

Nature Coast Area Service Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2024

I. **Meeting opens with the Serenity Prayer** 10:05 am

II. **Readings read by:**

The 12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous: Alvin

The 12 Concepts of NA Service: Lois

The Definition of an Area Service Committee (ASC): Jennifer

III. **Roll Call:**

Administrative Roll Call: Present unless noted Absent (A)

Chair: Janine, ROTR, Chair for the day

Secretary: Janine, ROTR

RCM I: Barbara, ROTR

Treasurer: Karen, NMW

LDO Chair: Jennifer, Progressive Recovery

Activities Chair: Lois

Chair: **Open**, temp. filled by Barbara

Vice-Chair: **Open**

Alt. Secretary: **Open**

RCM II: **Open**

Alt. Treasurer: **Open**

Alt. LDO: **Open**

Web: **Open**

Alt. Webmaster - **Open**

H&I: **Open**

PR/Hotline Chair: **Open**

GSR Roll Call:

1. Hope not Dope: Tommy
2. Nature Coast Unity Group: Absent
3. No Matter What: Cindy
4. Recovery on the River: Alvin
5. Welcome Home: Absent

Is Quorum met? Yes

Others Present:

Angel – Alt. GSR for No Matter What

Before moving on to Open Forum, at last month's AREA we agreed to start with Elections first. Our Interim Chair who is also our RCM was scheduled to go to Region. We had a nominee for Chair to go back to the Groups for a vote. The nominee is Janine B. Can we move to Elections? Yes.

Hope not Dope: Y

Nature Coast Unity Group: Y (via e-report)

No Matter What: Y

Recovery on the River: Y

Welcome Home: A

Janine is super grateful for the vote of confidence and is excited to serve in a new position!! 😊

IV. **Open Forum:** Started @ 10:24 am and Closed @ 10:45 am.

Service Animals

- limited to dogs under Federal Law and dogs & small horses under Florida Law.
- NA does not enforce the law, see naflorida.org, [SFRNA GUIDELINE FOR SITUATIONS WITH SERVICE DOGS AND HANDLERS IN NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS](#)
- Meeting places should follow pet policies for meeting locations such as Clubs, churches, etc., their group conscience and Florida Region's Guidelines. Etc.
- Groups encouraged to peruse info provided

MAT

- Does the AREA have any thoughts, suggestion, ideas on how to address MAT at Group Levels?
- Still a controversial and personal matter
- Some members have experience with MAT and sponsoring folks who are on MAT
- A member reiterated it's up to the Group, not AREA
- Narcotics Anonymous does have a pamphlet on Narcotics Anonymous & Persons Receiving Medication Assisted Treatment

V. **Administration Reports:**

1. Secretary's Report-Janine B.

- HP Smart is more than Janine originally thought. She would be willing to accept a \$5.00 monthly donation to print Minutes and Treasurer's Report for ASC members.

2. RCM's Report-Barbara R.:

- RCM was scheduled to go to Region but was unable to due to finances; simultaneously she was called into work and unable to attend AREA. It was mentioned Region may be able to assist an AREA with sending an RCM. It was also discussed if the RCM is unable to attend due to finances, whether on the RCM's part or the AREA's part, the RCM can attend via Zoom in order to provide representation for our AREA.

3. Webmaster/IT- Leah K. (Former)

- Secretary spoke with former Webmaster. She canceled her credit card for Zoom & the QR Code. AREA has activated the credit card and will use it for Zoom, \$15.99 per month.
- She has not yet been reimbursed for last couple of months. A check was issued today.
- The new Chair has agreed to temporarily do some maintenance on the Nature Coast Website such as updating the meeting information, events, post fliers, etc.
- QR Code will no longer be active, not prudent @ \$35.00 a month with minimal views. We will however continue to distribute NCASC information cards, crossing out the QR Code. The card has a lot of information on it such as website, hotline number, etc.

4. LDO's Report-Jennifer

- See Report
- Only inventory needed are a few key tags; no order will be placed.
- LDO will contact River Coast LDO to discuss QR Code, perhaps sharing pick-up, etc.

VI. Sub-Committee Reports:

1. PR, H&I and Phonelines: Subcommittee Chairs are vacant:
 - Janine B. spoke with former Chair. He indicated he will still do the “behind the scenes work” and he’s willing to answer any questions that we might have.
 - He is hopeful we get the Sub-Committee Chairs’ filled.
 - Lois mentioned she will be in touch with him regarding Springbrook to see if we want to assist River Coast with serving them.
2. Activities, Lois:
 - See Report
 - **BOO BASH OCTOBER 26TH, 2024**

VII. **Ad-Hoc:** No Ad-Hoc Committees at this time.

VIII. GSR Reports

1. **Group Name:** Hope not Dope
GSR: Tommy, **Alt. GSR:** Judy
Location: Crystal River Foursquare Church, 1160 N. Dunkenfield Ave., Crystal River, FL
Meets: Thursdays @ 6:30 pm
Group Conscience:
 - Average Attendance is 10; 1 Newcomer; 1 Bird 😊**Anniversaries:**
 - None this month**Anything else AREA can do for your home group?**
 - Not at this time.
2. **Group Name:** Nature Coast Unity Group-ABSENT
GSR: Robert N.
Location: Club Recovery, 2322 N. Anvil Ct., Hernando, FL
Meets: Sundays @ 2:00 pm, Tuesdays @ 2:00 pm and Fridays @ 7:30 pm
Group Conscience: 2nd Sunday following regular 2:00 meeting
 - Robert N. sent Secretary text message that he is unable to attend AREA due to work schedule.
 - The group voted for Janine B. as Secretary.
 - Average Weekly Attendance is 10; 1-2 Newcomers**Anniversaries:**
 - Robert N. will be celebrating one year on Sunday, September 22, 2024 at Club Recovery, 2:00 pm**Anything else AREA can do for you and your home group?**
 - Not at this time.

3. **Group Name:** No Matter What

GSR: Cindy, **Alt. GSR:** Angel

Location: Nature Coast Church, 5113 Suncoast Hwy. (19), Homosassa, FL

Meets: Sundays @ 4:00 pm, *2nd Sunday includes food, fun & fellowship*, Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm and Saturdays @ 9:00 pm *by candlelight and last Saturday includes a 5-minute meditation.*

Group Conscience: Last Wednesday before AREA after regular 7:00 meeting.

- Donation: \$104.00
- Home Group Members: 14
- Average Attendance: 9
- Newcomers: 6
- Pot luck this month is Pizza.

Anniversaries:

- None

Anything else AREA can do for you and your home group?

- Not at this time.

4. **Group Name:** Recovery on the River

GSR: Alvin **Alt. GSR:** Bob

Location: Crystal River Church of God, 2180 NW 12TH Ave. Crystal River, FL

Meets: Mondays 7:00 pm and Fridays @ 8:00 pm

Group Conscience: Friday before AREA following 8:00 pm meeting

- Donation: \$215.00
- Literature Amount: \$93.80
- Home Group Members: 18
- Average Attendance: 20
- Newcomers: 4
- Changes/Comments to Meeting:
 - Pets versus Service Animals in meeting place
 - Still discussing new location
 - Janine voted in as Business Chair

Anniversaries:

- None

Anything else AREA can do for you and your home group?

- Not at this time.

5. **Group Name:** Welcome Home-ABSENT

GSR: Robert

Location: Club Recovery (back room) 2322 N. Anvil Ct., Hernando, FL

Meets: Thursdays @ 1:30 pm

Group Conscience:

- Secretary spoke with GSR and he's not sure when/if he'll be able to attend AREA due to health reasons. Meeting is still open.

Anything else AREA can do for you and your home group?

WHEN ONE OF US CELEBRATES, WE ALL CELEBRATE!!!

BREAK STARTED @ 11:24 AND ENDED @ 11:31 am

IX. Old Business:

1. Did Interim Chair speak with former Webmaster regarding QR Code & GoDaddy? Yes, Secretary spoke with Webmaster as noted above.
2. Lois, Janine & Cindy attended River Coast's AREA last month and Lois is going to take the lead on what we observed.
 - Summary: All GSR's attended and liked how Chair asked each Group if there is anything AREA can do to help the Group; efficiently and effectively ran; members had multiple hats and were very willing to assist each other with vacant offices and their tasks; open forum was end of the meeting; willing to consider "sharing" services with Nature Coast AREA, in fact we are doing the Boo Bash together!! Town Hall meeting proposed; to bring the 2 AREA's together to share ideas and possibly services; well received by both AREA's.
 - Consensus from both AREA: No need to "merge" AREA's at this time. Both are willing to work together. Our AREA very much enjoyed attending their AREA.

X. Nominations:

None

XI. Elections:

Janine was elected to be new Chair as noted above.

XII. New Business:

- Quorum: We currently have 5 groups, 3-4 attend regularly. Due to the small number of groups and the attendance, AREA will base quorum on actual groups in attendance in order to keep business moving forward.
- Moving Open Forum: Currently, Open Forum is immediately following Roll Call. After observing River Coast's AREA with Open Forum at the end, we discussed the pros and cons of moving the meeting to the end.
 - We felt the primary *pro* was all members, including visitors, can ask any questions that may have been raised during the meeting. Primary con is some visitors & members may only come at the end of the meeting.
 - A Motion was raised and seconded to move Open Forum to the end of the AREA meeting.
 - Motion #09142024.01
 - Motion Reads: Open Forum to be changed from beginning to the end of the AREA Service Meeting.
 - Intention: For visitors & member to engage in supportive information and to unite our AREA – so visitors can ask questions pertaining to hat they heard during the meeting.
 - NMW-Y, ROTR-Y, HND-Y

- Create a Policy Log: The Guide to Local Services, page 48 under Secretary, states “In the process of keeping the minutes at each meeting, secretaries should regularly update a log of area policy actions. The log lists motions the committee has passed regarding the activities of the administrative officers and subcommittees.”
 - The Interim Secretary will start the log for year 2024 and list the actions and motions for the year. Data for first quarter may be missing some information.
- Consider revisiting an Ad-Hoc Committee for Policy. NCASC’s Policy was disbanded in December 2023. We are currently using the Guide to Local Services. We discussed creating an Ad-Hoc Committee for Policy, however a decision was not made just yet. Members are currently members are wearing multiple hats. We will continue to use the GTLS and log of AREA Policy Actions.

XIII. Treasurer’s Report/Karen:

Approved

XIV. Donation to Region:

None

XV. Donation to World:

None

XVI. Review Business for the Day

Waived

XVII. Motion to Close:

Motion to close by Progressive Recovery & Seconded by Hope Not Dope

XVIII. Meeting Closes

Meeting close at 12:00 pm followed by the Serenity Prayer

REMINDERS FOR GSR'S:

1. Vote on Positions/Nominees:

None

2. Vote on Motions: (Already voted on at AREA)

- i. **Motion#:** #09142024.01
- ii. **Motion to Read:** Open Forum to be changed from beginning to the end of the AREA Service Meeting.
- iii. **Intent:** For visitors & member to engage in supportive information and to unite our AREA – so visitors can ask questions pertaining to hat they heard during the meeting.
- iv. **Votes:** NMW-Y, ROTR-Y, HND-Y

3. Discuss: **GET IN SERVICE!!!** 😊

4. Literature Orders:

Please have literature orders emailed to LDO as soon as possible after your Business Meeting. Email is: LDONCNA2024@GMAIL.COM

5. Vacant Positions:

Please announce vacant positions and remind members how selfless and wonderful it is to serve the Nature Coast Area of Narcotics Anonymous:

Secretary-Open (<i>Temp filled by Chair</i>)	Alt. Secretary: Open
Vice-Chair: Open	Alt. Treasurer: Open
RCM II: Open	Alt. LDO: Open
Web: Open (<i>Temp filled by Chair</i>)	Alt. Webmaster – Open
H&I: Open	

**BRING A FRIEND, SHOW THEM HOW THEY CAN SERVE AREA!!
THERE'S NOTHING BETTER THAN CARRYING THE MESSAGE.**

Next Area Service Committee Meeting (ASC)

October 12, 2024 @ 10:00

Cornerstone Baptist Church

1100 W. Highland Blvd.

Inverness, FL 34452

Nature Coast Area GSR Monthly Report

Date: 9-14-24

Group Name: Hope not Dope	GSR: Thomas	Alt. GSR Julia
Donation to Area: 80 ⁰⁰	# of Home Group Members 6	Average Attendance: 10
Literature Amount:		Newcomers: 1

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

Nature Coast Area GSR Monthly Report

Date: 7/14/24

Group Name: No Matter What	GSR: Cindy	Alt. GSR Angel
Donation to Area: 104.00 Literature Amount: 43.90	# of Home Group Members 14	Average Attendance: 9 Newcomers: 6

Changes to Group Information:

Group Anniversaries/ Announcements:

This Sunday Pizza @ 4 o'clock -
 Meeting. 5:15

Group Challenges/ Comments:

Our Saturday night meeting
 needs support.

Nature Coast Area GSR Monthly Report

Date: 9/14

Group Name: ROTR	GSR: Alvin	Alt. GSR: Bob
Donation to Area: 8215⁰⁰	# of Home Group Members: 18	Average Attendance: 20
Literature Amount: 93⁸⁰		Newcomers: 4

Changes to Group Information:

Group Anniversaries/ Announcements:
Sept - 4

Group Challenges/ Comments:

- lets in meeting?
- Still discussing new location
- Janine voted in as Wcty chair

9-14-24 Activities Committee Report

We had a preliminary meeting on Thurs 9-5 just to establish and secure the meeting place which will be at Four Square Church. on Thursday nights at 7:40 pm.

Our first official meeting was last Thursday 9-12 at that location. We had 7 members attend including one on zoom.

We discussed many things, mostly planning the Boo Bash. We have a Flyer already made up, a place secured for the night, a good Karaoke entertainer is hired, and I got a great speaker from the River Coast Area, who will be participating and helping with the event. We also plan on helping with thier up coming event on Nov 23, a Speaker Jam. They asked for 2 speakers from our area to share there. See me if you are interested.

We also discussed combining our campouts into one, to be held March 21-23, more will be revealed.

Also Our Turkey in the Park date has been set for Nov 16 at Fort Island Park from 10 to 4.

Lastly River Coast Area is having a service development workshop on Oct 8, right before thier Area service in Brooksville. They'll be serving Pizza + drinks and are inviting anyone from our Area Service to participate.

Thank for letting me be of service
LOIS L.

I have a receipt for \$13.89 for printing flyers.

The Karaoke guy will cost \$150⁰⁰ payable on day of BOOBASH.

NatureCoast/RiverCoast Activities of NA

presents

BOO BASH Halloween Party

**CHILI COOK-OFF
COSTUME CONTEST
GREAT PRIZES
SPEAKER 7 to 8
KARAOKE 8 to 10:30**

FourSquare Church

1160 N. Dunkenfield Ave., Crystal River, FL

Saturday, Oct 26th, 6:30 PM

\$5 DONATION

For more info call Lois 858/999-4817

or Jackie 352/249-8560

NA is not affiliated with FourSquare Church

Motion Form

Date 9/10

Motion # Open Forum # ^{0914 2024.01} ~~0914 2024.01~~

Seconded By Tommy ^{hope not done}

Motion To Read

Open Forum to be at end of
Area Service meeting.

changed from to beginning

Intention

for visitors & members to ~~the~~ engage
in supportive information & to unite
our area - so visitors can ask
questions pertaining to what they heard
during the meeting.

NMW - Y
ROTK - Y
HND - Y

Nature Coast Area Treasurer Report

Aug-24

Operating Balan	\$583.71
Activities Fund	\$1,500.00
Prudent Reserve	\$800.00

Total Cash Balance Prior Month: \$2,883.71

Group Name	Donation	Literature	Pers BK	
ROTR	\$ 120.00	\$ 11.20	\$ 131.20	
NMW	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Income	\$ 220.00	\$ 11.20	\$ 231.20	\$ 231.20

Area Expenses

Payee	CK#	Ck. Amt.	Reason for payment	
Janine	339	\$ 79.50	meeting list	
FLRSO	debit	\$ 428.31	Literature Order	
		\$ -		
		\$ -		
		\$ -		
		\$ -		
		\$ -		
Total Expenses		\$ 507.81		\$ 507.81

Activities

0 Beg. Balance	Total Cash Balance	\$ 2,607.10
0 Camp-out	Less: Activities Fund	\$1,500.00
0	Less: Prudent Reserve	\$800.00
	Operating Balance	\$307.10

Bank Stmt Balance 2,451.63 Enter the ending bank statement balance for January 2024
 Less: Outstanding Checks:

Total Outstanding Checks -

Plus: Outstanding Deposits: -
 Reconciled Cash Balance 2,451.63 This amount should match the Total Cash Balance in Cell F42