

## **Nature Coast Area Service Meeting Minutes for October 8th, 2022**

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer

The following definitions were read by:

12 Traditions: Marco

12 Concepts: Barbara (read concept 10)

Definition of the ASC: Rich

### **ROLL CALL**

Administrative Roll Call: Present unless noted Not Present (NP)

Facilitator: Lois

Policy Chair: **Open** (Ad-hoc)

Co-Facilitator: Jim

LDO Chair: **Open**

Treasurer: NP

Alt LDO: **Open**

Alt. Treasure: **Open**

Activities Chair: Renee

Secretary: **Open**

H&I: Shannon

Alt. Secretary: **Open**

Webmaster: Rich

RCM I: NP- Unexcused

PR/Helpline Chair: NP

RCM II: NP- Unexcused

GSR Roll Call:

Yana: Bruce

Nature Coast Unity: Left early- Absent

Recovery on the River: Barbara

No Matter What: Karen

Welcome Home: Robert

Shot of Hope: Shannon (Alt)

Quorum is met.

Others Present:

Nick, Janine, Lorne

**OPEN FORUM:** Started at 10:25 AM

### **OPEN FLOOR COMMENTS:**

Janine- Addressed that Nature Coast Area did not mention the cities where meetings were. Asked Webmaster to address this. Also, didn't see a contact list for the Executive committee

members and chair. Also, the meeting guide for Nature Coast is one of the “clunkiest” and hard to navigate on our website.

Rich- Will address and is working on these. Will contact the website to see what we could get changed.

Janine- As addicts it would be nice to be more user friendly.

Jim- I personally don't want my personal information for anyone to access to off the web, so I don't know how we can work around that and look into it.

Rich- I had mentioned earlier to Janine that all the GSR's should have that information and be able to provide to home group members who request it.

Lois- I have no problem with my first name and last initial and email being on there. I have no problem with anybody wanting to email me, I have no problem with that.

Rich- Anybody that doesn't mind their information being on there, I can add that on the website.

Janine- I understand that Jim. I would like to see our webpage be as addict friendly as possible.

Barbara- I missed our minutes at our business business meeting. We have our business meeting the first Friday of the month and I didn't see the minutes, so I don't know what's in them.

Secondly- we voted on a motion that's totally out of order because it should have been submitted as a policy change. So, I guess we'll address that when the motion comes up because it shouldn't have even gone out to the groups.

Robert- I wanted to suggest that there is an alternate position open for IT.

Bruce- Returning all of YANA's stuff to area and would like have a check. I would like to return the books and get the money back.

Karen- Where's the money going to?

Bruce- The same place everyone else's money is going to- Region.

Marco- I'm kind of miffed at the fact that YANA's closing its doors and Area is not taking the initiative and paying the rent for YANA. This is one of our groups and for him to continue to take money out of his pocket, it's ridiculous that Area can't step up and help. It really sucks to see another meeting go down.

Lois- If Area is willing to pay the rent, are you willing to keep the doors open?

Bruce- This has been going on for 4 months. I am the only one showing up.

Shannon- So that's the thing. We are going to pay it for the next couple of months and nobody is showing up. I get it. It's sad. It's a great idea. But you have a life too. It sucks to be just sitting there, by yourself, for an hour.

Renee- He consistently came here and said he needed help. If you decide to open those doors again, I will commit to coming to them.

Bruce- It's consistent participation. We only have 2 home group members.

Lois- Have you considered going to only 1 meeting a week?

Bruce- One meeting a week with one person showing up is still one meeting with no support.

Janine- One of the things from the area I came from was we had a position called a GSR liaison that would help new GSR's understand their position. This person would also go to home groups that were struggling and see what could be done to help. Maybe this is something that this area could create a position like this.

Bruce- Sound like something this area could use and I would like to see this area create this position and if she (Janine) wants to volunteer for this, sounds like we have someone to take this position.

Lois- Can we make a motion for that and we can vote on that? That sounded really good.

Multiple amounts of input in establishing this position were discussed around the room. Guidelines, Policy, clean time and filling the position qualifications were discussed.

Lois- back to Bruce's question regarding buying back his literature and key tags. Can we get an answer on that? Have a straw vote? How do we want to handle this?

Barbara- We have 2 things on the floor that we are trying to vote on. Do we buy back his literature or do we leave him the literature to possibly open again?

Jim- What is the group's decision on what they really want to do? They have the ultimate decision on whether they stay open or not.

Rich- I would suggest to have him give his stuff to the LDO and set it aside until someone re-opens the meeting.

Jim- Please write when your business meeting is so can get the minutes in time before your business meetings.

Robert- I just want to put it out there. Welcome Home sat it out, asking for help for 29 weeks, paying the rent on my own. I had to move my meeting because they opened a women's meeting at the time. So, I had to move my meeting to another time, so it didn't conflict with another meeting. There's so much of that going on and not enough people to go to the meetings. I am committed to going to as many meetings as I can go to. I don't know how I can help. I just hate to see another meeting fold.

Motion to close YANA; 2nd by Shot of Hope

**Open forum is closed.**

**SECRETARY REPORT:**

Once again, I have struggled to get the report out before everyone's business meeting. Like everyone else, my life has been busy. It is what life is. I would like each of you to put when your business meeting is on your GSR reports when you turn them in. I know the minutes are to be out 10 days after the meeting. I am doing the best I can with everything I have going on. To validate what YANA is saying, whenever you give me your group reports, it shows how much each groups attendance and donations are. That's attached to the minutes and everyone can see that. When we get the minutes, we can all see how each group is doing. I have been trying to highlight events and anniversaries. Is there anything else I can add/ highlight to bring it to the group's attention?

Email is: [nacsmsecretary22@gmail.com](mailto:nacsmsecretary22@gmail.com)

**RCM REPORT: Haile/Chuck- Both NP**

Report sent in to Rich and read by Rich.

Workshop availability and suggested workshops mentioned.

Values of service. Fellowship development.

Radio announcements for PSA's.

GSR Assembly coming up.

Zone Forum was being discussed at Region.

CAR Report video available at NAflorida.org. **Will have to be voted on.**

Accepted by YANA ; 2nd- Welcome Home

### **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**H&I:** Shannon-

Springbrook is going well. 1 Saturday this month of October not covered yet. Dennis is still covering the Sanctuary and going well. Need support. Next sub-committee meeting Nov. 06 @ Club Recovery 1:15

At the point where there are not enough people to go to the facilities. We are sending one person who is taking a speaker. I will not be running again next term.

Accepted by NMW ; 2nd- ROTR

**ACTIVITIES:** Verbal/Written report by Renee (Attached).

Funds Received = \$734.40 Funds Spent = \$200.00

\$385.08 paid to Parks and Rec for the New Years Eve Bash

\$349.32 paid to Bob Ross for campsite rental (8 sites) in April.

Every Monday at 8PM, Hybrid Meeting after ROTR meeting.

Oct 8th, 3-6 PM. Spaghetti dinner fundraiser

Oct 22nd, 6-10 PM- Boo Bash

Fellowship Hall- 20641 Chestnut St.

Dunnellon, FL 34431

{This is where Progressive Recovery meets}

(Audio recording with back and forth discussion regarding activities, monies, flier verbiage, handling of monies and chairperson role is attached)

There was clarification and discussion about Activities being able to come to Area to request funds for upcoming events.

(Report Attached)

Accepted by ROTR ; 2nd by YANA

**POLICY (Ad Hoc): Barbara**

**PUBLIC RELATIONS/HELPLINE:** Report sent in by Roland:

We had a public relations booth set up last month at Inverness train depot. It was an awesome event. Perfect opportunity to do some networking and reach out to the addict who still suffers including professionals who work with addition in similar fields. We had some really great support from members showing up to help. There probably about 125 people who attended the event and some good speakers. Since cool weather is here, I know similar organizations are planning events similar to this one. I am excited to start getting involved. Public relations sub-committee now has a place to meet which is at the Club Recovery location, the last Sunday of the month at 6PM in the room in the back. So if anyone is interested in letting the community know we are here for them, please give me a call or just show up. Oh yeah, I would like to see about a Nature Coast banner that we can hang up at our booth at the upcoming events. With the approval of the Area, I can check into that and bring the information back next month. ILS-Roland.

(No Helpline report sent in)

Funds Received: \$0.00

Funds spent: \$0.00

Accepted- NMW , 2nd- NCU

**LDO: Verbal/Written report**

Given by Karen-

Previous Inventory Balance \$969.05

Literature Order + \$00.00

Group Order - \$78.35

Balance= \$890.07

Total Inventory = Waiting on complete inventory. Will provide next month.

Back Orders) 1- packet IP rack  
4- Intro Guide to NA

These were ordered, did not get.

Issue with literature order. Will address on Tuesday.

Accepted by Welcome Home ; 2nd by- ROTR

**WEBMASTER/ I.T.:** Verbal by Rich.

Funds Received: \$0.00

Funds Spent: \$14.99 (Auto pay for Zoom)

Receipts emailed to treasurer.

Web is currently up to date. We have had 171 visits in the last week; 587 in the last month; 5944 in the last year.

Discussion on whose contact information to be added to the website.

Accepted by YANA; 2nd Welcome Home

***[Short Break taken]***

10 minute break taken.

## **GSR REPORTS**

Group Name: **Yana**

GSR: Bruce

Alt. GSR:

Donation to Area: \$0.00

Literature Order: \$0.00

# of Home Group Members:

Average Attendance: 1 person/ week/ meeting

Newcomers:

Changes to Group Information: **CLOSED**

Group Anniversaries/Announcements:

Group Challenges/Comments:

Leaving all YANA Literature and stuff to Area for future opening.

Group name: **Shot of Hope**

GSR: Dottie

Alt. GSR: Shannon

Donation to Area: \$75.00

Literature Order: \$11.80

# of Home Group Members: 4

Average Attendance: 7-10

Newcomers: 2

Changes to Group Information:

Group Anniversaries/Announcements:

Group Challenges/Comments: Could always use support

Group Name: **Recovery on the River**

GSR: Barbara

Alt. GSR: Open

Donation to Area: \$100.00

Literature Order: \$3.20

# of Home Group Members: 8

Average Attendance: 6-12

Newcomers: 1-2

Changes to Group Information: Monday- Living Clean; Friday- Open Discussion

Group Anniversaries/Announcements:

October Celebrants- Edwin- 31 Years last Friday of the month; Phillip- 14 Years

November Celebrant- Jen C- 6 Years

Group Challenges/Comments: Sometimes Attendance. Need support.

Group Name: **Nature Coast Unity**

GSR: Dennis

Alt. GSR: Marco

Donation to Area: \$94.00

Literature Order: \$72.00

# of Home Group Members: 21

Average Attendance: 33



Newcomers: 8

Changes to Group Information:

NCUG is looking to upgrade groups format & structure. Men's meeting looking to swap meeting space from the back room to the main space up front due to the growth of our men's meeting.

Monday- Women's meeting 6-7 PM

Tuesday- NCG meeting 2 PM

Wednesday- Men's meeting 7-8 PM

Friday- NCG meeting 7:30- 8:30 PM

Saturday- NCG meeting 7:30- 8:30 PM

Sunday- NCG meeting 2 PM

Group Anniversaries/Announcements:

Group Challenges/Comments: Group business meeting- 1st Sunday of the month.

Group Name: **Welcome Home**

GSR: Robert

Alt. GSR:

Donation to Area: \$35.72

Literature Order: \$14.28

# of Home Group Members: 3

Average Attendance: 8

Newcomers:

Changes to Group Information:

Group Anniversaries/Announcements:

Group Challenges/Comments:

Group Name: **No Matter What**

GSR: Karen

Alt. GSR: Cindy

Donation to Area: \$60.00

Literature Order: \$55.40

# of Home Group Members: 14

Average Attendance: 10-12

Newcomers:

Changes to Group Information: Sundays will be SPAD (Spiritual Principle a Day) meetings from the Spiritual Principle a Day book and open format.

Group Anniversaries/Announcements: **Jim C, 3 years. Celebrating Sunday, November 6th at 4 PM.**

Group Challenges/Comments:  
Rejected Treasurer's report due to policy not in alignment.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Group Treasure Report Vote from previous month:  
Treasurer Report brought back to groups from September accepted.  
4 Yeah, 2 No

**OLD MOTION REVIEW:**

**Motion 907022.01** was passed by Homegroups by 4-2 vote. **This motion was deemed mute due to verbiage and process of being a policy change.** It was discussed heavily and put back on the floor to be re-written and addressed by the Policy committee first. It is being re-written as a policy change and will be re-submitted next month for Policy review before being voted on and sent out to homegroups for final vote.

Intense discussion about this motion commenced and clarification regarding what policy states. The discussion further went into Activities budget monies.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**NEW MOTIONS:**

**Motion 100822.01** (See attached)  
Passed Unanimously at Area

New position created is "**GSR Liaison**"

**Anyone willing to run for this position please submit your nominations at next Area.**

Clean time requirement is 2 years for this position.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Report from LeeAnn was given by Lois. (sent to all GSR's prior to meeting)  
LeeAnn out of town- On Vacation  
August's Report accepted.

September Treasurer's report:

Previous balance= \$744.77  
Activities fund= \$2,082.88  
Prudent reserve= \$800.00

Group donations & literature= \$404.00  
Expenses= \$789.53 (Meeting lists, Zoom, Literature orders, Activities Expenses and Rent for meeting room)  
Total cash balance= \$3,242.67  
Operating balance= \$359.79 (\$359.35?)

**Donation to Region:** \$N/A

**Donation to World:** \$N/A

**REPORT (Not available or attached) NEEDS TO BE BROUGHT BACK TO HOMEGROUPS BY GSR'S TO BE VOTED ON PER NATURE COAST POLICY! PLEASE HAVE HOMEGROUPS VOTE TO ACCEPT OR NOT ACCEPT TREASURE REPORT EACH MONTH.**

## **NOMINATION AND ELECTIONS:**

**New nominations should be submitted to the November 12th Area Service Meeting.**

**Positions still open Below**

**Please announce the positions that are still open at Area and that we need support!!!**

| <b><u>Position</u></b> | <b><u>Clean Time Requirement</u></b> |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Secretary</b>       | <b>1 year</b>                        |
| <b>Alt Sec</b>         | <b>6 months</b>                      |
| <b>LDO</b>             | <b>2 years</b>                       |
| <b>Alt LDO</b>         | <b>9 months</b>                      |
| <b>Policy</b>          | <b>2 years</b>                       |
| <b>Alt Treasure</b>    | <b>2 years</b>                       |

**H & I, Co-Facilitator will be open at the end of this year (2 Years clean time)**

*Common Requirements for all Area positions are as follows:*

- 1. Willingness to serve*
- 2. Have prior service experience*
- 3. Working knowledge of the 12 Steps & 12 Traditions of NA*
- 4. Ability to lead, communicate and organize*
- 5. Able to give time and resources*

**For additional detailed requirements for each position, please review the policy on our website.**

[www.nanaturecoast.org](http://www.nanaturecoast.org)

## **REMINDERS!!!**

1. Have Literature Orders and funds ready to be turned in before the start of Area Business!
2. **Motion 100822.01 Needs to be brought back to the Homegroups.**
3. **Area needs support!**
4. **Please do not forget to vote on the Treasurer's Report.- Not available at time these minutes were sent out.**
5. ALL Meetings, ROTR, No Matter What, Nature Coast Unity Welcome Home, Shot of Hope meetings all need support!!!

### REVIEW BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:

Waived by ROTR, 2nd Welcome Home

**PLANS FOR NEXT ASC MEETING:** The next ASC meeting will be November 12, 2022 at 10 AM.

**Policy *Meeting will start at 9 AM, prior to ASC Meeting.***

Location will be at the same location in Floral City.

CLOSING: Motion to close made by ROTR; 2nd by YANA .

Closed with the Serenity Prayer