

Nature Coast Area Service Meeting Minutes for August 13th, 2022

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer

The following definitions were read by:

12 Traditions: Chuck

12 Concepts: Rich (read concept 8)

Definition of the ASC: Barbara

ROLL CALL

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

Facilitator: Lois

Policy Chair: Open (Ad-hoc)

Co-Facilitator: Jim

LDO Chair: Jason

Treasurer: Leeann

Alt LDO: **OPEN**

Alt. Treasure: **OPEN**

Activities Chair: Renee

Secretary: **OPEN**

H&I: Shannon

Alt. Secretary: **OPEN**

Webmaster: Rich

RCM I: Chuck

PR/Hotline Chair: Roland

RCM II: Haile

GSR Roll Call:

Yana: Bruce

Nature Coast Unity: Dennis

Recovery on the River: Barbara

No Matter What: Karen/ Cindy

Welcome Home: NP

Shot of Hope: Dottie

Quorum is met.

Others Present:

Chris

OPEN FORUM:

OPEN FLOOR COMMENTS:

Lois- The mid year inventories are due and even over do. Now Chris, from Forest area, has been contacted and will be doing the financial inventory this month. The Policy does say that this is supposed to be done as a group- the executive committee members, that is, and I was wondering if I could get a volunteer or 2 to stay after this meeting and do a quick count on the literature and get that out of the way. Then theirs the other inventory and I have questions to

pass out for all of you fill out please. This is for our own use to help us serve the NA community, and our Groups or sub-committees.

The motion that's on the floor that we voted on. It really wasn't done properly, but the whole thing is really mute as a motion. Shame on all of us. Article 9 "Motions and Voting Procedures" in Our Area Service Policy says "#1- Only those listed below can make or 2nd motions: A) GSR's, or their Alternates in the absence of GSR'S B) Executive Committee members, pertaining to their office. C) Sub-committee chairpersons, or their vice-chair in the absence of the chair, pertaining to their office". I stumbled upon this this morning when reviewing the voting procedure.

Renee- The motion is not mute because it was made by ROTR.

Lois- Well, I'm not finished yet and it doesn't matter who made the motion. The point is They CAN already vote, that's the point'

Rich- Can you read the motion again?

Jim- I will read the motion. "To change policy to say that sub-committees have the ability to make motions.

Lois- So, according to Article 9, page 11, sub-committee chairpersons, or their vice chairpersons, can make motions pertaining to their office. Now, if you want to make a motion to allow them to make motions, not pertaining to their office, that would have to be a separate vote. According to what's in front of me, it's mute because it's already in place.

Renee- Excuse me, but does it say that subcommittees can already make motions pertaining to their office.

Lois- Yes.

Rich- I did say that last month.

Lois- I hate that none of us caught that. None of us are perfect, we're doing the best we can. So that's what I discovered and that's the way it is. That's how it stands now. Let me just say one more thing please. Then I will take names.

Rolando- When the motion came through, even though it was wrong, the intention was different than what was written, right?

Lois- What I am trying to say is, you are trying to change something to something that already exists.

On another note, I felt my personal integrity was really attacked last month at our last AS meeting. I didn't appreciate the finger pointing and shouted accusations at me. It was stated that I changed the policy on my own without going through procedure. It was pertaining to allowing sub-committee chairs and executive committee members to join in discussions affecting our fellowship and area. In our Guide to Area Service, it explains having a voice as according to parliamentary procedure, which means the right to vote. I have adhered to only letting GSR's have that kind of voice. On page 69, it describes a typical area meeting, and includes a sharing and discussion session after the reports to discuss concerns and issues raised by the reports. These discussions are open to ALL committee members. This is how I, and other past facilitator's, have interpreted how to run the meeting.

I really hope that from now on we can really respect each other a little bit more and talk nicer to each other. I'm doing the best that I can. I/

I'm not perfect. I am going to make mistakes. We all do. There's not anybody in this room that hasn't made a mistake. We do our best to do the service that we do. And, let's be kind to each other, that's all I want to say about that.

Roland- I'm not sure what the intent of the motion was. Maybe it's different than what's stated in the policy. I think it's this body's responsibility, that if a chairperson, or vice-chairperson is trying to make a motion that doesn't have something to do with their office then it's this body's responsibility to determine if it has something to do with their office.

Jim- Would you like me to read the intent that was written on the motion again? (Intent read: To give the subcommittee chairs the ability to run their sub-committees effectively.)

Roland- So, right there, it automatically pertains to their office.

Lois- It does.

Roland- So, the vice-chair would obey the same idea that the chair would have. It's up to us to decide if it pertains to their office, or not.

Robert- I am just making a point that he (Rolando) was just asking a question about what was currently being spoken about and you just pushed him off till later. And I thought that wasn't right. So.....

Lois- I just wanted to finish my thoughts. I apologize.

Robert- You covered so many things, I don't remember what the first one was. So, that's the problem.

Lois- Maybe I should have done it one at a time. I apologize. Rolando, say what you wanted please.

Rolando- I don't remember.

Barbara- First of all, you get respect when you give respect. I wanted to say that. And I have said that from the beginning. Second of all, when we have a motion, it's up to the GSR's to take it back to the group and if it doesn't sound right they're supposed to say this is according to the way things are done. They need to say that the motion needs to go back to the maker. Ok. Third of all we are not in Roberts Rules of Order. We conscious based decision making, except on voting. We have ran that for 5-6 years now. We have not followed Roberts Rule of Order.

Renee- Parliamentary procedure

Barbara- Yes. that's it. Because we are conscious based decision making and we decided on that before Forest Area came into play. We are only under Robert's Rule of Order when it comes to voting time. It's been like that since I can remember. Yes it has Robert.

Lois- Show me where that's written please.

Barbara- You have to go back in the minutes. Do you have the minutes? I think it's 2016-17 because I didn't like it. That's how I remember. I wanted Robert's Rule of Order, but we haven't done that.

Alvin- It has been changed from Consensus Based decision making to Robert's Rule of Order.

Robert- Thank you.

Alvin- It became part of Policy. We tried to change it and you can;t just change it easily when you go from one to the other.

Barbara- Well, it's not in policy.

Alvin- It's in policy. Might be in the old policy.

Renee- Yeah, it's not in policy.

Barbara- I think we should check minutes. I hope we have minutes from back then.

Rich- In our whole, any time since I have been here the last 4 years, anytime that we've given our report, anybody that sits at the table has been allowed to ask that person a question as long as it pertains to the office. It never mattered if you were a GSR or sub-committee. It's been like that since I have been here. So, when I give my report, anybody at this table has been allowed to ask questions. Nobody ever said anything about it. As long as it pertains to the report. So, I don't really understand why that came up.

Renee- The point of, the discussion that was going on, I really don't recall because it should be in the minutes, but it's not because the minutes are not as accurate as to what is said here.

Barbara- Yes they are.

Renee- Not word for word. Because there's too much typing, especially if we get in an argument, but with that being said, the whole point of that, I want to apologize for my behavior however the point I had at that time, I'm not apologizing for what I said as far as, because I fought with policy, and Chuck's my, I tried to make everybody go by policy. And the policy clearly states that sub-committees do not have a voice on the floor. When Lois took this position, she said "I don't think that's right". I think everybody should have a voice. Which I absolutely agree with. Because now, we're going by the concepts. Before, because that policy violates concepts. Several of them. You know what I mean? Because it says in our decision making process as a matter of fact, according to 4,6,7,8,9, and 10 are all violated in that policy. But 7 is where we all have a voice in our decision making process. So while they are accurate we can't just waive policy just because we want to do that. And that was the essence what I was trying to talk about and that was just simply an example. While I apologize for my behavior, I certainly, well I pay attention to what's going on here, you know and I can't, and when I'm at FRCNA and our RCM sits with another area. That really tweeks me. I pay attention to websites and peoples websites to see if they're posting stuff from our area and our representative to region they represent us, at region. And that's not being done. Other areas are being represented. So, I have a problem with that. Because this is one of our highest prestigious roles in area is a representative from region. We pay their hotel with fellowship money. You should represent our area. And if you want to go to other events. I say we all go to other events to help bring people here. But there's a lot of young people in the Recovery coast, so I have to defend that. There's not a lot of young people here to play with. They've got a great activities committee down there. So, but that bothers me if you don't know what your position consists of, please read that. No matter what our position is, like she did her homework with pointing things out. You know, I have got to stay on top of that too. So, since I openly pointed my finger at you, I will openly apologize for that. I really will, I didn't intend to do anything to hurt you. But that's where we (inaudible).

Jim- It was just brought up about the minutes and things not being in them. Yes, some things are left out of the minutes. Some of them are arguments and some of them are personal conversations that I don't think apply or will help the area. I want to say that, sitting in these meetings is stressful enough for each one of us, but having to go back and listen to the meeting, for 3 hours and re-listening to the meetings, is like glass going through your arteries. I start to think about principles before personalities and I here personalities coming into these meetings. You talk about Robert's Rules of Order. We talk about showing love and compassion for one another. We talk about unity. But, when I start seeing personalities conflicting in these meetings and I have to re-hear and type it, I cringe when I open the computer to start typing the minutes, because I already remember the pain I already went through in the last meeting when I hear personalities kicking in. With that being said, whatever I can do to help. Whatever I can do get the minutes out with things you want in, or don't want, please let me know. Also, on a personal level, I have been through a lot of corporate meetings and volunteer organization run by Robert's Rule of Order, and since I have been here, like we're doing it now, it's pretty much run

by Robert's Rule of Order. I do know this, we all have a lot going on in our lives. I have a lot going on in my life. When you go home, you work stuff at work. When you go to work, you leave home stuff at home so you don't conflict whatever you're doing. So, what I am asking if we can come to this meeting with the unity and integrity for what we are here for, and leave everything else outside with the intent to be positive and help each other and grow as a unified group. I think that would be a lot more productive for us as an area. That's all I have got to say.

Chris- Just asking for clarification. Somebody wanted to help a sub-committee and propose that make a motions outside of their committee or AA as a whole?

Barbara- It's NA, not AA

Renee- He said NA

Lois- Can you repeat the question? I didn't understand that.

Chris- I guess there's a few parts to it. If somebody tries to start a new sub-committee and are they trying make a rule, or change one, change policy to where they can propose things that outside their jurisdiction?

Renee- No sir.

Lois- I don't think so.

{Inaudible}

Robert- So, I don;t know where, what it says in the secretaries policy. I don't have a copy of policy with me right now, but what I heard just pushed a real thorn in my back. What I heard is that the secretary can decide what goes in the minutes and what doesn't. And I think we record what goes on here for a reason. And I think what's said here should be in the minutes. It's not up to the secretary to decide willy-nilly, what he likes or what he doesn't like. It's not right. It's a slippery slope. I don't think censorship, of any kind, should be allowed in NA. I would like that to be noted in the minutes and if that's happening we should change that.

Lois- Noted. Thank you.

Barbara- I would ask the RCM2 to bring us information on Robert's Rules of Order minutes from 2016-17 we had extensive representation about that. We had Will and Arty and Dave came down from Forest area to talk to us about that. And that's why we went with conscious....whatever. Because everybody a vote until, everybody had a say-so, until it was voting time, then we went to Robert's Rules of Order. That changed with this new policy that we accepted a couple of years ago. That hasn't been updated, or went through. I would ask policy changes to be held up until the ad-hoc committee had a chance to get together. For some reason, nobody can come up with a time or date. That's why I said I would go through the policy

to the best of my ability and bring everything to the floor. That's what has to happen anyway. So, if I can't get anybody together then that's the only choice we have. But I would ask Chuck and Haile to bring that information back, because I know it's there. So, I think, with that we can kind of figure out what we're doing because I believe and the minutes are intact because I was the secretary back then. And we should have the minutes because I kept everything because "I'm a rat-pack". I kept every minute of that year. It was all labeled; it was all in individual files. With the motions, with the RCM reports. With everything. And no, I didn't read through what was being said and what wasn't. Because the members have a right to know what we are discussing on the floor. It's not our right to tell them what we want and what we don't want. I'm done.

Jim- A few things here. The motion, I think somebody was questioning the intent of the motion. I would like to go back to the intent (Intent read). Somebody went and inserted "Chairs" above, between "sub-committees" and "the ability", so it was for the sub-committees or for the chair to make this motion. So, that's what I see written and I want to question that. The minutes, there was a comment about somebody's personal life and about their personal family member they're dealing with at the last meeting. When I said something to the person who said it, they asked how I knew that. I said, well you said it when you spoke. The person didn't realize that they said that. That's the type of stuff I have left out of the minutes. If they have a family member that is sick or has something going on, or something else going on, that's the stuff I have left out of the minutes. I didn't want to breach the anonymity any further than when she said what she had said and that's what was left out. If you all want me to put all that in the minutes?

Barbara- Isn't that up to the individual?

Chuck- Region actually uses a guide. They don't use policy. They use the guide for best practices and they're a little bit more leniency on that. They're pretty strict on how they have their voting procedures that are attached to them. They dumbed down version of it to keep it simple and usually {inaudible}. We actually did have a representative from Region come sit here and he said we resolve our policy. We are all in learning positions. We're not in professional positions. So, we probably do the best we can.

Renee- That's exactly what he said. Once a motion is out to the fellowship, it's already been voted on. There's no need to discuss it. It's all mute. So, if it has to be re-written then the maker has to redo that. So, that's, you know, we get off on things and it's just a waste of time. I volunteered to serve on a {inaudible} committee last area. So just contact me and I will be glad to assist you with that because I know how hard it can be to get involved.

Robert- I was going to....pass.

Lois- I'm not supposed to give my opinion but I do agree that the minutes should be more accurate and not have anything left out. I think we'll work towards that.

Jim- Ok. What you say will be put in writing.

Lois- Yeah, so watch what you say. It will be in writing and online.

Renee- In the HIPAA world, in the medical field, if you say that you are sick you've violated your own HIPAA. I can tell anybody I want because it's freedom of speech. Anonymity is the same thing, once you break, you done broke it. So, it's up for freedom of speech so that's mine to protect and I appreciate that but that's probably the type of personal stuff that shouldn't go out there. But, um, yeah, once I break my anonymity, that's on me.

Jim- May I say it wasn't just your anonymity that was broken with what was said.

Renee- I fully understand that. And I appreciate it. Then again, if I break it then it's on me.

Lois- From now on, we will not leave anything out of the minutes.

33:20.87

Motion to close ROTR; 2nd by NMW

Open forum is closed.

SECRETARY REPORT:

New email address made and last months minutes were sent out from that email address. Did everyone get them? If not, I will need everyone's email addresses. I know some people got them because From the new email address, right? From the open forum comments, I have enough clarification. I know where I will go from there when I do the minutes. I would caution you, like I tell my kids, "if you don't want something to come back and bite you, you never write it down. That's all I've got unless you have something you want me to go over. I will ask everyone to re-submit me their emails. I keep getting Shannon's kicked back.

New email is: ncascsecretary22@gmail.com

RCM REPORT: Haile/Chuck-

Accepted by ROTR ; 2nd YANA

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

H&I: Shannon- Verbal/ Written report given.

Accepted by YANA; 2nd- NCU

ACTIVITIES: Verbal/Written report by Renee.

(Report Attached)

Accepted by YANA; 2nd by NMW

POLICY (Ad Hoc): Barbara

No report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/HELPLINE: Report given by Roland

Funds Received: \$0.00 Funds spent: \$

Accepted- YANA , 2nd- ROTR

LDO: Verbal/Written report given by Jason

(Report attached)

Report:

Previous Inventory Balance \$1269.99

Literature Order + \$325.45

Group Order - \$164.90

Total Inventory = \$1,365.56 (Actual Audited inventory).

Accepted by ROTR; 2nd by- YANA

WEBMASTER: Verbal by Rich.

Funds Received: \$0.00 Funds Spent: \$14.99 (Auto pay)
Receipts emailed to treasurer.

(Report Attached)

Accepted by YANA; 2nd ROTR

10 minute break taken.

[Short Break taken]

GSR REPORTS

Group Name: **Yana**

GSR: Bruce

Alt. GSR:

Donation to Area: \$

Literature Order: \$

of Home Group Members: 3

Average Attendance: 3-4

Average Newcomers:

Changes to Group Information:

Group Anniversaries/Announcements:

Group Challenges/Comments: need help

Group name: **Shot of Hope**

GSR: Nick- Dottie

Alt. GSR: Dottie

Donation to Area: \$101.47

Literature Order: \$16.30

of Home Group Members: 3

Average Attendance: 2-5

Average Newcomers: 3

Changes to Group Information:

Group Anniversaries/Announcements: Shannon celebrating 4 years Sept. 01

Group Challenges/Comments:

Group Name: **Recovery on the River**

GSR: Barbara

Alt. GSR: Open

Donation to Area: \$

Literature Order: \$39.50

of Home Group Members: 8-12

Average Attendance: 10-12

Average Newcomers: 2

Changes to Group Information:

Group Anniversaries/Announcements:

Group Challenges/Comments: Support

Group Name: **Nature Coast Unity**

GSR: Dennis

Alt. GSR:

Donation to Area: \$50.45

Literature Order: \$85.55

of Home Group Members: 12

Average Attendance: 25-30

Average Newcomers: 5

Changes to Group Information: New women's group Monday at 6:30. Back room at Club Recovery

Group Anniversaries/Announcements: Fish Fry w/ speaker at Hernando Park from 11-1 on August 28

Group Challenges/Comments: Everything good.

Group Name: **Welcome Home (NP)**

GSR: Robert

Alt. GSR:

Donation to Area: \$

Literature Order: \$00.00

of Home Group Members: 5

Average Attendance: 7

Average Newcomers:

Changes to Group Information:

Group Anniversaries/Announcements:

Group Challenges/Comments:

Group Name: **No Matter What**

GSR: Karen

Alt. GSR: Cindy

Donation to Area: \$182.00

Literature Order: \$23.11

of Home Group Members: 12

Average Attendance: 10

Average Newcomers: 2

Changes to Group Information:

Group Anniversaries/Announcements:

Group Challenges/Comments:

OLD BUSINESS:

Lois- Read audit reports. (See Attached)

Group Treasure Report Vote from previous month:

Treasurer Report brought back to groups from June accepted.

OLD MOTION REVIEW:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

NEW MOTIONS:

NOMINATION AND ELECTIONS:

No new nominations.

Positions still open Below

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

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Report was given by Leeann. (see attached)

June's Report accepted.

Donation to Region: Next Month

Donation to World: Next Month

REPORT THAT IS 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.

REMINDERS!!!

1. Have Literature Orders and funds ready to be turned in before the start of Area Business!
2. Area needs support.
3. Please do not forget to vote to accept the Treasure Report attached to minutes.
4. ALL Meetings, ROTR, No Matter What, Nature Coast Unity Welcome Home, Shot of Hope and YANA meetings all need support!!!

REVIEW BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:

Waived by ROTR, 2nd NCU

PLANS FOR NEXT ASC MEETING: The next ASC meeting will be on August 13, 2022. Location will be at the same location in Floral City.

CLOSING: Motion to close made by Barbara 2nd by NCU.

Closed with the Serenity Prayer