

Nature Coast Area Service Meeting Minutes for July 09th, 2022

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer

The following definitions were read by:

12 Traditions: Rich

12 Concepts: (read concept 7)

Definition of the ASC:

ROLL CALL

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

Facilitator: Lois

Policy Chair: Open (Ad-hoc)

Co-Facilitator: Jim

LDO Chair: Jason

Treasure: Leeann

Alt LDO: **OPEN**

Alt. Treasure: **OPEN**

Activities Chair: Renee

Secretary: **OPEN**

H&I: NP

Alt. Secretary: **OPEN**

Webmaster: Rich

RCM I: Chuck

PR/Helpline Chair: Roland

RCM II: NP

GSR Roll Call:

Yana: NP (Arrived Late)

Nature Coast Unity: Rolando

Recovery on the River: Barbara

No Matter What: Cindy

Welcome Home: Robert

Shot of Hope: NP

Quorum is met.

Others Present:

Chris

Jeannine

Alvin

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 muteas 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 tho 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 procedue

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: Chuck-

Lois- Ok, so we're up to the RCM report. We have to make a decision here. Chuck did miss 3 meetings in a row. What the policy says "it will be assumed that an executive officer has resigned if they miss 3 meetings in a row". It also says, in another spot, "the committee may vote to remove the person from their position". I don't want to make a decision. I will leave up to the GSR's. I will let Chuck speak for himself and the GSR's can decide what to do.

Chuck- I have no excuse. If you want to boot me out I am fine with it. I understand. It falls on me, I am getting serious and I will step up. I know there's no excuse. {Inaudible}

Barbara- I have one question for you. Did you make the region meetings?

Chuck- Yes.

Barbara- So you did do half your responsibility. You didn't come here. With that, I am going to ask you why.

Chuck- My personal life got in the way.

Barbara- But you made region and we paid for the room, right?

Chuck- I shared a room with someone else at region.

Barbara- Ok, I so you went. I just wanted to make sure we weren't paying for a GSR that only went to region and doesn't show up here.

Chuck- I went and it didn't cost area anything but I didn't show up here. I just want to let you know that I will not be at region next weekend, but Haile will. I won't be able to be at region this time. I have a class for my Captain's license.

Rolando- Questioned whether or not his absences were unexcused. Barbara replied, yes.

Karen- Commented on Chuck's invaluable knowledge with NA.

Rolando- It seems like he wants to serve and I understand the busy lives and we celebrate things like that.

{Inaudible}

Barbara- I do want to say something. I did make the motion. I do want us to clarify that, yes he made the region meeting, but he didn't come here. It doesn't say anything about making your responsibilities. It says making your attendance here. And they were unexcused so that's something we should think about. Not that he made region.

Rolando- So, he didn't let anybody know the 3 times he didn't show up. Barbara- no.

Lois- It's a tough decision because he does have a lot of valuable knowledge, as well. But, I understand it's a tough decision.

Robert- He's very knowledgeable and definitely an asset. And we don't have anybody to fill the seat. Barbara- Haile. She's the alternate. I only missed one meeting.

Renee- He has a lot of knowledge and is very consistent. He's there at region. He's kind of fallen on Haile to give the reports. He does know the magnitude of the responsibility of showing up here. I'm not saying a hot body situation to keep him. If I were a GSR I would vote to keep him, because Haile does not know how to behave as an alternate, let alone a RCM.

Rolando- He did take responsibility for his actions. He didn't say this happened, this happened. He just said I didn't go and I'll accept the consequences that are brought forth and that he wants to move forward with his responsibilities.

Jim- He was put in that position originally for a reason. I don't think the ability to do that position has changed, just his personal things have gotten in the way.

{Motion 070922.01 was put in writing by ROTR and 2nd'd by No Matter What to keep Chuck}
Chuck stepped outside and Vote was taken and passed unanimously to keep Chuck as RCM1.

The only thing we voted on at region was activities at the regional level. Made a decision that there wasn't going to be a need for that. It was shot down. \$11,300.00 sent to World for a donation. There are no current workgroups right now. The big discussion there was they want to have 8 zones in the US. They are trying to push that more as a governing body for NA. The issue was there was no funding, there is funding at region. We donated \$3,000.00 towards that. We would be in the Southeast zone. Right now what happens in the zone, you would have 8 regions voting in the US. So you would have 16 people voting for what happens in the US. What they're trying to do is get that to be the governing body in the US for NA. That's the big discussion at region now. Whether or not we need another governing body in NA.

The other thing we talked about is that we have no contract with the hotel for FRCNA. We discussed whether we wanted to be at Rosen Shingle or at Rosen Centre. The difference is about \$30.00 bucks a room. That was what we discussed at region.

Also, something that happened, was that since nobody came with us the last few times, we ended up staying with other people, at zero cost to our area. We brought that up at region that we may look into doing that as a region. Where we end up staying with other people to split costs.

Barbara- Two things. The reason why we got that contract at Rosen was because it was physically {inaudible}. Some of the areas that had hotels that could not accommodate us. That's why we picked Rosen.

The second thing is, the South Florida region has been in place since I was RCM in 2016-17. The zone's been in there, so why are we discussing something that's already in place.

Chuck- The discussion was about eliminating Regions and going strictly to Zones. {Inaudible}

Barbara- The other thing is that because of the accommodations for World, there's too many pieces. That's why they came up with the Zones. Instead of like 2 people from each Region, which is like over 150 people, we would keep it down to Zonal which would cut that in half.

Chuck- It's zonal because the way we do business in the US would get people killed in Iran or Iraq. That's why we need to step up the Zone commitment. So, do we want to take more from "this governing body and give more to another governing body" What works for the US doesn't work for the rest of the world.

Barbara- {Inaudible}

Chuck- Our RD and our AD would do what we vote into their position. They would vote based upon our group conscience. I recommend doing your own research on this issue/ position. There's still a lot of questions being discussed about this.

Robert- I want to read Tradition 2 "There is One ultimate Authority We are trusted servant and do not govern." This is throughout NA and it would behoove us to keep it that way. Because throughout the history of mankind, if you give somebody too much power, you're never getting it back. And we have an issue in our Country right now, where we have a few different states that have a heavier population. They want to dictate to the whole country what is going on, what they want. And, that's exactly what will happen if this came to be. I would like to find out when I can make a motion to contest that.

Chuck- What I will do, is I will speak to Ramone and Jules as to what they say. Right now it's just in discussion. It may go nowhere. But this is what is going on at region. This discussion consumed 3 hours- 4 hours.

Robert- We need to stop that while we can.

Renee- Ramone and Joe have had numerous workshops on this. This isn't new news. And anything that goes down through Region, has to come through the groups for vote. Thank you for attending a service event. I believe in ya bud. Last area I brought up the, well Zoom is available at region. We're in the red, as far as our finances go. Well, we were, but not right now. That can always be done. Even splitting a room because even Haile said she was splitting a room with somebody and she wouldn't have an expense. So, Zoom is, also, available at the regional level. I just wanted to bring that up again.

Lois- So, Chuck may I ask a question? Do we need to vote on it today?

Chuck- No. Do your due diligence and look up the information on this.

Barbara- First of all, we should offer to split the cost. Because it's not fair for one area to have 4 other areas in there and not pay. That's unfair to other areas. That's what we used to do. Now, the other thing is, maybe talking to other RCM's and not really the AD and RD because they can be kind of swain. Because, your going to get, I would just suggest that you talk other RCM's because they're not going to be so influenced to direct us in a certain way.

Chuck- I will not be at the next area region. Haile will be there and she will be staying another area, so there won't be any expense. She's going to bring it up at region that we could possibly do that more often. Some areas are financially secure and some are not.

Accepted by ROTR; 2nd NMW

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

H&I: Verbal/ Written not given. NP (Shannon had COVID)

ACTIVITIES: Verbal/Written report by Renee.

Please take one and pass it around. This is from our last event we had. It was the fundraiser "Service Day". we only had 19 people show up and I don't say 19 only to minimize it, but it wasn't quite as, ah, I thought it would be a little bit bigger but it is a service day. Traditionally people don't show up for that. There was chips and dip. We had 3 speakers that day. H & I was unable to speak. And we had some time and, um, our RCM2 was there. I asked her to speak on that and she had declined. So, I'm not jabbing at her, I am just saying that, if you're there, and you're in a position to speak on service, please do. Ya know. So, um, I put a check request in for the \$50.00 deposit New Years Eve event. We will be having a New Years Eve event.

The tubing event is going to be in August. That is requiring a lot of footwork, because I am trying to {inaudible} with people in the committee because I work full time. So I am not able to meet people and go talk to these people during the week. Because they're always busy on the weekends, you know what I mean that place is slammed. Maybe we can have a piece of paper for people to say whether they want to go and if they want to rent a tube or want a kayak. There's also a place in Dunnellon. They can transport a lot of us. Their facility is right across from Publix to the {inaudible hole}. Because once the parking is full at the {Inaudible} that place is shut down. So, it would be best if we got transported as opposed to a lot of cars going. So, I want to know if you're going. What you might want to rent. The place that will transport us, it's only online that I can register, so I would have to register each person on these papers with a fee. So, I have to discuss with them if we can do that opposite. Maybe they can have 2 vehicles ready. They can shuttle us at a certain time. Maybe KP Hole(?) will allow us to use the side entrance because we're already paid and taken care of with them versus standing in line and going all the way through. Again, it's a little project. We're aiming for August. We're aiming for

August. So, with that being said, I think I pretty much covered it, didn't I. I am checking with activities.

Ok, so, I am witnessing some separation. People not showing up because they're, you know.... If we're all a part of the same fellowship. I don't care if you're mad at me and show up, because you're just backing up your area and showing up for the event. I don't care if you donate or not. Just please come and have fun with everybody. I am just experiencing a big separation in that area. And it's kind of personal to a certain extent, but it's not. I'm just kind of taking it that way. So please, show up, support your events, support your area. And, please, if you can, I am going to start delivering posters to each meeting. I haven't been making it to YANA, so I apologize for that. However, if you belong to Nature Coast. If you belong to, what's that other website you can post your events? (Asphalt recovery was mentioned in the group). Asphalt recovery, yes. if you can post our events out to do that. Just let me know that you've done it and I appreciate it. So, just kind of spread the word about what's going on. So, if we can pull some outside influences in, then they can see what a cool area we have. With that, that's all I have.

Barbara- In order to do that, we have to have the fliers. I know me. I can only speak for me. I plan my social calendar. And, if I know, only three weeks before, 9 times out of 10 I will cancel my plans. That's why, in Policy, we have the time that's in there to get fliers out. To get knowledge out. We can get the RCM to post it on the Regional calendar. And I will text everybody I know that I have on my phone. Like I always do, but I have to know in advance. In this time, I can know in advance, but a week or two before, that doesn't work for me.

Chuck- Chuck Addict.....

Renee- May I respond to that please?

Lois- Sure.

Renee- That's where the Policy holds us up. Policy says that we have to have our fliers approved here. So that holds us up. We were just talking about this last night and this is going to hold me up till next month to get that flier out. Which is August. So, now we're looking to the end of August. So, because this is my first year in this, we are going month to month, unfortunately. That's how it's had to be until I can get down the system for my second year. I can say this is what we're going to have, this is what it says on our calendar. So, I don't have to apologize for that because Policy keeps me from doing that. Otherwise, we would have already had a flier ready for you. And then you could have posted it.

Interruption.....Lois- Chuck is next. Let's go in order.

Chuck- actually, I have been to a couple of different areas and what they did to resolve that problem is that 3 people on Admin qualify to the actual inquiry, because it was very hard to obtain. They would make a flier and send it to 3 people and have different people each time.

The Chair was always one of them. In a perfect world....{Inaudible} Ongoing dialogue between Chuck and Renee. Discussion was hard for everyone to hear.

Lois- It's hard for us to hear. Conversation going back and forth on that end. Speak up because, if he's going to be accurate on the minutes, we have to speak up too.

Bruce- Discussed the dollar figure on the Activity report was wrong.

Rich- I was going to say what Chuck just said. I mean, through the whole pandemic and stuff like that. Right at the end there, when we trying to start things at area, we were emailing the fliers and trying to get everything approved.

Renee- Yes, I can text people fliers and then they complain about that and there's no reason why I can't do that.

Rich- There's also the thing they put people in as trusted servants. I have been making all of the fliers and haven't had any issues with them. Kind of what Chuck was saying, get it approved by one or two people and....

Renee- I need the majority of the GSR's. That's all I need.

Lois- So, just email them out to the GSR's and get a majority on the vote. We've done it by email before. You can do that. Rich agreed. So you don't have to wait a whole month. Just email it, or text it, to GSR's on it and get their vote on it and you can go.

Barbara- my suggestion to this, and it's only my suggestion, is when we have an event, we already be planning on the next one. You know, as far as months. Like we know there's an event in August, start the process if we go into September with an event or October. You know what I am saying?

Renee- Yes ma'am. We've got that intact as far as this years Thanksgiving event it's going to be groups donations. All the groups getting together, donating turkeys, hams. So, hopefully we can pull everybody together. That's kind of our focus. And Rolando seems to have thought that out. To bring the groups together. And so that's going on and the New Years event is going on. It's just, it's easier said than done only because of the time constraint. So, next years calendar will be very filled. So, but yeah, I agree. I don't disagree with that at all. It's just.....Barbara interrupted.

Roland- Just a quick comment. I know we've always tried to stick to that 90 day thing. You know, plans three months in advance. It will definitely help when you get to that point. The first year's always rough. To have time to have fliers. To have time to announce activities that are coming up. I know you can get there. I do remember reading something in Policy or in Activities where I do remember reading somewhere that it's suggested that there should be 90 days

between events to help get more participation. It kind of helps that communication process and all.

Lois- Before we move on, I didn't get a motion to accept the RCM report and a 2nd. Accepted- Welcome Home, 2nd YANA.

Barbara- Regarding this \$176.00, we made \$80.00 so that's 200 and something. {More clarification on the financial was discussed by a few. Inaudible due to banging noises and cross talking} The report final number was amended and shows in the attachment.

Funds received: \$75.00 Funds Spent: \$75.00 (Receipts turned In)

Put in check request for \$50.00 for the deposit that was paid for the NewYears Eve event building (Canning Center). We had a nice event at Whispering Pines. We had 19 people (3 speakers). We paid \$75.00 for the pavilion and made \$80.00 with donations/ T-shirt sales.

We voted to move the money (\$180.00) to the next event which will be a tubing event at Rainbow Springs.

\$181.00 turned in..
(Report Attached)

Accepted by Welcome Home; 2nd by ROTR

POLICY (Ad Hoc): Barbara

Lois- Policy is an Ad-Hoc committee. I don't know if we should really do a report for that.

Barbara- I don't have a report.

Lois- Ok, well that answers that question.

No report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/HELPLINE: Report given by Roland

Funds Received: \$0.00 Funds spent: \$63.60

I will be delivering meeting lists to Springbrook next week. I delivered meeting lists to DCFDI along with Help Line cards and display stand. I have a meeting set up with the manager of Pace

School for girls. They are interested in some IP's and meeting lists. I'm going to the Sanctuary and Grace House today to deliver meeting lists and some IP's. We're still searching for a location to have our sub-committee meeting. It's possibly going to be held at the Club Recovery location on the 1st Tuesday of the month, don't have a time nailed down yet. I need more meeting lists and Help line cards! I will be reaching out to Joan Trebey, with Citrus County Anti Drug coalition, so we can be involved in the October event held in Crystal River. Help Line received 3 calls since the last area and they were handled.

{Back and forth discussion on Helpline cards being obtained by multiple people}

1:20- 1:23

Robert- Do you need people to sign up, to volunteer to help with the groups or whatever?

Roland- Yes, and I could use some volunteers to deliver some meeting lists to some of these facilities. That would be cool.

Lois- When I was going through my bag of goodies, I found a few guidelines of "Do's and Don'ts" for volunteers. So if you should get any new volunteers, which would be nice because I am answering all the calls, which is not true. Alvin is answering them too. But, if you get any new volunteers, I have those and I will give you a few after the meeting if you'd like to have those. It would be nice having a few more people, answering the calls, on the list.

Roland- I think once we get the sub-committee established and we have a place to meet we'll probably do little workshops in the beginning.

Lois- Yeah. So let me know. I would like to participate in that too. Even though I am drowning in service.

Accepted- Welcome Home, 2nd- YANA

LDO: Verbal/Written report given by Jason

(Report attached)

Report:

Previous Inventory Balance \$1269.99

Literature Order + \$209.15

Group Order - \$218.60

Total Inventory = \$1260.54

I picked up meeting lists and turned in a receipt to Leeann for \$42.40.

Renee- Do you have any inventory that just sits, that doesn't sell? Maybe we can have that, maybe we have dead inventory.

Chuck- I know the RSO used to take all that back. Something that was still in new condition.

Jason- RSO? Ah yeah we have a couple of them., say 20-30 bucks.

Accepted by YANA; 2nd by- NCU

WEBMASTER: Verbal by Rich.

Funds Received: \$0.00 Funds Spent: \$14.99 (Auto pay)

Receipts emailed to treasurer.

Web has had 157 views in the last week, 622 in the last month, and 5,680 in the last year. Web is up to date on my end. I'm having issues with previous minutes, but the current ones pull up when viewed. I have 15 PDF spaces available. As soon as I add the current minutes. Any of the 15 you click on pull up as the current minutes. So, you can't get the old minutes off the website. I've tried to get ahold of "Go Daddy" last month, after last Area. I sat on hold for 45 minutes trying to get with them people. I then I just didn't....I really haven't messed with it. I have been on with "Go Daddy", during this whole Area this morning, I've been on message with this lady that works for customer service. She said, she just now said that she's performing a test on the PDF section. Anyways, I'm dealing with that. Other than that, the website'. It's up to date with all the information. The new meeting list's on there. That's all I got.

Lois- Ok, Barbara

Renee- Have you ever spoke with the IT guy at {?ET}? And see who they use?

Barbara- What about, is the meeting lists updated on the site?

Rich- Yes, I mean all the information that we have what's current is on there. I just, even the minutes from last month are on there, but if you want the minutes from 3 months ago, you're going to get the minutes that I just put on there from the last month.

Karen- There were changes to the meeting list. And Jason has all the current information for the meetings and he will be making the changes to the meeting lists.

Lois- So, if anyone has any changes to the meeting lists, get to him as soon as possible. Get it to him before he prints out the new lists.

Roland- Just curious, is there like an archive or something like that on there?

Rich- There's no archive on "Go Daddy". That's why I said that I have 15 available PDF spaces on there. That's all that section allows me to do. I've asked them about an archive, actually, when I have spoken to tech services before. I mean, if you want, I can make an archive and if we want an archive, I can make an archive. I have all the minutes.

Roland- I was just wondering if that would create space, you know.

Rich-Roland- Back and forth discussion on creating space. Rich advises that he still has the minutes digital.

Rich- That's something that we can talk about if you all want. I can put together a whole archive of the minutes that I have. Since Christina was secretary and doing the minutes. I have them all electronically.

Lois- I think that would be wonderful. I love that idea.

Barbara- So, you can create an archive?

Rich- I can put them all on a thumb drive.

Roland- Because if you start talking about things that happened in 2016-17, I have a stack. I have all of them.

Rich- I wasn't here in 2016-17. I can do the last few years. I can put them on a thumb drive for us.

Renee- Jim's got boxes of them too.

Rich- Yeah, I mean we have them all on archive. Some of them are paper, some of them are digital.

Lois- Just to put them online would be nice.

Rich- I remember when we were doing to audit and I think we are missing 4 or 5 months or something.

Renee- I might have 1 or 2. {1:35:51}

Rich- I don't think they actually exist. There was a time with COVID. There was a time when we were going through the audit that I think there was no secretary and there was some stuff going on. Other than that, we might be missing 5 months out of the last 5 years.

Lois- Is the old events that already happened already taken off.

Rich- Yes.

(Report Attached)

Accepted by YANA; 2nd ROTR

Lois- Before we take a break, take one of these and pass them around. These are the guidelines for Area inventory. And just, maybe before the break, or when you come back, you can read through that and answer the questions and then we'll have a discussion on it at some point in the meeting. Everyone can participate in that.

Roland- Anyone interested in getting meeting lists out to these facilities. I will put the list up here and you can sign up for which ones you are willing to take the lists to.

Jim- Don't forget, I need your updated emails. There should have been a paper passed around.

Lois- How many people want to take a 10 minute break. 5- yeah, 3 nah.

10 minute break taken.

[Short Break taken]

GSR REPORTS

Group Name: **Yana**

GSR: Bruce

Alt. GSR: Joe

Donation to Area: \$30.00

Literature Order: \$44.05

of Home Group Members: 4

Average Attendance: 8

Average Newcomers: 2

Changes to Group Information: Considering re-starting Saturday night meeting sometime in the future.

Group Anniversaries/Announcements:

Group Challenges/Comments:

Group name: **Shot of Hope**

GSR: Nick- NP

Alt. GSR: Dottie

Donation to Area:

Literature Order:

of Home Group Members: 6

Average Attendance:

Average Newcomers:

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: \$100.00

Literature Order: \$39.25

of Home Group Members: 8

Average Attendance: Left Blank

Average Newcomers: 2-3

Changes to Group Information:

Group Anniversaries/Announcements: Haile 5 Years, August 11. Will celebrate on 08/12/22

Group Challenges/Comments: Only challenges are we need support.

RCM Straw Poll- No; Motion to Area- Yes

Group Name: **Nature Coast Unity**

GSR: Rolando

Alt. GSR: Dennis

Donation to Area: \$50.00

Literature Order: \$28.00

of Home Group Members: 14

Average Attendance: 14

Average Newcomers: 2

Changes to Group Information:

Group Anniversaries/Announcements: Marco 23 years on 07/16/22 at our Eat and Speak.

Group Challenges/Comments:

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

GSR: Robert

Alt. GSR:

Donation to Area: \$41.00

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: \$62.53

Literature Order: \$61.70

of Home Group Members: 10

Average Attendance: 10-11

Average Newcomers: 3

Changes to Group Information:

Group Anniversaries/Announcements: Lois, 33 years celebrating on Sunday, August 7th at 4 PM (at Nature Coast Church)

Group Challenges/Comments:

OLD BUSINESS:

Group Treasure Report Vote from previous month:

Treasurer Report brought back to groups from May accepted.

OLD MOTION REVIEW:

061122.03- Sent back to Home groups to vote on and failed to pass.

Lois- We are going to stick to what's in the Policy. Because there is no change. It's already in the Policy, nothing to change.

NEW BUSINESS:

Group inventory done and discussed. All present shared on their individual selves.

Karen- I'm late sometimes and I need to improve on that. Other than that, I am here.

Robert- That's a particular one for me. You know I was H & I chair until recently. That was kind of extended to almost 4 years. You know what, I could show up every time. I don't know why, you know, you know what I mean? I haven't seen the new H & I person here very much. So, that's what I wanted to say.

Lois- Well, this is about self examination.

Robert- Oh, Ok. Perfect.

Barbara- I need improvement in that area. (Based on the 2nd question, do I do what I'm supposed to do?)

Renee- I try. And I beat myself up too much when I fall short. So, I got to work on that. Cause at least when, I am capable at trying.

Lois- I agree. I feel like I do what I am supposed to do. I feel there are areas where I fall short and could definitely do better. I should be studying the policy every night, before I go to bed and know it word for word. I feel like I don't know it well enough. That last motion was a perfect example of that. Somebody should have caught that. I should have caught that.

Renee- That Policy is very conflicting. Where it says something on one page it says something different on another.

Lois- Like I said before, we all have a little room for improvement. I just feel like we're all really trying our best. Most of us.

Roland- I like to think that I try to do what I think I am supposed to do. And sometimes I forget that part of what I am supposed to do is ask for help.

{Continued coughing making it difficult to hear most of the dialogue}

Lois- I feel like our RCM 1 & 2 keep us informed well on what's going on in Region and World.

Barbara- I need improvement on that.

Chuck- I need improvement on all of it. I'm glad it's a weak fellowship because I fall short a lot and this is where you guys keep me inline. {Inaudible due to coughing in the room and distance from microphone}

Performance of Area on its functions:

Robert- Is it just me or do I feel like I am just patting myself on the back when I do these?

Lois- Well that's good. That means you're doing the right thing. The purpose of this is to see where we fall short and where we have room for improvement and to help each other.

Rolando- With that, I think I hear a lot of times like "that's the way we've always done it". And I think it's one of those things that nothing's set. It's just like spirituality is one of those things where we grow. We want to grow and not say "this is the way we've always done it". That's a stumbling block and it kind of gets to me a little bit. Growth isn't saying "that's not broke". Growth is saying "let's actually look at it and see what's actually being said before we knock it down." that's what I see going forth here is a lot of that. Maybe we can break that wall down a little bit and grow.

Lois- Thanks. That's a good comment.

Is my group conscious being sought and heard when matters arise which affected my meeting or NA as a whole:

Robert- If we take something back to our group whether it's region or world services. We have our group vote on it and bring it back here. That's where our group serves the area? That's what the next question means?

Chuck- We need to understand that our voices are heard and be ok with how the outcome is. We have to be ok with our voice being heard as a part of the decision making process. It gives us a chance to look at stuff with a little more objectivity. That helped me out a lot. It wasn't the universe against me.

Renee- I wrote no on that because the way I read it was "if I bring an issue with my group here, is it addressed. Because I've heard YANA say that they've been struggling for a while with attendance. Robert has spoken about struggling with attendance but we didn't discuss it as a committee or show up as a committee. So, that's how I read that. Attendance affects your meeting. While we're struggling, I know it says so in Policy that we need to show up to that meeting and help that meeting, or go to that meeting and say "where are you struggling" or "where do you need help"? Cause that's what we're for. That's what Area service is for to help the meeting primarily.

Karen- As a GSR, I make notes and take it back to my groups. That's how I let people know what's going on at my meeting or other meetings.

Lois- Actually, Jim and I have made a point of reaching out to the new meeting and we have a list of meetings that are going to attend this month to help out the groups, we feel, that have been needing support. So, we have been doing that. I have been going to a couple of meetings that I don't usually go to. I have enjoyed them immensely. We will continue to, if I can get Jim to go with me. He's a busy man.

Robert- Sometimes I feel that we have too many meetings for the amount of people that we have in the fellowship. That shouldn't be a bad thing, but it seems to be. Now, I don't want any pity party or anything like that, but I want to point out that in May, I celebrated. And so, my group celebrates the first week of the next month. And it was put out everywhere that I was celebrating and only 4 people showed up. It doesn't bother me. I have been clean for a long time, so it didn't bother me but I think there's too much competition going on between meetings and we start new meetings, so you can only spread 50-70 people in the fellowship only so thin. Does any of that make any sense, what I am saying? It's a long ways to come to Floral City for a meeting. If it happens, it happens. If it don't, it don't. That's the way I look at it.

Barbara- First of all, it's the timing of the meeting. The new meeting "Shot of Hope" meets at 5:30, so I know you're not talking about that one. Second, the thing is, "we do not govern". You cannot tell addicts where to make meetings at.

Bruce- Our increase in attendance in our meetings are new members, not old members. Which we have had a good share of the area, then dropped down to 3 people at most for many months. Now it's back up with new members.

Jim- When we started up our second meeting. There were many days, many Sundays, that I sat in that room all by myself. All by myself, but I kept that door open. And now it's grown. It's grown nicely. But I had that thought in my head "did we make a wrong decision"? My Higher power has taken over and told me "you have got to have that door open no matter what. You have it on that list. You have to have that meeting open. So, I stayed and I stayed and it's grown. For what reason? It's out of my control. I can't control it. I have got to accept that, right? I am grateful that the meeting has grown and for the people who have shown up. For me personally, and as Lois mentioned earlier, my schedule is off the wall crazy. And, am I able to do all my commitments as required? I try. I try the best I can. It doesn't mean that I don't fall short, because I do. I'm working crazy hours and I have tried to get to "Shot of Hope". My schedule has changed and made a commitment to get there. I got out of work at 5:30 and I showed up last week, as I promised Lois. I got there 20 minutes late, but we all know you're only late to your first meeting. So, I came through with my commitment, but getting to some meetings have been challenging. Gas prices have been challenging too. So, I have been a little more frugal with how much and how often. That being said, Lois and I are trying to make sure we get to every meeting and do what we're supposed to do.

On the other question about following through and doing what I am supposed to be doing. I am co-facilitator, which I know I am supposed to fill in as secretary and fill any positions that aren't filled. The secretary job I have taken on and in the beginning had help. I, personally, have been printing out things with a printer that I bought and this computer I had to buy, just to do this position. I'm not asking for reimbursement as a service for this area. I hear everyone asking about things in the minutes and what you want in them. I really do want your input. There are some conversations, I don't know. When I send out the minutes and you remember a portion of the meeting or if you want me to send out this whole recording out. Its either written or its recorded. I can send the whole recording out to you and you can listen to the whole session. I mean, I don't know how you want me to do it. As far as the previous, people looking to me for the past minutes. Haile has told me that she has the past few years stored and I have not received them yet. And anything prior to that, I don't know where they are. I can only work with what I have to work with. I try to serve the best I can and try to give you all what you're looking for, or what we need.

Does the Area service remember our Traditions and do we place principles before personalities?

Lois- Thank you everybody for participating in that.

Bruce- This kind of a questionnaire is how we can improve our area. I brought this up before and I still say, we need to stop Zoom in NA meetings. It is crippling people. You can't tell me that you get as much when you're at home as you do when you're at a meeting. At the meeting is where you get to meet. You get to meet people, get to know people. You get to grow. Sitting at home, on your couch, looking at your computer screen is just crippling people. I think we need to just stop Zoom meetings.

Lois- Well that's up to groups.

Barbara- Unfortunately, we can't tell people how and when to attend. We do not govern. The Zoom was created and I think at one time we had a vote in here to let it go and it was shut down.

Roland- Each group is autonomous. You can bring a motion from your Home group and we can vote on it. Each group can do a vote at their business meeting and decide for their group.

Renee- Can we do the treasurers report?

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.

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TREASURER'S REPORT:

Report was given by Leeann. (see attached)

May's Report accepted.

Barbara- Banter back and forth between Barbara and Leeann regarding previous and current treasurers report.

Donation to Region: \$100.00

Donation to World: \$50.00

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