area. Without your commitment, we cannot do business in the OTW area and the addict that does not know NA may miss out on the message of recovery. I ask that everyone join me in a moment of silence to say the “we” version of the Serenity Prayer for everyone who is in need to hear the message of recovery ...

“As long as the ties that bind us together are stronger than those that would tear us apart, all will be well.”
Basic Text, pg 57

Again, please have a written, preferably typed so I can read it, copy of all committee, subcommittee, and Adhoc committee meeting minutes given to Secretary. Thanks

Elections for Open Office

New Business

Upcoming Events

What: Addicts Seeking Sanity Group – 5th Annual Jackson Lake Unity Weekend (Flyer)

When: June 10th – 12, 2011 6:30pm

Where Jackson Lake State Park, 26363 County Road 3, Orchard, CO 80649

Open Area Opportunities for Service:

ASC Treasurer
ASC Chair
ASC Vice Chair

Open Discussion

Written Motions

Motion by Secretary to reserve October 9th for the October ASC meeting date has been tabled until the next ASC meeting.

Disbursements

**Next ASC Meeting:
June 5 , 2011 9:00am
The Pulliam Building
545 N. Cleveland Ave.
Loveland, CO**

Your Secretary thanks you for your patience!