

Nature Coast Area Service Meeting Minutes for September 9th, 2023

Started at 10:08 am

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer

The following definitions were read by:

12 Traditions: Leah

12 Concepts: Renee

Definition of the ASC: Robert

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: **Open**

Alt. Treasure: Karen

Activities Chair: Jennifer

Secretary: Chelsea

H&I: **Open**

Alt. Secretary: **Open**

Webmaster: Rich NP

RCM I: Halie

Alt Webmaster - Leah

RCM II: Barbara

PR/Hotline Chair: Roland

GSR Roll Call:

*Nature Coast Unity: Beth

Hope Not Dope: NP 4th time

*Recovery on the River: Renee

*No Matter What: Cindy

Welcome Home: Robert

*Shot of Hope: Kim S.

Quorum is met.

Others Present:

OPEN FORUM: Started at 10:17 am

OPEN FLOOR COMMENTS:

Discussion:

Barbara - Since I am RCM 2 and RCM 1 is here to give the report, I would like to leave early so that I can go to my grandson's football game.

Renee - No need to ask, RCM 1 is here.

Barbara - Okay, I will leave now.

Motion to close ROTR - NMW Second

OPEN FORUM CLOSED 10:19

SECRETARY REPORT: Presented by Chelsea M.

Chelsea - Do we want to go over the minutes or can we make a motion to accept them?

Kim - I just have a question. It's just the verbiage, I just have to find it. Somewhere I think it states, and I'm just going to go off the top of my head, to "disregard the Secretary's Report from last Area. I think that that word is not the best. That we waive it, we waive the reading of it but we don't "disregard."

Chelsea - Oh, that was in there already from the previous minutes I think. But I will take that out.

Kim - Thank you. Other than that, I'm fine with the minutes.

Chelsea - Does anyone else object to accepting the Secretary's Report? So, we can make a motion to accept?

Jim - Motion to accept?

Motion to accept SOH, Second ROTR

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

RCM REPORT: Halie

Main literature drive is soft cover basic texts or white books. Will accept the books donated.

Renee - Is there some reason that they can't do the little White Books? Because it's so much cheaper.

Halie - The ones with staples?

Renee - No, there's ones without staples in them, too.

Halie - I guess that would be fine, too. I think the intention is that the books are getting sent to Correctional Facilities, behind the walls and they are doing sponsorships and stuff.

Renee - And we give the books to you?

Halie - Yes.

Kim - Maybe we can look as an Area and see if some of the extra stuff that we have can be donated, sponsorship books.

Halie - The hardcover books that NMW donated I'm going to take, but if they can't use them I'm going to bring them back to your homegroup. Because they requested specifically soft cover Basic Texts. But I'm going to take these and see what he says. So maybe H and I can utilize these somewhere, I'll bring it to them.

Robert: I have a couple of Just for Today's, will they accept them?

Halie - I will get with you and I will ask at the next region. I just don't want you to bring them to me if I can't use them.

Janine - We have a couple soft cover NA Basic Texts to donate.

Halie - Request for Barbara's expenses to treasurer.

Leann is writing a check to her and giving it to Halie.

Accepting RCM report - NMW First; SOH second.

Jim - Can I ask for a pause in the meeting for a second? I need to know, does Welcome home have a voice during this Area because he missed the last 3 areas.

Reviewed minutes for the last 3 months. Yes, he has a voice because only one absence was not excused.

POLICY/AD-HOC

Halie - Policy met at 9 am this morning. We have a couple new motions, I will send out reports. Will be emailed with the new report.

Motions attached.

090923.34 pg 19 article 10 #6 include "executive members" to stay until the end of area.

090923.35 pg 20 article 11 budgets and expenses #4 requesting to change it to say, "after paying our bills, establishing expenses AND prudent reserve, all remaining monies should be donated **BI MONTHLY** 75% to region, 25% to WSO."

090923.36 pg 20 article 11 budgets and expenses #12 add zoom to "the debt card is used to pay the help line bill" but region covers that debt. Want to add "zoom expenses."

Last thing, I'm really not sure and maybe predecessors can help with this, if this is a motion or a request... that all subcommittee chairs bring back a budget to the next area.

Kim - It should be in their guidelines.

Halie - It's an annual budget. So there are obviously budgets in there that need to be changed. But the subcommittee has to change their own budget. Activities doesn't even have a budget.

Jen - No, there isn't. I need to get with Renee.

Renee - There is no budget for activities. it is \$1500, no more and no less.

Jen - Our \$1500 is dwindling each month.

Halie - It is Activities responsibility to replenish and pull from the fund.

Jen - Can we raise the budget for activities? Renee, can you sit with me and take the time to raise the budget?

Kim - It will help for the subcommittees to bring in their budget. But shouldn't RCM 1 and RCM 2 review? We were supposed to have a budget meeting in July and we never had it. We need to

sit down as an admin committee and do a budget. That way we can have an accurate accounting of the budget.

Renee- The policy calls for LDO and Treasurer to be audited twice a year. We vote on their budgets as far as PR, H and I, LDO. Other than that we don't have many budgets to go over. But each subcommittee knows what they need. We vote on that in November.

Jen - We vote at the same time as the elections?

Kim - Audits are different from going over the budget. The Treasury reports are not clear as to what the line items are and the expectations. So we can come up with what the true prudent reserve is. And budgets come up all the time and Activities says, "I don't really know." Like I said, this can come up in discussion with the motion. I just wanted to let you know I have a motion to look at this and get down to what we are doing. It includes at least 2 GSRs present in the motion but we might want to make it 1 more than half. And that would be a separate meeting.

Halie - There's no record of how we have done this in the past. The person leaving the position creates the budget for the new year with the new service member. I don't understand what the motion is for, Kim, as to what the meeting would be for because we cannot decide the budget for each subcommittee. That's why I'm suggesting we ask the subcommittees go to their group meeting and create a budget for themselves and then bring it back to Area. THEN have a meeting to go over previous Treasurer reports, or maybe she can just bring that in to show us what money is being used for what. I think subcommittee meetings have to vote themselves and create the budget.

Renee- Activities budget is in place. When I was activities, they fought for me to not go over the \$1500. I think what Kim is saying, if I'm clear is.... The line items in the Treasury were created by Chris, who runs the audit. We can add line items if we need to. It's not necessary to have a separate meeting. Everything needs to be brought to AREA. If you want to be clear on the Treasurer's report, we need to go over it before we accept the report, so that everything is documented.

Halie - So this is what policy is requesting - that secretary you have a \$50 dollar budget a month. But you can request a check for a one time purchase.

Kim - We need to figure out what our expenses are.

Halie- Can't we send it back and request that it be brought back to Area next month?

Kim - Pick and schedule a date for us to look at the budgets and see what we're doing and create a budget altogether.

Halie - We can barely get people to show up here. It feels like a lot of work to do that. I think it's a great idea but REALISTICALLY, it probably won't happen.

Kim - You are asking us to change policy without a clear budget.

Renee - There's no need to do a meeting until we have the subcommittees budgets with line items.

Janine - I don't know how to do a budget, I can give you reports of what I've done, what I've spent every month. I can give you an average. But I don't know what a budget would look like for LDO.

Jim- When do we want to have this meeting? In policy it says I can request a meeting. When can we get together to discuss this?

Renee - That's calling an emergency meeting.

Will discuss this in new business.

Kim - This is when we have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the motions you present. It's out of order, we need clarity. We go into discussion in new business.

Renee- It shouldn't be a motion, just call for the subcommittees to bring back a budget.

NMW Accepted; ROTR Second

WEBMASTER/ I.T.: I.T. Webmaster alternate Leah

Leah - The website is up to date. \$15.99 spent for Zoom, receipt emailed to the Treasurer. We didn't receive any money on the website. We spent \$25 for 100 business cards. And then we had 101 views in the last week, 488 views in the last month and 4,953 views in the last 12 months. I also posted the Activities flyers and am working on the flier for H and I. I am working on getting the QR code and the digital copy of the business cards.

Motion to accept NMW; SOH seconded

LDO: Verbal/Written report

Janine

LDO ALTERNATE IS STILL OPEN ONLY NEED 9 MONTHS CLEAN

\$1941.46 last inventory increased after a manual inventory was done. The numbers increased due to Literature costs increasing.

Last month 147.15 group 253.46 included 35\$ personal order. 1835.15 last month. Over budget.

Literature Order+ \$147.15
Back Orders - \$0
Group Orders - \$253.46
Personal Orders - \$35.00
Total Inventory = \$1835.15

I will be absent in December but will work with Roland. Roland will take the literature in November, bring the literature in December, fill the orders, send orders to me and I will do the paperwork. Hopefully the position gets filled in December.

Accepted by SOH; ROTR Second

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PR/H&I: ROLAND

We met on Aug 27th at 6 pm at Club Recovery. I waited until 6:30 and then left. I met with the counselor at Renaissance School and she is still evaluating the students and will let us know if they will need us this year. I've been communicating with the Director of the Anti-Drug Coalition of Citrus and we will be setting up a booth at Liberty Park at the Depot in Inverness on September 21st from 5-8 pm. I have flyers but left them at home. We will also be setting up at a Recovery Festival held on October 22nd at the 4 Square Church location. P.R. needs support with both of these events (cups and ice were a suggested donation for the depot event).

Jail meetings are going well, the only one that was canceled was the Men's Meeting during the hurricane. I'm returning the large tri-fold display that belongs to Region. As soon as the new Lift Stream facility opens in Lecanto I will be reaching out to them.

All Helpline calls were answered.

Leah - Can we put the Depot event on the website?

Roland - I was told we cannot put flyers out at meetings because we can't promote that event but we need support to set up and man the booth.

Leah - What if we put a link to a flier under H and I?

Renee - We are not affiliated with the event. We are just putting up a booth.

Kim - Can we create a flyer asking for support for PR to just go to the home groups that states that there is a Public Relations event at Liberty Park on that date we will have a booth and we need volunteers and NA is not affiliated with that event?

Leah - Can I post that on the website?

Kim - Yes, as long as you don't name the event.

Roland - We are going to need some support at the booth.

Jen - The bracelets we wear, the No Matter What bracelets - do you have any of those? And the business cards? Can we look into having those at the event?

Roland - We asked for the business cards last month.

Jen - What about the bracelets, where can we find those?

Kim - The Florida Regional Service Office website.

Motion to accept: ROTR; NMW seconded.

ACTIVITIES: Verbal/Written report provided by:

Chili Cook off is 9/30/2023. Flyers have been handed out to GSR's. Boo Bash flyer and Turkey in the Park flyers have been handed out to GSR's for approval. Sign up sheets for each even goes back to home groups. Activities chair will follow through to get copies. Please announce these events at meetings.

It has been brought to my attention to not plan events when Progressive Recovery has their Eat and Speak. Time slots for events have been adjusted.

Chili Cook Off proceeds will be used to fund the next activity.

There are 4 people on the subcommittee, all have been in attendance. Renee thank you for stepping in for and with me!

I will not be continuing as Activities Chair person. I will be running for LDO alternate.

Welcome home accepted; SOH second

PUBLIC RELATIONS/HELPLINE: Roland

SEE ABOVE REPORT OR ATTACHED REPORT.

Break started at 11:39 am

Meeting re-started at 11:59 am

GSR REPORTS

Group name: **Shot of Hope**

GSR: Kim S

Alt. GSR:

Duly appointed:

Donation to Area: \$40.00

Literature Order: \$25.84

of Home Group Members: 6

Average Attendance: 7-10

Newcomers: 1

Changes to Group Information: None

Group Anniversaries/Announcements: Speaker meeting is on the 1st Thursday of the month.

Group Challenges/Comments: Low attendance. Group needs support.

Home group business meeting is on the 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: \$50.00

Literature Order: \$0

of Home Group Members 10+

Average Attendance: 10-20

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: October 21st Edwin is celebrating 32 years. On

November 24th Dave is celebrating 1 year, Jen C is celebrating 7 years, and Alvin is celebrating 34 years.

Group Challenges/Comments: N/A

Group Name: **Nature Coast Unity Group**

GSR: Shannon NP

Alt. GSR:

Duly appointed - Beth

Donation to Area: \$20.18

Literature Order: \$43.28

of Home Group Members: 8

Average Attendance: 7-8

Newcomers: 1

Changes to Group Information: We voted to read the entire reading of the 12 Traditions in our home group. We voted to allow chanting in our meeting.

Monday- Women's meeting 7-8 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.

Alt. GSR:

Donation to Area: 28.15

Literature Order:10.10

of Home Group Members:

Average Attendance:

Newcomers:

Changes to Group Information: None

Group Anniversaries/Announcements: Thursday at 1:30 pm instead of 7:30 pm.

Group Challenges/Comments: Need members to help with service.

Group Name: **No Matter What**

GSR: Cindy

Alt. GSR:

Donation to Area: \$48.25

Literature Order: \$27.20

of Home Group Members: 17

Average Attendance: 8

Newcomers: 4

Changes to Group Information: Changing the time to 9 pm on Saturdays candlelight meeting effective immediately.

Group Anniversaries/Announcements:

Group Challenges/Comments: Saturday's meeting welcomes your support. Meets at 9:00 PM.

Business meeting is the Sunday prior to Area.

OLD BUSINESS:

OLD MOTION REVIEW:

All motions passed at area level.

NEW BUSINESS:

NEW MOTIONS: See Attached

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Last Treasurer's report August

Accepted; Second.

Renee motion to not send anything to Region or World due to insufficient funds.

SOH second. Passed.

Motion to close.

Welcome Home accepted; ROTR second

Donation to Region: 0

Donation to World: 0

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.

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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.