

Nature Coast Area Service Meeting Minutes for September 12th, 2020

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer

The following definitions were read by:

12 Traditions: Rich

12 Concepts: Renee

Definition of the ASC: Robert

1. ROLL CALL

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

Facilitator: Roland	Policy Chair: Renee
Co-Facilitator: OPEN	LDO Chair: Karen
Treasurer: Barbara	Alt. LDO: Trisha (NP)
Alt. Treasurer: Dottie	Activities Chair: Jen
Secretary: Halie	H&I: Robert
Alt. Secretary: OPEN	Helpline Chair: Lois
RCM I: Jason	PR Chair: OPEN
RCM II: Richard	Web Master: Rich

GSR Roll Call:

Hope Not Dope: Kelly (No Voice)	Nature Coast Unity: David
Yana: Bruce	WAR: Renee
RAW: Tom	Welcome Home: Robert
Recovery on the River: Bob	No Matter What: Lois

Others Present:

Jennie M.
Tommy

OPEN FLOOR COMMENTS (includes all open floor comments throughout the meeting):

Dottie brought up her concern for the ZOOM website and the availability of the volunteers on there to open meetings for the chairs.

Roland mentions speaking with Bob earlier and being willing to come off as an admin since he is not as available as he was in the beginning and Bob come on.

Renee says the issue with just adding anyone as admin is because they would have access to the Area Card info. Also, the meeting chair should be responsible and CALL a good bit ahead of time and not a few minutes before each meeting. This would have the admin better prepared to let the chair in. Also, the chair should not be requesting to get in through Facebook. If they need to get in they should be calling the admin.

Renee – we should write something up and give it to the chair so they are aware of their responsibility.

Rich states it used to be assigned to a single admin for permanent days and it should go back to that because it worked.

Tommy - says he is a proud member of NA and thank you to his God for allowing him to be her. Please do not take this as a personal attack because it's not. It's been a while since I've been to area and I've asked a few people questions and they have told me that I should attend area so here I am. I am curious about the campout fund. It was mentioned last time I was at area is was around \$800 and other money has been donated since then. I would like to know exactly how much money is in the fund.

Barbara - says that will be addressed in Treasure Report

Roland - states we can do it now. First off, it's all about proper record keeping. Everything needs to be accounted for and not just accounted for but also dated with reasons and two or three copies made. We just need to do better, that's all I am saying. So what we have here from what Barbara gave us, which she needs to start dating her stuff also, is 1068.22 campout funds available.

Barbara - says that is different because when the \$133 was handed in it was not specified for campout. What happened was that the envelope was taken back and that was not included in the campout. Activities campout fund is now 1201.37, that's everything to the date.

Tommy - asked one more question, I heard we were doing an audit? Who is doing the audit?

Roland - says each 6 months the treasure is to do and audit and show it to the area. She is behind and we have discussed this, and she is supposed to be presenting that today.

Tommy - the only problem he has is, how is a creditor supposed to be allowed to audit themselves? It should be the chairperson chooses two people to do it or an outside area.

You cannot get a proper audit that way. Tommy, there is a few people that aren't happy with what is happening in Area, even talking about making a second area. I don't want to see that happen. I was us all to come together. Thank you for having me.

Barbara - says according to policy the treasure is to do an audit twicer a year. I was not done during the pandemic, but it is done now, and it will be given in the report today.

Roland - addresses policy, is an outside entity addressed to do this audit twice a year?

Renee - (policy chair), an outside entity is not addressed in the policy at all because we are fully self-supporting and no need, unless there is a reason for an audit, like suspicion. Now, you may have someone in the area do it but in the policy, it states that LDO and Treasure do their own audit. With that being said, we are our own eyes and ears. We need our reports

in columns and better than they have been. From my understanding we have had three or four reports that have gone out that haven't even been approved. There is a question there, I love my people, but this cannot be ignored, and it needs to be addressed. According to Treasure she is going to address that today. And according to activities the new reported amount available sounds right but we need to see where it came from, who it came from, just like the reports used to look, where we can better follow it. It can't be something like it's been, just written up or thrown together.

Roland – I have to agree with what was said. There is some suspicion. Like for instance Barbara what I have here is January 2020, and the balance. I have the months here and a number to show, ect but not the details or dates of deposits or other itemizations.

Jennie – I just want to address what Tommy said, about the unity of the area. Obviously, we want us all to come together and we just had an event called Unity Day this past week and nobody from your group showed up except Kelly. I just want to say I think it goes both ways. If we're all going to come together, we are all going to have to do it, that's how it

works. Hopefully, we'll have more stuff like that throughout the months but if people don't come then it won't work because it goes both ways. We all must give 100%
Roland - ultimately that is why we're all here.

Robert – I feel like every time we come to one of these meetings someone is here to attack Barbara. The statement was made that things are happening at area that are causing people to want to leave and make a new area and I would like to know what those things are because this area has ran so much smoother then is had the previous year.

Roland – When it comes to 7th tradition, that's important stuff. How many times have I looked over at Barbara and said you need to tighten up, do your job? That's not a personal attack, that's me being an adult and asking her to do what she is supposed to. Sometimes things come from different angles and different people have different ways of presenting things.

Kelly - I apologize if it has come across that way. Its not about anyone personally its just about the importance of the treasury.

Jason – I heard that other areas and region actual closed during this pandemic which is very scary to think. It is important that we stick together and help each group carry on its purpose.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Halie gave verbal report from previous month. All minutes are available on Nature Coast Area website. If there are minutes not on the website, it is because they are not available or in other words never written. We can not provide what we do not have.

Report accepted by Rich 2nd by Robert.

RCM REPORT:

Jason present but no report from region. He will attend Region this month and leave a report with Richard. He will be moving to Michigan at the end of the month. Richard and Jason talked, and Richard is willing to continue service in the area as RCM 1. Richard will ascend into the RCM 1 position, leaving RCM 11 open. \$300 Donation will be sent with Jason for Region this September. Report accepted by Renee 2nd by Tom.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

H&I: Robert gave short verbal/Written report. No activity due to virus. Did reach out to Spring Brook and was told maybe in the beginning of October. Having trouble with the jail, Jennie has offered to help and will be reaching out to the jail also.

Report accepted by Lois and 2nd by Rich

ACTIVITIES: Verbal/Written report from Jen. We have had meetings on Wednesdays @ 8pm. Because it was cancelled the activities will be having the picnic on September 26th from 8am to 1pm. Boobash will be October 24th at foursquare church from 6pm to 11pm. Flier was passed around and voted on, passes unanimously. Turkey in the park, more will be revealed.

A long discussion was had about what moneys should be in activities funds. Will be discussed during treasure report. Proper receipt taking must start happening and we cannot accept notes that are not sufficient. We must keep proper receipts, so this does not continue to take area time arguing about and trying to figure out.

Discussion was also had about Activities needing to put in for an activities fund for the upcoming year.

Report accepted by Tom 2nd by Robert.

HELPLINE: 30 calls came into Helpline since the last area service meeting. 15 calls were answered by volunteers, 10 were hang ups, and 5 calls were missed of the missed calls, most were the dreaded car-warranty robo calls. Thanks to the success of the Unity Day event 2 volunteers signed up after the presentation. So, we have 11 people now answering calls. I would like to ask for permission to print up orientation packets. I only have 3 left. I can lay out the cost and bring receipt to next area service meeting. I do plan to have a subcommittee meeting this month on ZOOM, on Monday @ 8pm, September 28th.

Report accepted by Robert 2nd by Tom.

POLICY: Renee gave verbal/written report. ZOOM Meeting every Wednesday from 8pm to 9pm. A half hour is Policy and a half hour is Activities. Last meeting my power went out, so I was unable to let anyone in. Three weeks ago, there was five people present. Two weeks ago, there was three people present. We need an alternate Secretary position and Alternate LDO position description in policy. Voted on by GSR's for policy to write up those descriptions, passed unanimously. We will be writing that up to bring back to area to be voted on.

Report accepted by Robert 2nd by Tom

PUBLIC RELATIONS: (NP) (OPEN)

Roland is currently working this position. Jennie was voted on by home groups and the vote passed putting her in this position today.

No vote necessary.

LDO: Karen gave written report. Previous Inventory – \$2435.79 Regional Order- \$185.50, Group Orders for August 2020 - \$335.05, Total Inventory - \$2286.24.

Lois accepted report 2nd by Jen.

WEBMASTER:

Rich gave verbal/written report. Web is up to date. We have had 78 visits the last week, 378 last month, 5683 in the last year. All ASC minutes are available on website to be downloaded and printed. I was contacted by Michelle from Region and was asking if we had joined BMLT. An APP that allows you to search anywhere you are for a meeting. Issue is due to not having definite current meetings because they are subject to change. We will post what we have for now and change as needed. We will still have Nature Coast Website with more accurate information until updates happen through Region site if changes need to be made. Voted on by GSR's to post BMLT on Region web, passed. ZOOM is paid for the month \$15.75 was auto paid on 9-4-2020. Receipt was turned into treasury. Please remember if anyone does have any information or updates that need to be posted on the site let me know. Lois asked for Helpline meeting to be posted on site and Renee request Policy meeting also. Report accepted by Jen 2nd by Bruce.

GSR REPORTS:

Name: Hope Not Dope
Donation to Area: \$0

GSR: Kelly
Home Group Members:

Alt. GSR: Tommy
Average Attend:

Changes to Group Information:
Group Anniversaries/Announcements:
Group Challenges/Comments:

Name: Yana
Donation to Area: \$99.50

GSR: Bruce
Home Group Mem.: 10

Alt. GSR: Christina
Average Attend.: 12

Changes to Group Information: Bruce was voted in as GSR
Group Anniversaries/Announcements:
Group Challenges/Comments:

Name: ROTR **GSR:** Bob **Alt. GSR:** Chris
Donation to Area: \$0 **Home Group Mem.:** 16 **Average Attend.:** ZOOM (5)

Changes to Group Information: Jessica chairing Friday night meeting
Group Anniversaries/Announcements: Edwin celebrating 29 years in October.
Group Challenges/Comments: Treasure Report not accepted

Name: Nature Coast Unity **GSR:** Dave **Alt. GSR:** Danielle
Donation to Area: **# of Home Group Mem.:** 4 **Average Attend.:** 10-15

Changes to Group Information:
Group Anniversaries/Announcements: Speak and Eat Sunday Sept, 20th. Starts at 1, speaker starts at 2.
Group Challenges/Comments: Tuesday at 2pm needs support

Name: RAW **GSR:** Tom (NP) **Alt. GSR:** Bruce
Donation to Area: \$40 **Home Group Mem.:** 6 **Average Attend.:** 8

Changes to Group Information: Meeting Friday at 8pm at Club Recovery
Group Anniversaries/Announcements:
Group Challenges/Comments: Needs Support

Name: WAR **GSR:** Renee **Alt. GSR:**
Donation to Area: \$0 **Home Group Mem.:** 2 **Average Attend.:** 4

Changes to Group Information: Attendance is low
Group Anniversaries/Announcements:
Group Challenges/Comments: Nominations: We are struggling but continue to push and pray for attendance.

Name: Welcome Home **GSR:** Robert **Alt. GSR:**
Donation to Area: \$15 **Home Group Mem.:** 6 **Average Attend.:** 3

Changes to Group Information: Based upon raw changing meeting to Fridays we are discussing changing to Thursday at 630pm or 7pm, more will be revealed.
Group Anniversaries/Announcements:
Group Challenges/Comments: Nominations:

Name: No Matter What **GSR:** Lois **Alt. GSR:** Jim
Donation to Area: \$36 **Home Group Mem.:** 7 **Average Attend.:** 10
Lit order: \$3.20

Changes to Group Information: We are still meeting inside with masks mandatory unless the group is larger than 10 people, then we meet outside.
Group Anniversaries/Announcements:
Group Challenges/Comments: Nominations: We are still very conscious of being safe and sanitize the room before every meeting when we meet inside.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lengthy discussion was had about when to mention whether previous month treasure report was accepted by home groups or not. Moving forward it will be addressed in Old Business.

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO VOTE ON TREASURE REPORT AT HOME GROUPS

Treasure Report: Report from August not accepted by home groups.

AUDIT: Presented by Barbara, copies given to Secretary and Treasure.

There was an issue because GSR's were not provided with a report to look at themselves. Barbara was going to read off word for word, but it was stated it should not take up area time and the report should be provided to GSR's to review with Homegroups at the business meeting prior to Area Service. Report will be added to the end of the minutes titled **{Group/Area Contribution Record}** for GSR's to take back to their home groups to review and be voted on.

Meeting lists: Discussion about printing lists. GSR's need to let LDO know of any changes so that we can make more meeting lists. Per Jennie, she currently has a 100% updated list, just not in meeting format form, that has been forwarded to Karen, LDO Chair. We will be printing up 150 Meeting Lists.

Previous Month Motions:

Motion #8801: That 6month wait time to reenter service after dropping commitment be waived to allow Jennie M back into Public Relations. Made by WAR 2nd by Robert. Passed unanimously.

Vote for Jennie to be PR Chair will go back to homegroups to be voted on.

Went back to groups, passed. Jennie M is PR Chair.

Motion #8802: The campout money is used to fund activity events. Intent: to be self-supporting. Made by WAR 2nd by Chris. Passed. Will go back to groups to be voted on.

Went back to groups, passed. Activities will now work out of its own funds.

To be clear: Activities still needs to report to area and should request money as well as keep proper reports, receipts etc.

The following positions are still open:

Position	Clean Time Requirement
Co Facilitator	2 Years
Alt. Secretary	1 Year

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 and 12 traditions of Narcotics Anonymous 4) Ability to lead, communicate and organize, 5) Able to give time and resources

MOTIONS:

MOTION # 9122020-1

Motion created by Robert S, Seconded by Dave C

Motion reads: Request that we table the treasure audit until next ASC. At this time, all GSR's be given printed copies of forms that Barbara promised to use when she was elected.

Intention: Clarity

Motion voted on by GSR's, passed unanimously.

Nominations and Elections:

None

New Business:

Roland would like for us to make a set donation for the ASC each month to go to the Floral City Church. Suggestion rate at \$30 a month. For last month and this month, we would owe \$60 to Floral City Church. Voted on, passed unanimously.

NCASC 1st Annual Unity Day detailed report will be attached to minutes. Total brought in after cost was \$877.00. Full \$877.00 was donated to Area.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barbara gave verbal/written report. Report attached to minutes. There was a heated discussion about how the treasury has been going the past few months. The report continues to not be accepted and members are not comfortable with the reports that have been given. We need more detailed, itemized reports instead of the written excuses and limited reports. A spreadsheet needs to be used and provided also with the receipts. Lois asks to vote of receiving a **fully accurate audit and treasure report** for the next ASC Meeting from the treasure. Vote passes unanimously.

End of Day Treasure Report: \$1225.32 to go to the bank. Brought in \$348.32 + Unity Day \$887 + Before Area (AROUND→) \$452.84 + Back from Activities Fund \$400 = \$2078.16 - \$60 for ASC Rent - \$300 to Region = \$1718.16 (←Around exact) Actual amount of monies will be provided with audit report from Treasure next ASC.

REPORTS NEED TO BE BROUGHT BACK TO HOMEGROUPS AND VOTED ON PER NATURE COAST POLCY! PLEASE HAVE HOMEGROUPS VOTE TO ACCEPT TREASURE REPORT EACH MOUTH SO THAT AREA CAN ACCEPT.

Review business for the day:

Waived by Rich 2nd by Jen

Plans for the Next ASC: The next ASC meeting will be **October 10th, 2020**

Location will probably be at the same location in Floral City

Closing: Motion to close was made by Danielle and seconded by Rich. The meeting was closed with a prayer.