



Off The Wall Area

Narcotics Anonymous



## October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 OTW ASC MINUTES

**Open:** 9:05 AM with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer and the reading of the 12 Concepts

**Approval of Last Month's Minutes:** Approved

**Guests:** Jim M., John B., Welcome!!!

**BIRTHDAYS:** Ray 22yrs, Richard L. 8yrs, Ernie S. 8yrs, Danny G. 4yrs, Shane R. 2yrs, Shannon 2yrs, Crystal W. 1yr. Yahoo!!!

### **GROUP REPORTS:**

**ADDICTS SEEKING SANITY:** Jason B reported: Average attendance and 7<sup>th</sup>, the Wednesday group will begin reading the Basic text next. Our group will begin discussing our 30yrs of NA celebration in Greeley. 105 ASC Donation.

**DEAD W/OUT IT:** Richard L reported: Attendance is good, we are now starting a Speaker meeting every other month starting w/Joe K. the last Friday of the month. \$20.00 Donation.

**DRUG BUSTERS:** Liliias R. Reported- All is well, we are starting a calendar sign up-to give others the opportunity to chair, no needs or concerns @this time. No donation.

**FREE @LAST:** Not Present

**FUN ADDICTS:** Crystal W. (new GSR) reported: Last potluck was standing room only. Purchasing lit and \$50.00 donation.

**HOPE GROUP:** James reported-Last meeting Sept 18<sup>th</sup>. Books from book study went to TRT& Alternative homes for youth. The rest of Lit being donated to area. Remaining funds donated to Area today, some funds are still out there. Thank you everyone who supported the group. \$131.62donation.

**JUST FOR TODAY:** Sjon reported-We have opened new meetings Mon @noon, Thurs @noon, Friday @noon. We are asking for support from the area "meeting of the month." We are grateful for our new Lit (IP) rack. \$70.00 donation.

**LIVE GROUP:** Ray I reported- Our attendance has been all over the board, our morning and noon meetings could use support. We have no needs or wants at this time. Other than that all is well. \$100.00 donation.

**NEVER ALONE:** Marisa H. reported: Average attendance is 8-10 people Upcoming Event is Sat Nov 14<sup>th</sup> at First Christian church in Sterling CO 12-3. Celebrating our 1year anniversary for our group. All-inclusive potluck. We attended recovery month expo on Sept 12<sup>th</sup> James R was our Speaker. \$10.00 donation. Treatment Center ATC I Sterling has started an NA meeting and we are supporting it-every Sunday @7pm. LaDonna was the speaker, 30 people attended, multiple youth also attended that meeting and getting support. Looking for a Speaker at our Event Nov 14<sup>th</sup>.

**NOONER:** Danny G. reported- We are opening a new noon meeting on Fridays. We would like to thank all that supported our Dinosaur Days II BBQ event. \$ 70.00 donation.

**No Matter What:** Not present: Amy reported Attendance steady-great speakers-no issues- no donation.

**PRIMARY PURPOSE:** Shell H. reported-Attendance good, 7<sup>th</sup> good, message good. Returning \$20.00 to Area, our Representative rode w/his sponsor to the Assembly. \$48 to world. No Area Donation.

**RECOVERY SWAG'D OUT:** Paul W reported: Good meeting great attendance. Birthday celebration was packed, it was downstairs. Bought Literature. \$15.00 Donation.

**STAIRWAY TO RECOVERY:** Pat H. reported-Attendance is average 12 people, need home group members and trusted servants. \$50.00 donation.

STEPS & TRADITIONS ROULETTE: Jacqueline B. reported-Attendance averaging 15 peeps. Need home group members, we two are getting tired. Finishing up the living clean book soon, starting "It works how and why". \$19.05 Donation.

WHEN AT THE END OF THE ROAD: Shannon Reported- Attendance is good for most part, Speaker meetings are strong, Steps/Traditions meeting are going well. Purchasing \$186 in Lit and donated to the world. Alex N. is our next Speaker. \$95.99 Donation.

XX GENES: Amy K. reported-Meeting attendance is small; but steady. Paid rent and paid for our GSR to attend Regional Assembly. No donation.

#### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

CHAIR: Ernie S reported- Thank you Ray B. for filling in for me.

**VICE CHAIR:** Ray B reported: Hello Fellow committee members & guests:  
Hard to believe it has already been a month, nothing to report from me. I was not able to make the subcommittee meetings as I had other obligations that day. In Loving Service, Ray B.

**SECRETARY:** Karen C. reported: Thank you Dave for filling in for me, just a suggestion-if you could email your group reports to me [Kcampbell911@hotmail.com](mailto:Kcampbell911@hotmail.com) I can just add them to the minutes. I am requesting all Sub-committee Chairs to submit their reports to email [Kcampbell911@hotmail.com](mailto:Kcampbell911@hotmail.com).

**TREASURER:** Mike M. reported-Our current balance at the beginning of the month is \$249.52 over our Prudent Reserve. We have all check signers added now. ILS, Mike M.

#### **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**

**RCM 1:** James R reported-I attended the Regional Assembly on Sept 19<sup>th</sup> in Grand Junction with some of our GSR's and other members.

New guidelines for CRCNA, after having been voted and approved at the last assembly should be presented and posted soon. There were a few presentations on Consensus based decision making.

The Conference Agenda Report (C.A.R.) will be out Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> (The Traditions book will be included for approval) and the Conference Approval Track (C.A.T.) will be out Jan 25<sup>th</sup>. Workshops will be available beginning in February. There will be upcoming workshops on planning our future at CRCNA; this will be focused on planning as well as the role of Zones in the future. The zones will be a large part of upcoming discussions for Regions and Areas to be looking at.

CNAC approved 2 new members at large – Steve K and Coy P. (New members were ratified by Assembly). Dave R is the new chair.

Public Information has a V. Chair – Sammy P. They are looking at helping areas that have no PI of their own w/ poster drives and bus ads.

The state fair efforts resulted in the best year yet including 26 volunteers, 370 contacts, 10 of which were professional. We reimbursed Dan B for out of pocket expenses of \$110 for extra tickets and \$42.96 for meeting lists. Next year state fair was included in this year budget which was passed. It was requested to take back to groups what kind of interest there is in continuing the state fair. It costs us about \$1300 to do it every year.

All 9 facilities will be connected with us during CRCNA on Sunday morning. D.O.C. training will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at Mile Hi Area and at CRCNA. The new H&I chair is learning ropes and updating info.

The Regional meeting list is downsizing by listing meetings that are sometimes listed in two areas only once, instead of in both areas. **Elections for CRCNA XXX**

Chair – Bruce B

Vice Chair – Jim M

Treasurer – Dan O

Vice Treasurer – open

Secretary – Jennifer M

Regional Elections - Public Relations Dan B – ratified, Hospitals and Institutions – Gene

The proposal to have the Colorado Regional Rocky Mountain Campout retain \$300 from last year and increase the seed money every year to include the additional \$300 passed.

An ad hoc committee was formed to look at changes in the guidelines to have only GSR's, RCM's, and RD's to vote at Assembly's, or possibly the addition of sub-committee chairs.

All the budgets were passed. The tiers will be decided in Jan after CRCNA. ILS, James R

**Public Information:** Dave A reported: Talked to Dan B of the Southern Area about Google Voice. He said they have been using it for @ 1 year and it has worked great. We can port our existing number from T-Mobile to GV for \$20 and then we can add numbers to which calls will be forwarded. Those numbers MUST be smart phones. When a voice mail is

left it will be sent out in the form of a text. People can choose to have a call go their phone at nights, during the days, on weekends only, 24/7, etc. After some discussion we voted to adopt Google Voice. I have a sheet to pass around for members here to sign up to volunteer for the phone line, or to be willing to do 12<sup>th</sup> step calls and/or give people rides to meetings. Again, to be a phone line volunteer, you must have a smart phone. A minimum of 1 year clean is required as is a sponsor and a home group. I have some copies of our phone line guidelines which are taken straight out of the PR handbook. They are also on our website/otwna.org under Service Opportunities > PI and are mandatory reading. This move will save the ASC @ \$50 a month, stop us having to pass a physical phone from member to member, enable flexibility in when one volunteers, move us to the present as to technology, among other advantages.

We talked about doing a PI learning session before the ASC in the near future for members to ask questions about volunteering and being part of the phone line. I would ask that we do that on November 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m. here at the Majestic. This is also on the flyer/signup sheet. Members who have been on the phone line before do not need to be vetted but we would ask them and all others interested to attend for a session if at all possible. We will also have call tracking sheets on the web site for download for members to track the kinds of calls we are getting. Then try to have an online mechanism for volunteers to enter data, etc. DO NOT TAKE THIS LIGHTLY! I don't mean to call into question anyone's willingness or recovery. While there will be 4-5 people taking calls at any one time and a rotation will be in place give this some thought. Previous members that have carried the phone will be most helpful. Also, if you are offering rides, you might get a call for help close to the start of a meeting. If you picking up someone of the opposite sex, do not go alone. 12 step calls will be made with 2 members only so as to best carry the NA message not an individual's message. Checking all 3 opportunities is a lot to take on. Maybe start slow or talk to your sponsor first before committing. Obviously, members can step down if they so desire.

At CRCNA, PI will be doing some kind of presentation. I plan to meet with areas that are doing PSA's and work on those once we get the phone line in order. Since my term runs out in March, I want to have things rolling when Mark takes over. The Regional PI chair tried to set up Any Meeting just before the September regional mtg but had problems. So we probably will get together over the phone or Any Meeting in mid-October.

We had quite a few changes in the mtg lists having dropped the Hope Group and adding 3 noon mtgs for JFT and 1 for the NA nooner. 250 were printed. Please check the schedules for accuracy. We elected a new webmaster – Donnie B. from Wellington. He will be working with Pat H to get up to speed. Mucho Grande Gracias to Pat for his long and valuable work on the area website!!!!

It was suggested to me that it be mandatory for new GSR's to sign up for the area blast. I am not sure if that is ideal so I will again ask that all those interested in getting updates on activities or other info of interest please go to otwna.org and click on the link to get added to the blast list. I had one request last month and that was the first in a long while. I printed several copies of the area guidelines and those are also online under GSR Checklist and Area Info tab. Next meeting – October 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**Hospitals/Institutions:** Sherry reported:

**LCDC MENS:** Dave A. - . There are 4 panel members at this time. Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7pm.

**LCDC WOMENS:** Karen C. (Dave reported) - There are 2 panel members at this time. Meetings are held on Monday at 7pm (2x a month).

**WCJ WOMENS:** Cathy S. - There are 3 panel members at this time. Meetings are held on Tuesday at 7pm (2x a month).

**TRUE NORTH (TRT):** Janene F. - There are 7 panel members at this time. Meetings are held every Wed at 5:30pm.

**PVYS:** No panel Coordinator at this time. No meetings being held.

**DETOX:** Amber S.-There are 6 panel members at this time. Meetings are held every Monday at 5:30pm.

**WORK RELEASE:** Sjon C. - There are 5 panel members at this time. Meetings are held every Thursday at 7:00pm.

**SUMMITSTONE:** No Panel Coordinator at this time.

The H&I Subcommittee met on September 26<sup>th</sup> with 6 members present. John B. was elected as H&I vice Chair and Cathy S. was elected to carry on as Panel Coordinator for WCJ Women's. We are in need of a Panel Coordinator for Summit stone and also PVYS. Please spread the word-WE NEED MEMBERS WHO ARE WILLING TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH & HOPE at any of the facilities we serve. Please see me for an application if you are willing and able to share at the Jails. The next H&I Subcommittee Meeting will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 11am. I am requesting \$121.05 in literature and \$5 toward rent. Grateful to Serve, Sheri S.

**CRCNA Liaison:** Jim M reported:

Next CRCNA event will be Mexican Dinner / Bingo October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 2221 N. Wahsatch Redeemer Lutheran Church in Colorado Springs from 6pm-11pm \*Dinner& Drink & 5 Bingo cards for \$10\* Extra cards will be sold separately. There will also be a GREEN CHILI COOK OFF!!!!!!

Registration: early registration \$30 has been extended till October 24, 2015. Oct 25-Nov 2nd will be \$40 the Registration committee also needs help in the Registration booth so if anyone is interested in being of service please contact Michelle W ( Registration chair) 720.285.6199 H&I is also asking for help-contact Ryan B H&I Chair at 720.360.9316 Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015-One Day Only Pass - \$20

I cannot STRESS enough how important it is to purchase meal tickets (Banquet/Breakfast Buffet) it is important we fulfill our commitment this is how we pay for our meeting space so Please show your support and purchase your tickets!! Hotel Chair was able to get a few more rooms we have 11 Friday and 12 for Sat so if you still haven't reserved your room here is your last chance to do so!!!!

Great way to be of service, chair a Marathon meeting sign-up sheet available on the CRCNA website!!

Hospitality Sign-up sheet on the CRCNA website is not looking so hot (Home Groups be of service and pick a time slot) would our area be willing to fill a time slot?

**ABSOLUTELY NO CROCKPOTS IN HOSPITALITY ROOM & NO FOOD WARMERS!!!!!!**

Prepackaged food only and yes to the homemade bread.

Friday November 6th will be NA Prom (King & Queen) and DJ

You can reserve your headsets for the Silent Disco on the CRCNA website for \$2

Artist for the Art Show go to-CRCNAARTSHOW@GMAIL.COM

DJs for the Silent Disco got to- DJCRCNA@GMAIL.COM

Performers for Saturday night Talent Show go to- CRCNAPARTY@GMAIL.COM

Deadline is October 6th so in order to be considered you must get your info sent to one of these emails...

OCTOBER 10, 2015 at the Englewood library in the Perrin Room next year's Subcommittees will be voted in if you're interested please be there!! Thank you for letting me be of service Cathy S

**ACTIVITIES:** Jacob reported- Hello family, I hope all is well. The activities sub-committee met on September 26th at 9:00 am and will meet again on October 24th.

I want to thank those that attended the End of Summer Bash. There were not very many in attendance, which in part was my fault for scheduling it on the same day as the regional assembly, but it was a great time regardless. We did not pass the basket around at this event in particular; however, the area retained \$152.54.

At the last sub-committee meeting, my committee and I decided to cancel the Halloween dance in Fort Collins due to financial and attendance concerns. Simply put, we do not think that it would be the best use of this body's funds to carry the primary purpose and to host a successful, fun event. We are still planning to host marathon meeting events for Thanksgiving and Christmas as well as a movie night for the Star Wars release.

Additionally, I would like this area's groups to discuss what events they would like the area to host in the next year, particularly what types of events. Picnics are well liked, but my committee and I would like to know what other events bring joy to the hearts of addicts. Moreover, I think it is appropriate that we begin discussing whether we should participate in the New Year's Eve dance. I think it is best that this is also discussed at the group level. Note that the area lost money on this event last year for attendance declined. Furthermore, I want to note that the activities sub-committee could really use support. If anyone present would like to get involved, please come to the next meeting, but also spread the word to your home groups.

In conclusion, it seems that my term as activities chair is up. I would like to thank those that elected me. It has been an honor to put together events and see the off the wall fellowship come together over food and fun. It has been stressful at times, but it has been terrific to increase my involvement with the fellowship and give back to Narcotics Anonymous: the program that has changed my life. Most of all it has been a humbling affair and I thank you all for your encouragement, suggestions, support, and love.

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEWLY ELECTED:** Jacob elected Activities Chair, Congrats!!

**NEW BUSINESS: Meeting of the Month for October is "Just for Today".**

**Motions:** Guideline change-move CRCNA Liaison Chair election to December instead of January

**Intention:** CRCNA begins in January now

**Passed**

**Motions:** Merchandise Chair requests \$300.00

**Intention:** To begin printing new merchandise.

**Passed**

**Open Discussion:**

Activities in our Area-lack of support-discussed changing the subcommittee meetings so that more than just Jacob and a few attend. Maybe move to after Saturday morning meeting or before or after Area. Discussion was solution based to get more of us involved in making activities happen in our Area.

Addict from Local clubhouse wanted to discuss why her meeting was taken off the schedule and how to get it back on.

**November ELECTIONS:  
Hospital and Institutions Sub Committee Chair**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **ADDICTS SEEKING SANITY HOSTING CORN MAZE SCREAM EVENT**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 7:30

Fritzler Corn Maze 20861 Co rd. 33 LaSalle, CO 80645

### **PPANA CRCNA Fundraiser Mexican Dinner and Bingo**

Saturday October 24 6-11pm

2221 N Wahsatch Ave, Colorado Springs, Co 80907

### **CRCNA XXIX**

**November 6-8<sup>th</sup>**

**Westminster, CO 80020**

### **FUN ADDICTS POTLUCK/SPEAKER EVENT**

220 E Oak street Fort Collins, CO

Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> @6:00-8:00

Speaker w/1yr or more and Speaker new under 1year clean