

# Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee

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## Addendum to December 16, 2007 minutes.

### Group Response to Concept 4 & Question 4 from last meeting:

*Effective leadership is highly valued in Narcotics Anonymous.  
Leadership qualities should be carefully considered when selecting trusted servants.*

4. Effective NA leadership knows not only how to serve, but when it will serve best to step aside and allow others to take over." Discuss rotation of leadership.

First it's important to pick the right person because others will follow this person's example good, bad or otherwise. This is simply a matter of group dynamics. It's then important for these leaders to show others how to fulfil their duties and mentor trusted servants-to-be into the service structure. It is also important to demonstrate how service can be rewarding, fun & one way to increase one's degree of humility.

Other comments included the observation that so far rotation seems to be working, good leadership will show others how it works and that it does indeed work and leadership rotation is necessary in sponsorship.

### Reading/Study/Discussion of Concept 5 using chapter questions.

*For each responsibility assigned to the service structure, a single point of decision and accountability should be clearly defined.*

In defining a single point of decision for each service assignment, we eliminate confusion about who has authority to do what. We also clarify accountability for our services: whoever is given the authority for a particular task will be held accountable for the fulfillment of that task.

### Study and discussion questions

1. Does your group assign particular tasks to particular people? Does this help ensure that important jobs actually get done?  
Yes and when they know of it, it gets done.  
At group business meetings a task is assigned to a particular person for the important jobs and for the small stuff, like cleaning is just done by those who see it needs done and does it.
2. Does anyone in your group know of a situation, either in the group or in a service board or committee, where more than one person or subcommittee were given responsibility for the same task? What happened?  
**GSRs -- take this question back to groups for input.**
3. If three different people are all given equal authority in a particular service matter and the work is not done, who can be held accountable?  
Two views held that either all three or none of them could be held responsible. Cannot hold just one accountable when there were originally three equally responsible. If equal than all three must be equally accountable.

**Activities/UD:** Report given and filed as follows:

The Activities Chair was absent. To help get the RCM up to speed significant individuals gave the following reports.

**UNITY DAYS update.**

Richard reported that there were some differences, to the prices and such, between what was talked about on the phone and what happened when he met with the Trails West manager. He submitted to following e-mail to best explain this. E-mail sent on Nov. 21, 2007.

Hey all,

This e-mail is intended for all GSRs and other voting members of the Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee Executive Committee. I thing I've got everyone. I need some input, direction and maybe a check for the Unity Days contract with the Trails West YMCA Camp for reserving the facility for our next Unity Days celebration in August of 2008.

At the last ASC meeting we voted to reserve the same place in Scottsbluff, NE we had 3 and 4 years ago at the prices I obtained from the new manager [by phone], those being:

\$450 for 2 days meeting hall (\$225 ea. day) Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm thru Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> 2 pm  
\$140 for 2 days minimum cabin (\$70 min., ea. day [\$10 per person for 7 people])  
\$590 total

We would need 20%, or \$118, by Nov. 27, 2007 to hold the facility.

I was finally able to set up an appointment with the new manager, review the contract and then get back with him on a couple of questions I had.

It turns out that we weren't completely on the same page. I was basing my arrangements on what had occurred when we last used the facility and the new manager was basing his quote on the current policy as he understands it. My two days was based on 2 half days and one whole day – half of Friday and Sunday and all day Saturday. However, they no longer rent the lodge for 1/2 days throughout the weekend.

So if we still want the same time frame we will actually have to rent the lodge for 3 days not 2 – all day Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The cabin rental will remain the same. The up side is that I was able to qualify us for a \$50 a day discount as being part of a non-profit organization.

And then there was the matter of lodging and sales tax. The initial quote I got did not include these.

So there are two different prices that we are looking at now – one for 3 days and one for 2 days. Either way I can still get it listed in the NA WAY and on the NAWS web site.

Fri, Sat, & Sun		Sat & Sunday only
\$175 X 3 = \$525	Lodge rental w/ full kitchen	\$175 X 2 = \$350
\$ 70 X 2 = \$140	Minimum cabin rental	\$ 70 X 2 = \$140
\$665	Sub-total	\$490
+ \$ 79.80	Lodging and sales tax	\$ 58.50
\$744.80	Total	\$548.80
\$148.96	20% due 11/27/2007 for reservation	\$109.76
\$223.44	30% due 90 days before event	\$164.64
\$372.40	50% due at close of event	\$274.40

Lodge rental includes a full kitchen, 24 hr access, swimming pool times (as scheduled), archery, basketball, horseshoes & fire pit for campfire meetings. Extra fees and scheduling available for canoeing, rock wall and crafts building.

So instead of the \$118 I will need either \$148.96 for 3 days or \$109,76 for only two days.

I suppose we could still plan around a 9 am registration on Saturday, lunch, activities, dinner, speaker and fire side meetings followed with Sunday breakfast, spiritual speaker, lunch and an closing speaker. Or something like that. Or we can go with a 3 day event, plan and charge a slightly higher registration fee.

On a quick aside – I have contacted people who are checking on wholesale prices for shirts and then silk screening at a printer. Will compare them with prices from anyone in Cheyenne who can get them. I'll work with Mark on this.

I just need to know right away what to do. I have to turn in the contract and deposit next Tuesday, November 27, 2007.

Also, if we decide to go with this, let's get a theme and/or logo contest going ASAP with a deadline of January 13. This would be the second Sunday in January when we would hold our regular ASC meeting. The theme can be something simple like "NA All the Way," "Life on Life's Terms," or "Start a Meeting and They Will Come." These are just some suggestions I came up with off the top of my head.

As for camping, it had been discontinued at Trails West but is still available about 1 block east of there at the Riverside Campground.

Fees are as follows:

\$15.00 Full hook-up  
\$10.00 Electricity & water only  
\$ 8.00 Dry camp (tents?)  
\$ 5.00 RV Dump only

So again, instead of the \$118 I will need either \$148.96 ( a difference of \$30.96) for 3 days or \$109.76 for only two days and I need to know right away what to do. I have to turn in the contract and deposit next Tuesday, November 27, 2007.

Get back to me ASAP so I can make sure everyone is on the same page and so we don't lose the site if we still want it.

ILS  
Richard M.

I received 3 or 4 e-mails in response to the above e-mail and all were all for the three day event. When I hadn't received anything else about the request I went back to see the Trails West manager and asked for an extension on the time limit. He was very accommodating and after we had to postpone the ASC meeting because of the ice storm I called him and again explained the situation. He is very understanding and easy to along with. He will work with us in our endeavor.

I am turning in a copy of the contract to the treasurer so it can act as a receipt and another copy will be on file with the minutes.

Others started to report on merchandise prices and the such and was ruled out of order since we don't really report of the details, or work on them, during reports.

### **Sharing Session:**

- 1) Activities funds: To clear up a misunderstanding mentioned in the last minutes the activities fund was explained as not being seed money, but set up for consumables for the totes. If the budgeted amount is not enough then the activities chair comes to the ASC and asks for an increase.

Seed money for an event is based on the activities chair putting together some facts and figures and presenting them to the ASC for approval for a specific event. Both of these items are examples of the 5<sup>th</sup> concept in action where there is a single point of decision making and accountability.

- 2) Unity Days raffle: Richard presented a sheet of sample raffle tickets that he can print up with some of the computer software he has. He would like to have a raffle as a fundraiser for Unity Days for a set of NA books. He already has a Basic Text, It Works: How & Why and a step working guide that were donated for just this reason. After getting approval and mailing addresses he can proceed.

**Old Business:**

- 1) Do we support 4 or 5 region meetings a year? For the most part it's difficult enough to fund and find members who are able to attend 4 meetings a year. If the main reason the region wants to add another meeting is because it has added another area the rationale is not sufficient enough to justify additional expense. Adding an area does not mean another meeting is needed. The rotation sequence of region meetings will just have another hosting area added and then the region meeting will not be in the same location during the same time of year each year -it would vary. See motion 5.

**New Business:**

- 1) Including the Manic Mondays NA group meetings in Scottsbluff, NE on area web site and meeting list. Area guidelines indicate that we could do this even though the group is not a formally recognized, voting participant of the area. However, since the group would not be directly in contact with the area, the area would not be able to offer input, suggestions and guidance on group actions that may adversely effect other groups or NA as a whole. Ultimately it was decided to list the Manic Mondays group on the web site and in the meeting list and encourage them to get involved with the area.

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