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Date: July 23, 2006
Time: 1:05 pm
Location: Scottsbluff, NE

Kathleen L. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
Ray B. read the 12 Traditions of N.A.
Richard M. read the 12 Concepts of N.A.
Richard M. read the 12 Values of W-BASC

Reading/Study/Discussion of the _4th_ Concept using chapter questions.

- Questions: 1) In response to question 1, yes, we do have leaders, but ultimately they spiritually receive guidance from a Higher Power and humbly serve the individual member through the groups and various service committees – “. . . they do not govern.”
- 2) Take this question to the groups for discussion and input.
 - 3) Most attention to this question was directed to the last part, i.e., “What is the real foundation of NA leadership?” Essentially, leaders must be chosen for the ability to lead. They may not have all of the necessary skills to fulfill appointed responsibilities, but they need to be able to diplomatically and satisfactorily delegate these duties out to others who may not have leadership skills. Sometimes we are faced with a very small pool of volunteers, but must not be tempted to elect “a warm body.” It may well be better to leave a position vacant rather than possibly damaging NA’s image or inhibiting an individual’s recovery by electing someone who may be willing but unqualified.
 - 4) Rotation of leadership serves several purposes some of which includes infusion of fresh ideas, allowing others the opportunity to serve and dispelling the illusion that one individual IS the only one capable of serving in the position he or she has – one individual can be associated with a position too much.
 - 5) Essentially NA leadership is an extension of recovery allowing members the opportunity to give back to the fellowship that which they have learned of the principles in recovery. Above all it seems most important to bring recovery into a trusted servant position – recovery based service rather than service based recovery. Selflessness is fulfilling a commitment even when one would rather be doing something else.

Roll Call: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, 2nd RCM, Literature Chair, Activities Chair, Road Trip Coordinator, UD, Webservant

GSR, Alternates and guests: Mary G. (GSR -Vision of Hope), Ray B. (GSR - SNL), Richard M. (GSRA - C & S), Jeanne S.(Rep.- Live from Laramie), Gail D. (Rep. On Life’s Terms), Mary G. (Rep-Free Bird), Fred S. (GSR - Hope ‘n’ Faith), .

Absent: RCM, H&I (vacant), PI Chair (vacant), Convention Liaison (vacant), Clean & Free, Lusk
NA Recovery Birthdays: Fred S. 2 yrs July 20 – Congratulations!!!

Recognition of new groups: None

Approval of last month’s minutes:

Ray B. moves to accept minutes as amended / Gail W. seconds / Motion Carries

Opening Treasurers report: Given and filed.

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As of today, the bank balance is 1690.01, there were two checks that cleared that were written in December that were not logged. Those checks were 1141 and 1142, both written to secure Unity Days, 1141 - 70.00, 1142 - 375.00. This affects the treasury and the past balances. It will take a bit more time to go back in the account ledgers and amend these transactions.

It is the goal to have the new budgets in place and all the appropriate transactions marked off the coinciding committees by the beginning of the fiscal year.

Checks that have not cleared are 1163 - replenishing totes - 100.00, 1166 - Qwest - 39.31, 1169 - NAWS - 126.70.

It is this treasurer's fault the Qwest check did not get mailed in a timely manner, it has since been sent off. My sincere apologies for this oversight, this will not happen again.

After subtracting the bank balance from the checks not cleared at this time, the overall balance is 1424.00.

J FT,
Gail W.
Treasurer

Break: 2:12 – 2:20

Officers Reports:

Chair: Report given and filed as follows:

Treasury -

Gail continues to review the account and has an updated percentage that will be allocated to Region and NAWS.

H&I -

Continue to need more volunteers going into the treatment facilities and correctional facilities throughout the Area. Thank you to Mark W. for submitting his application to LCDC.

WWC has cancelled all programs, i.e. Church, 12 Step Programs, etc until at least December 2006 due to new construction and renovation of the primary facility.

Need males and females who can correspond with inmates through the mail to work on steps and have contact info in regard to meetings, etc.

PI -

Outreach - Meeting lists are on hold at this time due to changes in several meeting times, locations, etc. All information needs to be updated during this Area meeting so we can print and disburse summer list.

Qwest - \$39.31 (previous balance from June), \$13.41 - July

[The reason for the differences is that we are billed whenever one, or more, of the four phone books is published and they each come out at different times.]

Freedom Voice - Credit \$40.77

We have a credit at this time due to our payment history and the refund of our deposit for regular payments.

March/April	28 calls	52.24 minutes/seconds	\$13.99
April/May	32 calls	70.54 minutes/seconds	\$15.54
June/July	28 calls	49.24 minutes/seconds	\$13.75

Would like volunteers to assist with info-line and web site.

Activities -

Laramie Campout - June 30, July 1 & 2. Supplies were purchased and inventoried.

Totes/supplies put together. Great job Laramie!

4th of July – Supplies were purchased and totes were put together. Everyone pitched in and the day was a success. Great Job SNL!

RMF - July 14 - 15, Hitching Post Inn. Clean and Free and SNL hosted potlucks and meeting which included speakers from RMF/NAWS.

Unity Days - Hinds lodge renovation is complete and it looks wonderful. Flyers are out and committee accepting registrations. Also working on an agenda for the weekend, which will include speakers, night meetings, entertainment and use of the amphitheater. Please send flyer to Wyoming Western web site. Great Job Mary!

Area Logo Shirts – Are being exchanged from the decal type to white with laser printing.

Literature -

Thank you Jeanne for continuing to order, update and bring all the literature to us. Please have all orders in by second break.

URMRCNA -

Flyers are out in regard to a Theme. Logo contest will follow. Convention will be hosted by Wyoming Western in Rock Springs, May 11, 12, 13, 2007. Opportunities for service include service committee members, subcommittee chairs/committees, speakers.

Road Trips -

Please continue to support our Groups by attending the Road Trips. Names have been tallied up and the winner will be announced at today's meeting.

Opportunities for Service -

PI Chair (vacant), H&I Chair (vacant), RCM (vacant)

Convention Liaison (August)

Vice - Chair moves to Chair (September)

Vice - Chair (October)

Upcoming Events -

- Freedom Ride - CRCNA XX fundraiser, Loveland, CO, July 22, 2006
- WWASC - Learning Days, Evanston, July 29, 2006
- McConaughy 2006 - Big Mac Campout, July 28, 29, 30, 2006
- True Blue Group - Cottonwood 2006, Buena Vista, August 4, 5, 6, 2006
- The Living Proof Group - Evanston Campout, August 11, 12, 13, 2006
- Serenity Unlimited - Standing on Higher Ground, August 11, 12, 13
- Pallbearer's Group - 9th Annual Pig Smoke, August 27, 2006
- Unity Days - Hynds Lodge, September 8, 9, 10, 2006
- CRCNA XX, Steamboat Springs, CO, October 6, 7, 8, 2006

KCB,

Kathleen L.

Area Chair

Vice-Chair: Report given and filed as follows:

July 23, 2006

Dear Fellow ASC Members:

A report has been prepared and will be presented to this ASC meeting regarding the Live from Laramie-WyoBraska Area Campout. Attendance was not as high as expected and did NOT cover the expenses (\$16.60). The chair of the campout also requests

reimbursement for stamps, envelopes and receipt book (\$9.56). This represents a cost to Area of \$26.16.

With this in mind, it would be prudent to attempt to schedule and plan events in such a manner that there are greater chances of attendance and participation to FULLY support the events' costs. (i.e. refrain from holding events near holidays the may reduce attendance, plan events that are highly attractive to NA members, etc.) In fact, I would suggest that if Live From Laramie desires to repeat next year that it not occur too near the 4th of July or any other holiday.

A disc containing recordings of the two speakers as well as many pictures from this year's event will be provided to the speakers, stored in the Area archives, and be made available to others upon request once I have the opportunity to compile it.

I have not had the chance to review the ASC bylaws (guidelines) for revision as of yet. This is also on my to do list, Richard?

There is nothing else to report at this time as vice-chair.

In Loving Service,

Chris B.
Vice Chair

RCM: Report given and filed as follows:

Please excuse the handwritten report. This is very hard for me. I have never had to resign from a service position before, but there comes a tome like with our addiction when we have to surrender and say I am doing more harm, then good. For personal reasons I can no longer do the position that this body trusted to me and when I can I will love to be of service but this is not the time.

I am honored to have had the opportunity to serve this area. I love you guys and the program that has saved my life, but I must concentrate [sic] on my program and personal life or lose all that god [sic] has provided me.

In Loving Service

Les F.

RCM 2: Report given and filed as follows:

Rocky Mountain Forum meet [sic] the 14th & 15th of July in Cheyenne. Kim & Mook from world [sic] came to town to put on some workshops. I was not able to attend except for the business meeting at the end of the day. SNL did have the opportunity to have Kim & Mook share their experience, strength & hope with us. It was incredible. Next Regional meeting will be in Cheyenne at LCCC in the CCC building Rm 336 Aug. 5, 2006 at 1:00.

In Loving Service
Ray B.

Convention Liaison: None – position vacant.

Secretary: None

Group Reports:

Footsteps in Recovery: absent

Concerns:

7th Tradition:

Votes and /or motions:

Needs: Other:

On Life's Terms:

Concerns: None

7th Tradition: 0

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: None Other:

Clean & Free: Absent

Concerns:

7th Tradition:

Votes and/or motions:

Needs: Other:

Vision of Hope:

Concerns: None

7th Tradition: \$10.59

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: Other:

Saturday Nite Live:

Concerns:

7th Tradition: \$50.00

Votes and/or motions:

Needs: Other:

Clean & Serene:

Concerns: Low attendance & donations. Lack of participation at business meetings and trusted servant positions.

7th Tradition: 0

Votes and/or motions:

Needs: Other:

Live from Laramie:

Concerns: How to get more addicts attending?

7th Tradition: 0

Votes and/or motions: Not interested in pursuing liability insurance.

Needs: GSR & GSRA Other:

Free Bird:

Concerns: GSR

7th Tradition:\$5.00

Votes and/or motions:

Needs: None Other:

Hope 'n' Faith

Concerns: Meeting has folded. Turns in literature and key tags as a starter kit

7th Tradition: \$21.47

Votes and /or motions:

Needs: Other:

Sub-Committee reports:

Activities: Report given and filed as follows:
Activities Chair Report July 22, 2006

Live from Laramie went very well. There was a total of 26 people from various areas that came for fellowship. The event was \$7 shy of breaking even and we are looking forward to the 3^d annual Live from Laramie Campout next year!

The 4th of July gathering went very well. We had about 50 people show up and a great time was had by all. Thanks to Saturday Nite Live who helped put together this event. Donations, and the raffles brought in a total of \$83.00 which was given to the treasurer at the end of the night.

Unity Days is coming along. I had asked someone to be the main Saturday night speaker, but they have declined. If anyone has any ideas for someone to speak please let me know so I can contact them. As of today I have a 0 count of people signed up to come to Unity Days, although I do not have any mail that might have been sent to the Wyo Braska Area. I have started to get a committee together and if anyone wants to be a part of the committee please let me know. Live from Laramie has donated some left over pancake mix so this can be one of the breakfasts at Unity Days, along with some bacon and sausage. I was thinking Sunday breakfast could a continental breakfast with things like bagels, donuts and muffins. Saturday lunch can be hot dogs and hamburgers which Saturday Nite Live has donated to us from what was left over from the 4th of July. (Around 200 Hamburgers) Saturday night dinner can be Chili. At the August area meeting I will have a detailed list of what food we will need and how much money I will need to request from area.

In Loving Service,

Marv G.

Activities Chair, Unity Days Chair

H&I: Ray B. reported that a response to a letter sent to NAWS Group Services had been received by Steve H. NAWS was asked about the appropriateness of an individual (rather than teams of two) attending meetings in jails, in particular, and other institutional meetings in general. NAWS indicated that due to the rural setting this would be okay. Ray will try to get a copy of the letter so we will know exactly what it says.

Literature: Report given and filed as follows:

Hello Family!

We now have an inventory worth \$750.25, as of 7/21/06. Please have all your literature purchased for your groups before the last break so I can figure up the new order before disbursements. GSR's feel free to contact me if you need literature in between area meetings - XXX-XXX-XXXX.

In loving service,

Jeanne S.

PI: Vacant – See Chairs report above.

Webservant report:

Status Quo. Meetings have been updated.

Road Trip Coordinator: Report given and filed as follows:

I have created a road trip schedule for August thru December. Road trip attendance is still low. Since I have held this position for about a year and was voted in as Activities Chair last month and I am also Unity Days Chair I am stepping down from the Road Trip position. Thank you for the opportunity, to serve in this position.

In Loving Service,

Mary G.

UD: Report given in activities report above.

Break : 3:15 – 3:24

Sharing Session:

- 1) Unity Days merchandising was discussed. The \$200.00 allotted will be turned over to activities and then Kathleen and Mary will check a variety of shops for items.
- 2) Chris was curious about the letter that Ray referred to. Did the letter reference a “rigorous specific number” of people attending jail and other institutional meetings or was it phrased as a recommendation. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting when we can actually get a copy of the letter to review.
- 3) Cheyenne juvenile detention meetings are having problems with contraband being smuggled inside by people who say they are from NA when in fact they may not be. It was suggested that a double list of qualified members might provide a way of assuring that only NA members attend these meetings. In other words, a master list would be compiled by Kathleen (or the acting H&I Chair) and given to the center. This body, i.e., the H&I Chair or acting Chair would prescreen volunteers for inclusion on this list. Then this list would be compared to the list the center maintains of those individuals who have applied and met their requirements. Only those on both lists would then be allowed inside. Kathleen will check into this possible solution.

Old Business:

- 1) URMRSC and NAWS donations. After a bit of clarifying, it was thought that we would donate 10% of the net income in the general fund (after all donations and the extra S&H from literature was added up and expenses deducted) to each entity. This way we would not be using a % of funds that a previous donation had already been taken out of.
- 2) Liability insurance: Little input had been gathered, but several questions were posed. This insurance policy would be written in the Region’s name and would cover all groups registered with NAWS. The insurance would only cover regularly scheduled meetings – it would not cover any special events, conventions or other activities. As a point of reference – if the policy cost the Region \$3000.00 for one year then that would roughly translate into about \$750 per Area per year or about \$10 per group per month. Also, we wondered about coverage areas since at least one group is in Nebraska. What effect would this have? Essentially we need more information and have instructed our RCM to seek this at the next RSC meeting.
- 3) Reimbursement of Convention Liaison travel: Again, little input was received but generally it seems to be supported.

New Business:

- 1) Ray asked for groups or individual volunteers to help provide a meal for the next URMRSC meeting which is being hosted by the SNL group. Contact Ray B. or Kathleen.

Motions ~ None

Elections ~ RCM – After some discussion the consensus was reached that Ray B.s term would end 1 year from next February. Since there are actually two RCMs and not a RCM and an alternate, when one cannot perform then the other is required to. Therefore as the former elected 2nd RCM he took over the duties when the 1st RCM resigned and did automatically become the RCM (1st or primary). We will change the Area guidelines to reflect this.
2nd RCM – Tabled
PI Chair – Tabled
H&I – Kathleen would like to volunteer for this position in Sept if still available. Tabled
Convention Liaison – Tabled.

Disbursements:

Quest	\$ 13.41
UDs Merchandising	\$200.00
Laramie Camp out exp.	\$ 9.56
Road Trip Winner	\$ 20.00
Road Trip Winner	\$ 17.32
Literature	\$183.69
URMRSC	\$ 8.70
NAWS	\$ 8.70

Closing Treasury balance: \$1438.64

Area 7th Tradition \$7.38 to: Clean & Serene
Next mtg: August 13, Laramie @ 1 pm

W-BASC/rlm