

Nature Coast Area Service Meeting Minutes for August 12th, 2023

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer

The following definitions were read by:

12 Traditions: Jennifer

12 Concepts: Janine B. (Read concept 8)

Definition of the ASC: Barbara

ROLL CALL

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

Chair: Jim

Policy Chair: **Open**

Co-Chair: **Open**

LDO Chair: Janine

Treasurer: LeeAnn

Alt LDO: Jackie - NP

Alt. Treasure: Karen NP

Activities Chair: Jennifer

Secretary: **Open**

H&I: Rolando

Alt. Secretary: **Open**

Webmaster: Rich NP

RCM I: Halie

Alt Webmaster - Leah

RCM II: Barbara

PR/Helpline Chair: Roland

GSR Roll Call:

*Nature Coast Unity: Shawn

Hope Not Dope: NP 3rd time

*Recovery on the River: Renee

*No Matter What: Cindy

Welcome Home: Robert Not present

*Shot of Hope: Beth (alternate)

Quorum is met.

Others Present:

Chelsea - note taker

OPEN FORUM: Started at 10:36 AM

OPEN FLOOR COMMENTS:

Discussion:

Halie - Policy states that GSR or Alternate GSR are to sit in the place only as far as voting and elections. Duly elected alternatives are able to sit in place and meet the quorum. However, when it comes to new business, we have no policy saying that the duly elected members can vote. Only in new business because that's what our policy says.

Renee- Doesn't it say that the Alternate can vote?

Halie - Yes, but the members of the group that were elected by group conscience and are present can not vote, so we [Barbara and Halie] are asking if we can accept votes from elected individuals.

Renee- All we need is two thirds quorum. 2/3rds of what is here for a vote.

Halie- Quorum is one more than half of voting members. 3 out of five or 3 out of 4. Hope not Dope is not a voting member. We have to have 3 voting groups present to move forward with new business. We met quorum with present alternatives but we can't vote on new business because we don't have the presence of all the group GSRs or alternate.

It was decided that duly elected home group members can meet quorum and voice their group's concerns on the floor, but they are not able to have a vote or have a voice in new business. This is until the motion to change this policy comes back from home groups next month.

Jim- I reached out to welcome home with Jennifer. We heard the struggles for them and offered some suggestions. We have not heard back as to whether they were going to close or not. Gsr is looking into either moving the day and time and/or meeting place. They are looking into opening a dayside meeting in Beverly Hills where GSR is located. They really appreciated that we stopped by. I reached out to Hope Not Dope and I have not been able to meet with them yet.

Jen - I spoke with Hope Not Dope and they do not have a GSR. They are keeping track of treasury at their meeting, but they do not receive enough in their 7th tradition to sustain a meeting. Attendance is high because sanctuary men come to the meeting.

Roland - Have they ever come to an area meeting?

Jen - No.

Hailie- We won't take them off the meeting list, as we support NA meetings. They follow the traditions. What they do with 7th tradition is not our business. We keep them on roll call, but they are not a voting home group. We need to make a separate roll call for non-voting groups.

Janine- If they are on the meeting list then they are a part of the area. They fall under the insurance.

Barbara - For quorum [we always keep groups on the meeting list] we do not keep them on roll call because they are not accountable to us.

Jim - If they are not accountable to us, are we accountable to them to follow up and reach out?

Renee- Yes, we are accountable to them according to policy.

Barbara- That changes if they are not a part of our area.

Halie- We have a small area so we do not have insurance, though we have had insurance for specific events in the past. Based off of the group with this issue, I don't really know as far as the roll call situation. When I was secretary I kept them on the roll call but I put them as a NON-VOTING group. That way they are not included in the quorum. As far as the meeting list, if they follow traditions and are an NA group, then we keep them on. It's not about us, it's about the still sick and suffering addict getting the message. However, if they were a rogue meeting, you would not include them.

Roland- It's no different than Progressive Recovery Group. They don't have a seat at the table. No matter how you want to explain it, they can still come to our area meeting [the chairperson or whoever]. They need to show that they want to be involved. If something is going on at Progressive Recovery though, we will not go out there and see what's going on.

Janine - I also support that we commit to the message of recovery, but since we do not have insurance - I am all for having them on the meeting lists.

Barbara- There is nothing in the policy that states we have to go see Hope Not Dope, because they are not a part of our area. Because they have not come and established a presence here.

Renee- We have beat this horse enough. They choose not to attend so they need to be removed from our roll call. I think we are clear on this.

Halie - I guess I linked Welcome Home and Hope Not Dope together. But Hope Not Dope was removed from roll call a while ago, but we included them when the meeting began again. They have chosen not to participate. They should not be on roll call, as they are not a part of this area.

Jennifer - The post office email for Nature Coast Area is directed towards Tommy, so all of our correspondence with the P.O. Box goes to Tommy's email.

Lee ann- i changed it. I wrote it down when I paid the bill. The USPS either fixed it or they did not fix it.

Jim - I removed Hope Not Dope from the minutes roll call.

OPEN FORUM CLOSED 10:58

SECRETARY REPORT: Presented by Jim C.

CINDY MADE A MOTION TO DISREGARD THE OLD SECRETARY REPORT.

SHAWN SECONDED.

Confirmed everyone received their minutes. Renee received her minutes from Jen. Chelsea took down Renee's email and sent a test email to ensure future minutes will be delivered correctly.

If you want your group/ sub-committee information to show in the minutes, it must be written down. Otherwise you may not see everything in the minutes.

Please provide your Homegroup business meetings day and time.

Open positions are in the minutes and should be brought back to your homegroups.

Email is: nacsmsecretary22@gmail.com

Accepted: SOH; 2nd- NCU

RCM REPORT: Barbara

Saturday at region we had a roundtable to discuss the disruptive behavior at meetings, for example the shooting that happened in Daytona. We also talked about chanting and foreign languages in the conventions. Some people didn't like it, some thought it was overwhelming. Some felt we should welcome foreign languages as it is a world wide fellowship.

FRCNA is banning confetti and horns. It cost 2500-5000 to clean the hotel after FRCNA. They sent a letter to all RCM's.

Saturday night at region we discussed the local guide to service. We were discussing the IT (information technology), and a few language changes where things were repeated or not understood. IT had some housekeeping items for the guide.

All members are welcome to come to the Florida Region Local Guide to Service discussion at 5. We make a decision whether the motion is going to pass or not, or it goes back to the maker for clarification. We are conscious based decision makers at Region, so everyone has a voice.

Jim - Where is Region held?

Barbara - Anyone can attend on zoom or in person at the Rosen Centre in Orlando.

Halie - If you go to naflorida.org and click on the RSC weekend, it will bring you straight to a zoom meeting.

The letter from FRCNA - addressing the confetti poppers at FRCNA 41 as well as the air horns. In the contract signed by FRCNA for the even, it costs at least 5000 to clean up. Confetti puts the entire hotel security at risk, causing problems and possible recalibrations of their system, at cost to FRCNA. It can also result in the hotel rescinding FRCNA contracts going forward. The airhorns have always been prohibited due to hearing impaired or devices can have more damage done to them. It affects everyone!

Renee- Can we put that on our website? Along with the information about the zoom meeting.

Leah - Yes.

Barbara- World opens up for registration in January. August 29 - September 1st 2024 in Washington, DC. Labor Day weekend 2024. They are looking for volunteers. They have a mentor program as well, if you're ever interested in Fellowship Development or Literature or Behind the Walls. You can go and mentor with the person in that position to see if you're really interested in it.

They talked about chanting in the meetings, as in following along with the reading or taking words out or putting words in the readings.

They recently legalized medical mushrooms. The controversy was that everyone needs hallucinogens. The majority of the members agreed that it is already in our literature "ANY mood or mind-altering substances. So instead of changing it, we all agreed that the "mood and mind-altering drugs" covers everything.

Janine- What was the conclusion of the chanting? And how is it enforced?

Barbara - The conclusion was no chanting [taking words out or putting words in the readings]. It's disruptive. Mostly it was old timers that said there should be no chanting. Our literature is our literature and it has been working a long time. It is enforced by the individual meetings in their format.

H and I is having a book drive. Area is supposed to be responsible for collecting the books. Give donations to the RCM. The RCM will take donations to region.

Jim - When do you need that material? (donations)

Halie - We need to bring it to the next region meeting. All donations have to be soft cover books. Any meeting that you go to, please announce the book drive, and collect the soft cover donations. Bring the donations to Area, because our September Area meeting is before the next Region.

Barbara - I will type up the information and send it to Jim. Also, we were reimbursed for the last room. We (Hailie and Barbara) will be putting a request for the money for the room before the next region. It's not in policy that you have to do it before or after.

Lee Ann - Is that in policy?

Halie- A way to resolve this is how the Forest area does it. The treasurer of the area reserves the room with the bank card. There is a required deposit when you check in. The reservation does not actually pay for the room. The treasurer would then call and pay for it. And the RCM pays the incidentals, because it is reimbursed when they check out.

Lee Ann - Sounds like a pain in the ass to me.

Halie- You don't actually pay until you check in, if the treasurer calls and doesn't book online.

Lee Ann- It's easier for me to write you a check instead.

Barbara- I am just letting you know what is in the new policy. It does not say "reimbursed."

Halie- The policy says that Area will put aside a certain amount of money to pay for the room. It's a set amount every month.

Rolando - Could this be something that could be done at Area with the credit card so you don't have to worry about checks or the treasurers personal time?

Halie - She said it would be easier for her to write a check.

Barbara- I would ask for it next month. I would deposit the check and then pay with my card. I have an email confirmation.

Jim - Print that and bring it in for your receipt.

Halie - The only thing not covered is your parking.

Rcm report done.

Accepting RCM reports. NMW 1st; ROTR second.

POLICY/AD-HOC

Barbara - Updating policy to add the area motion 27 article 8 - we spoke about this in open forum. As it states, only GSRs and Alternates in the absence of GSR are able to vote in elections. They want to change it to include duly elected alternates, so whoever is voted into Area on this day can vote, as a duly elected alternate.

Halie - Just adding to the policy so that they can be a part of new business.

Barbara - Motion 28: All GSRs, or their alternates in the absence of GSR, can do motions. Requesting verbiage to change to include duly elected alternates.

29 5d No proxy representatives can make motions or vote. Want to take that out. We have already talked about this and now we are just repeating it in the policy.

See report from policy handed in to me.

Stopped at article 10. Will continue next month.

ROTR accepted SOH second

WEBMASTER/ I.T.: executive committee webmaster alternate Leah

Motion to accept NMW; ROTR seconded

LDO: Verbal/Written report executive committee

Janine

LDO ALTERNATE IS STILL OPEN ONLY NEED 9 MONTHS CLEAN

Literature Order+ \$1,817.16

Back Orders - \$00.00

Group Orders - \$198.86 (\$20.98 includes personal orders)

Total Inventory = \$1,888.25

Accepted by NCU; 2nd- ROTR

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

H&I: Rolando

Last H and I meeting no one was present. Did speak to the H and I chair of River Coast so they are covering the Springbrook meeting from here on out.

He is stepping down because he is moving out of the area at the end of the month. Moving to Daytona.

No reports on anything. Jail is moving forward as is.

Renee- Jail should absorb into PR.

Roland - I have been communicating with Kim and they have a good rapport with the jail as well. It will go on, we need more people involved just like anywhere else.

Motion to accept: NMW accepted; SOH seconded.

ACTIVITIES: Verbal/Written report by Jennifer provided.

Flyers for bowling night went out. Activities is busy planning the last four events for the year.

Jen is disgusted in her own head because H and I doesn't have support and neither does activities.

Events coming up: Chili Cook-off, the Boo Bash; Turkey in the Park. We haven't decided if there will be a New Year's party. Activities Subcommittee only has two people at every meeting. Jen is having surgery on both of her feet. Not going to be able to set up or tear down events. No one is stepping up to help with activities.

Roland - I love doing activities. The biggest lesson I had to learn was delegating tasks. The show must go on. Ask people at the event to set up events and tear down.

Bowling August 26th 6-8 at Parkview Lanes on Saturday.
\$3 for shoes 4\$ per game. In holder on 41 past 491.

NMW accepted; SOH second

PUBLIC RELATIONS/HELPLINE: Roland

Presented the banner that was made for presentations and activities, etc. for H and I.

We did receive a large trifold presentation. Will give it to rcm.
Really need help with the jail representation. Need qualified people to go in.

No funds.
Shawn motion to accept. Cindy accepted.

Break started at 12:07 pm

Meeting re-started at 12:27

GSR REPORTS

Group name: **Shot of Hope**
GSR: Kim S np
Alt. GSR:
Duly appointed: Beth
Donation to Area: \$61
Literature Order: \$40
of Home Group Members: 5
Average Attendance: 5
Newcomers: 0
Changes to Group Information: None
Group Anniversaries/Announcements:
Group Challenges/Comments: Low attendance. Group needs support.

Home group business meeting is Thursday before Area.

Shot of Hope meets Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 PM.
Tuesday is a literature study out of the Basic Text & Thursday is IP, 1st Thursday of the month is a speaker meeting @ Cornerstone Baptist Church, 1100 Highland Blvd., Inverness.

Group Name: **Recovery on the River**
GSR: Renee
Alt. GSR: Alvin np
Donation to Area: \$100.00
Literature Order: \$32.55

of Home Group Members: 15

Average Attendance: 15 - 20

Newcomers:

Changes to Group Information:

Business Meeting is Friday before the area and after the regular meeting.

Monday- Living Clean; Friday- Open Discussion

Group Anniversaries/Announcements: August Tracey will be celebrating 16 years on the last Friday of the month.

Group Challenges/Comments: N/A

Group Name: **Nature Coast Unity Group**

GSR: Shannon

Alt. GSR: Dennis NP

Donation to Area: \$37.45

Literature Order: \$135.45

of Home Group Members: 24

Average Attendance: 14

Newcomers: 7

Changes to Group Information: The Women's Meeting is changing to 7 pm on Mondays, starting August 14th.

Anniversaries- Leah 1 yr on Aug 20th - Aug 25th celebrating
Tracie M. 17 years
Robin 38 years Aug 19th

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 1 PM

Group Anniversaries/Announcements:

Group Name: **Welcome Home**

GSR: Robert S. NP

Alt. GSR:

Donation to Area:

Literature Order:

of Home Group Members: 2
Average Attendance:
Newcomers:
Changes to Group Information: None
Group Anniversaries/Announcements:
Group Challenges/Comments: Need members to help with service

Group Name: **No Matter What**

GSR: Cindy

Alt. GSR:

Donation to Area: \$50.10

Literature Order: \$31.90

of Home Group Members: 17

Average Attendance: 10

Newcomers: 6

Changes to Group Information:

Group Anniversaries/Announcements:

Group Challenges/Comments:

Saturday's meeting welcomes your support. Meets at 8:30 PM

Business meeting is the Sunday prior to Area.

OLD BUSINESS:

Policy changes: Votes need 1 more than half p081223.31 needs to go back to groups for voting.

Secretary: Chelsea voted in to the area secretary position!!

OLD MOTION REVIEW:

All motions passed at area level.

NEW BUSINESS:

Policy/AD-HOC motion to change where it says in policy "two-thirds majority" to "one more than half." Intent is to make it clear what is required to pass a vote.

Roland/PR - Motion (it states in h and i policy that no less than two members can enter a facility) jail guidelines say that if they know that only 1 person can make it, they come with less inmates (12 instead of 24 for two)

Motion to change 2 members to one member and 12 inmates or clients of the same sex. If its coed u can go alone. If it is not coed, then 2 people. Need a female to go into female facilities. Male for male facilities.

Renee- In the past people have shared their own personal message and not the message of Narcotics Anonymous.

Jim - Facilities or just jails?

Roland - both.

Rolando- H and I subcommittee already changed the policy to one person a while ago.

Renee- Each subcommittee chairperson is responsible to create their own guidelines.

***Leah asked if she could make flyers for sub committees where they meet and what they do and that they need support. Does she need approval for flyers?

Roland - Yes to flyers. No, the information is already posted on the website so you are just bringing the information to one place and sending it out on flyers.

Voted GSRs present that she does not need approval for subcommittee flyers.

NEW MOTIONS: See Attached

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Last Treasurer's report NMW accepted SOH second. July.

Donation to Region:

Donation to World:

REPORT 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:

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

<u>Position</u>	<u>Clean Time Requirement</u>
Chair	2 years- Filled
Co-Chairperson	2 years- Open
Secretary	1 year- Filled
Alt Sec	6 months- Open
LDO	2 years- Filled
Alt LDO	9 months- Filled
Policy	2 years- Filled
Treasurer	2 years- Filled
Alt Treasure	2 years- Filled
H & I	2 years- Filled
Co-Chairperson	2 years- Open
Activities	2 years- Filled
RCM 1	2 years- Filled
RCM 2	2 years- Filled

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

REMINDERS!!!

- Have Literature Orders and funds ready to be turned in before the start of Area Business!
- **Things to vote on at your business meeting:**
 - 1) Vote on nominees for Positions Noted
 - 2) Vote on any Motions needing homegroup votes.
 - 3) Proposal for the budget of the 2023-24 year for Region
- Please do not forget to vote on the April's Treasurer's Report.
- ALL Meetings: Hope not Dope, ROTR, No Matter What, Nature Coast Unity, Welcome Home, Shot of Hope meetings all need support!!!

REVIEW BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:

Waived by NMW, 2nd ROTR

PLANS FOR NEXT ASC MEETING: The next ASC meeting will be **September 9th**, 2023 at 10 AM.

POLICY AT 8:30 SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2023.

Location: Cornerstone Baptist Church in Inverness.

WAIVE BUSINESS OF THE DAY PASSED

CLOSING: Motion to close made by NCU; 2nd by NMW

Closed with the Serenity Prayer

Additional notes

Hope not dope removed from roster. Welcome home has missed area for the second time in a row.