

## **Nature Coast Area Service Meeting Minutes for March 11th, 2023**

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer

The following definitions were read by:

12 Traditions: Roland

12 Concepts: Rich (Read concept 3 )

Definition of the ASC: Shannon

### **ROLL CALL**

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

Chair: Jim

Policy Chair: Shannon

Co-Chair: **Open**

LDO Chair: Janine

Treasurer: LeeAnn

Alt LDO: Jackie

Alt. Treasure: **Open**

Activities Chair: Jennifer

Secretary: **Open**

H&I: Rolando

Alt. Secretary: **Open**

Webmaster: Rich

RCM I: Halie

PR/Helpline Chair: Roland

RCM II: Barbara

GSR Roll Call:

Nature Coast Unity: Marco- Left Early (Sick)

Recovery on the River: Renee

No Matter What: Cindy

Welcome Home: NP- 3rd Missed Mtg.

Shot of Hope: Kim

Quorum is met.

Others Present:

Jessica, Shannon, Leah

**OPEN FORUM:** Started at 10:21 AM

**OPEN FLOOR COMMENTS:**

**Discussion:**

It was discussed and approved by all to allow Jessica to observe the procedure of doing the minutes.

Renee- "No discussion shown in the minutes. Just highlights and bullet points. There's really nothing there. This was said, this was said."

Kim- "Little more than bullet points necessary to get the basis of the discussion would be nice."

Halie- I get minutes from Region, from other areas, I haven't ever seen the word for word verbatim in the minutes." Having to listen, re-listen, to the recording. Which we shouldn't be recording the meeting to begin with. We really shouldn't be recording. That's what I was taught when I came into the position and that's how I carried on. To get all that, it's just a lot. For me, it's just a clarification, more bullets, what exactly is that determined to be? What exactly is to be put in there, and how?"

Jim- Examples were given of the bullet points. Discussed that all the verbiage around those points were left out because it was how we got to those points wasn't necessary. It was what we (as a body) came to that was important.

Barbara- When I was secretary, I took notes, we couldn't record it, and I wrote down notes, like a paragraph of what was said, then I would write down the basic idea and what the response was. That's what I would do and it wasn't pages long.

Kim- Some more definitive facts on the points, like the discussion on "open forum vs. new business. More clarification on what the business is and what we are doing."

Rich- New business or a motion should not be discussed in open forum.

Kim- Open forum is a place where guests can voice what they want to address. That information can be brought up during the meeting when they do not have a voice.

Renee- "I need a reference point, more information, to take back to my homegroup. I'm not going to remember everything."

Roland- Maybe as homegroups we can get more of our members, that may need this information, attend Area so they can hear this information and make more informed decisions. We've sat here before and said "Ok, GSR's, make sure you write this down." Because it may not end up in the minutes. I remember sitting here and hearing, "The minutes are 23 pages long and then you shorten it up and now it's not enough. I understand as a GSR it's your job to bring information back to the group, but you can bring back too much information and they start glazing over and losing interest.

Nominations from the gallery would be done at this time and be handled in New business.

Jim- A recent group text was sent to many members. It was very unspiritual and very self-centered, from one of our members. It went to people that it should not have gone out to. It was in regards to the church that we used to have our Area Service meeting at. I handled it. I

handled it with the person who sent it out. I, also, handled it with the church. Before any rumors go out elsewhere, I spoke with the secretary of the church. She is good with us leaving. We did not do any harm to the facility. We did not leave cigarette butts on the grounds. There was a lot of defamation of our character done in this text. When I spoke with the secretary, she's fully supportive. I asked her since we haven't been able to contact her and there was a breakdown in communications, I apologized and told her that I would like to rectify everything as a group. I asked her if we owe her anything for the past month or so that we have not been there. She said no. I told her that I wanted to make it right. She said they don't operate like that and said we were good with them. Arrangements to get her key back were made and she was grateful that we were able to reach out and she can now get ahold of us.

I let the person know, who sent out the text that I had spoken with the secretary and everything was being taken care of. Their response was, "She's a nice person". That's all I got back.

We have a group that has been missing for 3 consecutive meetings. What is the next process for handling this?

Halie- We are supposed to reach out to that homegroup and see if they need assistance anywhere. Somebody can show up. It's suggested, in policy, that it would be the Area Chair and co-Chair show up at their business meeting and meet with them and see what we can do to get them back here.

Jim- I did reach out to that person. They mentioned they were sick and had troubles with travel.

LeeAnn- Doesn't know why he hasn't shown up and that he was supposed to be here. He said he was going to bring his report and the money. He hasn't shown up. We are still meeting and have about 10 people per meeting there. Moving the location and the time has increased the attendance. We still only have 2 homegroup members, Robert and myself. I would say that he missed January and February because he was sick, so that would be excused.

Jim- Ok, let me ask the group conscience on this. Has anyone been reached out to in the past three meetings from this GSR? I haven't.

Renee- According to Policy, the GSR is to reach out to the Chair, or somebody, and then it would be determined excused, or not. According to Policy, after three missed meetings, the group would need to come to three consecutive meetings before being reinstated.

Kim- if you miss three, you go and visit the group. I can go. If you miss three, we take them off quorum, that's my understanding.

Roland- I will reach out to him, personally. I am willing to go this Thursday night.

Halie- Page 5 of our Policy- Any group will be dropped off roll call after their 3rd missed, consecutive, meeting. The purpose of this is to establish an accurate quorum. Re-admission shall follow the same procedure as a new group.

Roland- Maybe that's something we need to look at in policy. Maybe we should look at putting an asterisk next to that.

Rich- Does it say anything about excused or unexcused in Policy?

Halie- Side note after the 2nd missed meeting, someone reach out to the group and then it's up to that group to make it to the next meeting.

Janine- I attend that meeting regularly. It's well attended. I spoke with GSR about not coming to Area. He really struggles with medical and transportation. I would really hate to see that meeting go off the roster and close down because it really is well attended and people are in service that go to that meeting.

LeeAnn- I did tell Robert, last night, that in the minutes it stated that he did miss two meetings and he said was going to stop by and leave his report and the money. He hasn't done that. He chose, for whatever reason, not to show up today. As far as I am concerned, you can take it off the roster. If that's policy that's policy.

Halie- Not eliminating it, just removing it from quorum.

Barbara- There is a 2022 revision of the policy online.

Rich- that's Forest Area. We have revised in 2021 online.

Halie- This is new policy. This is new business. We should talk about this in New Business.

Kim- Do we want contact our information to be posted in the minutes.

Halie- That would be posted online. That would breach our anonymity.

Motion to close- ROTR; 2nd- SOH

**Open forum is closed at 11:00**

**SECRETARY REPORT:** Given by Jim C.

Comments noted in open forum are noted. Jessica is watching and taking notes to see how things are done at this time.

Confirmed everyone received the minutes from previous meeting.

When the minutes are emailed, it would be wonderful to hear back that they are received. This is just to verify that everyone has received them.

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](mailto:nacsmsecretary22@gmail.com)

SOH and ROTR

**RCM REPORT:** Halie-

-GSR Assembly is next weekend, March 17-19. Rooms reserved- who's going?

\*2 men, \*1 women

- Area should plan for \$139/ night x 2 for RCM room. Receipt brought back in April Area.
- Motion made in new business
- Budget from Region- group vote
- Make sure to register for GSR assembly at NAFlorida.org
  
- Emailed everyone the proposal for the budget of the 2023-24 year for Region.
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- Review and bring back for RCM 1 to have by May. Please present this to your groups for voting at your business meeting.
  
- New alternate IT at Region.
- PR is having an issue with getting information from PR's at each Area's. Also, for H & I.
- Solution is to have RCM's to get the information and getting back and forth between the Area and Regional chairs.
- Changes on the Guide were voted on and changed.

**Reminder:**

FRCNA 41 will be June 29- July 2, 2023

Location: Rosen Shingle Creek

9939 Universal Blvd, Orlando, FL 32819

Topics talked about:

- 1) Destructive behavior;
- 2) Social Media;
- 3) Literature Orders- Who's responsible for shipping and sales costs. Groups are responsible at Area. Each group should be self supporting;
- 4) GSR Assembly- Rosen Center- March 17- 19. Region covers the cost of 4 room nights. Area's are still responsible for RCM's (Hotel rooms are \$169.00/ night);
- 5) Event insurance- We cannot be under the insurance of the RSO (Umbrella Insurance). Area could get coverage for (X) number of events per year and pay it out of their area budget.

[www.frcna.com](http://www.frcna.com) for information to register and hotel link.

2023 GSR assembly is going to be on "How to build a stronger homegroup". [www.NA.org](http://www.NA.org) has information on that.

Upcoming events-

- 1) Women stand united with hope- A women's spiritual retreat. April 14th- 16th in Lithia, FL;
- 2) DACNA- April 21st- 23rd;
- 3) Key West Spiritual retreat campout- April 27th- 30th;

CAR Report video available at [NAflorida.org](http://NAflorida.org). **Will have to be voted on in the future.**

Accepted by- NMW; 2nd- SOH

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

**H&I:** Rolando

Springbrook active and being held.

Sanctuary meetings are not reporting back to H & I. Will investigate.

New time for H & I subcommittee meeting is 6PM, last Sunday of the month at Club Recovery-back room.

Accepted by NMW; 2nd- SOH

**ACTIVITIES:** Verbal/Written report by Jennifer provided.

No money received or spent.

Went through all the Activities supplies.

I don't have a place to store everything in my house.

Campout registration form needs to be changed for spelling, clarification and sizing nomenclature. Needs clarification on meals. Does that include the Fish Fry?

Check request of \$414.90 for T-Shirts

They will be sold at \$25.00 each across the board.

Will submit a motion for a storage facility.

Intense discussion regarding Keys and storage unit responsibility. Moved to New Business discussion.

New fliers were presented, discussed and passed.

Leah was the winner in the drawing contest for the design of the Campout shirts.

Accepted by NMW; 2nd by SOH

**POLICY (Ad Hoc):**

No Update at this time.

Kim has a digital version of Policy that can be revised. She will provide it to the Policy committee if they would like.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS/HELPLINE:** Roland

Helpline- 12 Calls Answered

PR-

Public relations sub-committee now has a place to meet which is at the Club Recovery location, the last Sunday of the month at 6PM in the room in the back.

Mtg list's were delivered to Salvation Army, LifeStream and The Path. I met with the director of Mental Health Specialist at the Renaissance School. They are requesting a presentation for an on campus for the students, specifically for the students with drug related offenses.

I've asked Halie to go with me as the facility is co-ed. It will fall under an H & I meeting and I will give Rolando the necessary info as we move forward.

I did speak with Rolando about The Path having an interest in a women's meeting that would also fall under H & I.

With that being said, PR and H & I will both be meeting at Club Recovery, 6 PM, the last Sunday of every month.

I am requesting \$47.00 in literature for presentations!

I'm still interested in some type of an Area banner for events and presentations.

Literature Order: \$47.00

Funds Received: \$0.00

Funds spent: \$0.00

Accepted- NMW , 2nd- ROTR

**LDO: Verbal/Written report**

Given by Janine-

Most of our material has gone up about 12%.

New price lists are available.

- 1) Inventory currently inaccurate due to price changes;
- 2) Meeting list was sent around;
- 3) Please give order form to treasurer with money;
- 4) Order will be filled and new form will be given.

Previous Inventory Balance \$1,638.78

Literature Order+ \$

Back Orders -\$00.00

Group Order - \$552.71

Balance= \$

Total Inventory = \$1131.07

Accepted by ROTR; 2nd by- NMW

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

Funds Received: \$0.00

Funds Spent: \$14.99 (Zoom) & \$53.53 (Flyers)

Web is currently up to date. We have had 99 visits in the last week; 590 in the last month; 6820 in the last year.



I will update the meeting list once I get an updated list.

Accepted by NMW; 2nd- SOH

***[No Short Break taken]***

10 minute break taken for accounting at 12:30.

**Meeting re-started at 11:40**

### **GSR REPORTS**

Group name: **Shot of Hope**

GSR: Kim S

Alt. GSR:

Donation to Area: \$95.00

Literature Order: \$18.86

# of Home Group Members: 6

Average Attendance: 10-12

Newcomers: 1

Changes to Group Information:

Group Anniversaries/Announcements: Dottie G- 31 yrs. April 6th; Jackie B.- 1 Year May 4th;

Shawn- 6 years June 1st;

Group Challenges/Comments: Need support

Will need Zoom meeting setup for April 6th at 5:15- 6:45 PM

Home group business meeting is Thursday before Area.

Shot of Hope meets Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 PM.

Tuesday is basic test study & Thursday is IP @ Cornerstone Baptist Church, 1100 Highland Blvd., Inverness

Group Name: **Recovery on the River**

GSR: Renee

Alt. GSR: Open

Donation to Area: \$93.00

Literature Order: \$79.20

# of Home Group Members: A lot

Average Attendance: 20

Newcomers: 4

Changes to Group Information: New GSR is Renee

Still looking to move.

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

Monday- Living Clean; Friday- Open Discussion

Group Anniversaries/Announcements: End of April: Roland- 14 years, Tiffany 11 years, Jenta 2 years

Group Challenges/Comments: We have our annual picnic coming up May 27th at Fort Cooper State Park from 10-4. 2 Speakers.

Group Name: **Nature Coast Unity**

GSR: Marco, Report given by Janine

Alt. GSR: Dennis

Donation to Area: \$15.00

Literature Order: \$111.00

# of Home Group Members: 25

Average Attendance: 35

Newcomers: 5

Changes to Group Information: Sunday's PM meeting being pushed back to 1 PM  
1st Sunday of the month- Living Clean Meeting

Anniversaries- Chelsea 1 year

NCU Group format updated successfully.

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 - NP**

GSR: Robert

Alt. GSR:

Donation to Area: \$

Literature Order: \$

# of Home Group Members: 2

Average Attendance: 10

Newcomers:

Changes to Group Information:

Group Anniversaries/Announcements:

Group Challenges/Comments:

Group Name: **No Matter What**

GSR: Cindy

Alt. GSR: Rolando

Donation to Area: \$55.95

Literature Order: \$12.70

# of Home Group Members: 16

Average Attendance: 13

Newcomers: 4

Changes to Group Information: Saturday Meeting added. Will start at 8:30 PM

Group Anniversaries/Announcements:

Group Challenges/Comments: Need support on Sunday's 4 PM meeting.

Business meeting is the Sunday prior to Area.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Shannon- Policy Chair- (Passed)**

**Jackie- Alt LDO- (Passed)**

**OLD MOTION REVIEW:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Barbara nominated Jessica F. as Secretary**

**LeeAnn nominated Karen S. as Alt. Treasurer**

**NEW MOTIONS: See Attached**

**Motion 031123.01 (Tabled at Area)**

**Motion 031123.02 (Accepted at Area- Needs Home Group Votes)**

**Motion 031123.03 (Rescinded)**

**Motion 031123.04 (Passed at Area level)**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Report from LeeAnn was given and sent to all GSR's, prior to area meeting, via email.

February's Treasurer's report: Accepted

**Donation to Region:** \$100.00

**Donation to World:** \$25.00

**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:**

Nominations for any area position-

Needs to be voted on at homegroups and brought back to April ASCM

Jessica F. as Secretary

Karen S. as Alt. Treasurer

These positions will need to be voted on at the Home groups and brought back to April's Area Service Committee meeting. Qualifications Attached.

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

**Position                      Clean Time Requirement**

<b>Secretary</b>	<b>1 year- Nominated</b>
<b>Alt Sec</b>	<b>6 months- Open</b>
<b>LDO</b>	<b>2 years- Filled</b>
<b>Alt LDO</b>	<b>9 months- Filled</b>
<b>Policy</b>	<b>2 years- Filled</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>2 years- Filled</b>
<b>Alt Treasure</b>	<b>2 years- Nominated</b>
<b>H &amp; I</b>	<b>2 years- Filled</b>
<b>Co-Facilitator</b>	<b>2 years- Open</b>
<b>Activities</b>	<b>2 years- Filled</b>
<b>RCM 1</b>	<b>2 years- Filled</b>
<b>RCM 2</b>	<b>2 years- Filled</b>

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

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

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

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

## **REMINDERS!!!**

- 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) Proposal for the budget of the 2023-24 year for Region
- Please do not forget to vote on the March's Treasurer's Report.
- ALL Meetings: ROTR, No Matter What, Nature Coast Unity, Welcome Home, Shot of Hope meetings all need support!!!

REVIEW BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:

Waived by NMW, 2nd SOH

**PLANS FOR NEXT ASC MEETING:** The next ASC meeting will be April 8th, 2023 at 10 AM.

**Location:** Cornerstone Baptist Church in Inverness.

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

Closed with the Serenity Prayer