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March 11, 2007 – 1 pm
Scottsbluff, Neb.

Chris B. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer

Misty C. read the 12 Traditions of N.A.

Ray B. read the 12 Concepts of N.A.

Richard M. read the 12 Values of W-BASC

Reading/Study/Discussion of the 9th Concept using chapter questions.

Responses to Eighth Concept, Q3 from last ASC meeting.

“Does your group receive regular communication from the trusted servants, service boards, and committees that serve it? Does your group regularly communicate with those trusted servants, service boards, and committees? How has this communication—or lack of communication affected your group? The service structure?”

Comments were generally positive with most indicating that the service structure and the dissemination of information was sufficient to keep groups, and more specifically individuals, well informed and allows them a conduit to pass along their thoughts and concerns. This positive chain of two-way communication is viewed by some as promoting increased involvement which in turn strengthens the service structure.

Concept 9

1. “An effective group conscience is a fully informed group conscience.” Why is it important to make sure all viewpoints are considered when making service decisions?

Responses included mention that no one individual speaks for NA as whole and sometimes fear holds one back from contributing new information that may be very beneficial in deliberations on a matter of some importance. For this reason it is desirable to encourage everyone to share their thoughts on a matter regardless how helpful it may or may not seem. This aspect of concept 9 also upholds the principle in tradition 2 of leadership rather than government, “. . . our leaders are but trusted . . .”

2. In your group, area, or region, how can an individual member voice his or her viewpoint on a service decision at hand?

GSRs take this question to your groups for input.

3. Do NA services make the effort they should to seek out new, different viewpoints? Do NA services stifle opposing viewpoints?

Opposing viewpoints are felt to be stifled only in that sometimes it doesn't seem like some service bodies encourage individuals enough to share – every one does have a voice and they need to know they can share without fear.

4. How do you know when it's time to speak up against a decision of the majority? When it's time to accept a decision and surrender to group conscience?

It is time to speak up when others have not recognized a not so obvious violation of traditions. It is time to surrender to the group conscience when, after careful well informed deliberation, you find yourself the only one with a dissenting vote. Even though we strive for a consensus, realistically this cannot always be done. It may be at that time that quietly abstaining is the preferable action until some time has passed and then the issue can be revisited after everyone has had a chance to process the situation further.

Roll Call: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, RCM, 2nd RCM, Convention Liaison, Literature Chair, Webservant

GSR, Alternates and guests: Mike G. (Rep. for Clean and Free), Mike G. (GSR – Vision of Hope), Greg B. (GSR – Saturday Nite Live), Richard M. (GSR – Clean & Serene), Jeanne S. (GSR – Live from Laramie), Ray B. (GSR – Free Bird), Tara T. (GSRA – Staying Clean in Sidney), Juan P. (C&S), Les F. (C&S), Misty C. (SCIS), Tim H and Mark T .

Absent: Treasurer, H&I/PI Chair, Activities Chair/UD Chair (vacant), Footsteps in Recovery, On Life's Terms.

NA Recovery Birthdays: Mike G. – 2 yrs., Tara T. 2 yrs., Tim H. – 13 yrs.,
Misty C. – 2 mths., & Juan P. 8 mths. Congratulations to all !!!!!

Recognition of new groups: None

Approval of last month's minutes:

February minutes need amended as follows:

Disbursements – \$54.30 was for Lit. order, there was no check for \$127.69 and the \$50.00 for Chris B. Executive Committee printing supplies was for the previous meeting – delete.

RCM's report was received and attached to the archives.

Ray B. moved and Tara T. seconded to accept the minutes as amended / Motion carries unanimously.

Opening Treasurers report:

Beginning Balance: \$1894.75 according to bank
\$1885.34 according to ASC records
\$ 9.63 difference to reconciled.

Break: 1:45 – 1:57 pm

Officers Reports:

Chair: Report given and filed as follows:

Staying Clean in Sydney, are you here? If so, you are now fully vested members of WyoBraska Area Service Committee, congrats! Kimball? One more time ...then you too!

Remember my mantra: practice fiscal responsibility and encourage participation and donations at both group and area service levels. Remind people that there are service positions available at all levels in NA.

Also, I will NOT be able to continue to serve after August 2007. I will be dedicated to finishing up my dissertation for completion of my doctorate at UW in fall.

The Chair's account balance stands at \$16.86.

There is nothing else to report at this time.

In Loving Service,
Chris B.
Chair

Vice-Chair: As newly elected Mike G. had nothing to report, however he gave the Treasurer's report as follows:

Greetings ASC,

I am sorry I couldn't make it this time, my son is traveling 300 miles this weekend to see me for his birthday and of course I would choose his visit over you all!

Well it looks like the treasury is starting to come to a better reconciliation of balances than before, after subtracting what I believe to be a duplicate transaction in PI, the account is now only \$9.63 in error (I can live with that better than 30 + or -).

\$1894.75 is what the bank says we have, our spreadsheet says \$1885.34.

I am sending this report along with the spreadsheets electronically to the chair, vice-chair and secretary. I am also sending to the chair the E-Image information required by the bank.

Now that we have a vice-chair and both RCM's, I will attempt to get the changes of signatures to the bank and have the information changed soon.

Have a great meeting.

JFT Gail W
WBASC Treasurer

Amendment:

In response to the minutes, these need to be amended:

The 54.30 was the lit order (we do not record LFL donations to NAWS)

There was not a 127.69 lit order, that needs to be deleted The 50.00 to chair was back in Oct.

Spreadsheet in archives

Secretary: Informed all of new flyers, shared e-mail regarding access to "Youth in Recovery" literature for review and input on the NAWS web site, reminded all of the availability of group forms on the ASC web site and that the new PR handbook was available for download off of the NAWS web site and thanked everyone for typing their reports.

Informed the committee of a new NAWS Bulletin #33 specifically addressing the liability insurance issue in depth. This may help answer some questions.

Also reminded all that the ASC contact list may be updated by letting the secretary know of any changes. NA may be anonymous but certainly not secretive, therefore the personal info is included on the list and must remain for internal use only!!! There remains \$63.05 in budget.

RCM: Report given and filed as follows:

Hello friends,

On February 3rd in Casper WY. We had region things that were discussed were the orphanage in Torrington WY, would like to get NA meetings started also talked about Scottsbluff meetings being in disarray. I let them know that Scottsbluff mentioned that they had a group conscience and every thing is looking up. Some of the things that were discussed were the spirit of service, or unity days in the freedom seekers area flyers should be coming out soon. Talked about monies for the regional convention and voted to give convention committee the 1500\$ that they lent us at region. We have a new public relations handbook that we can download off the website. In old business we talked about liability insurance and R.C.M.s are to ask their areas for the groups to find out if they need insurance.*

New business the regional assembly will be April 14th in Riverton WY. At the holiday inn from 9 am - 6 pm. All G.S.R.s should attend. In convention news Vicki W. was elected in coming convention chair and Amber J. would appreciate all the help she could get. In elections Dylinda was elected vice chair and then we adjourned. The convention fundraiser went well. Also we are looking for ideas for a logo for region.*

In loving service,
Ray B

Also there is tentatively scheduled a review & input workshop for the new youth literature to be held on Saturday April 7th @ 2 pm at the LCCC, Rm 336.

***GSRs – Please ask your groups if they have, need or want liability insurance and ask for ideas for a regional logo.**

RCM 2: Nothing to report at this time.

Group Reports:

Footsteps in Recovery: Absent

Concerns:

7th Tradition:

Votes and /or motions:

Needs: Other:

On Life's Terms: Absent

Concerns:

7th Tradition:

Votes and/or motions:

Needs: Other:

Clean & Free:

Concerns: None

7th Tradition: \$41.65

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: Lit. Other: None

Vision of Hope:

Concerns: None

7th Tradition: \$5.00

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: More attendance Other: None

Saturday Nite Live:

Concerns: Drop in attendance.

7th Tradition:\$20.00

Votes and/or motions:

Needs: Direction from members with clean time Other:

Clean & Serene:

Concerns: Use of the trademarked Wyoming cowboy by the URMRS

7th Tradition: Feb. – \$144.17, March – \$105.06

Votes and/or motions:

Needs: GSRA Other:

Live from Laramie:

Concerns: None

7th Tradition: \$70.00 to ASC – \$56.00 to RSC – \$14.00 to NAWS

Votes and/or motions:

Needs: People to sign up for the LFL camp out Other:

Free Bird:

Concerns :None

7th Tradition: \$46.00

Votes and/or motions:

Needs: None Other:

Staying Clean in Sidney

Concerns: Inactive service reps.

7th Tradition: \$10.00

Votes and /or motions:

Needs: Books & medallions Other:

Sub-Committee reports:

Activities/UD:

Mike G. had little to report re. Unity Days except that it would likely be held towards the end of August and that it would be held at a camp ground to cut down on expenses. He also mentioned that instead of mailing out registration packets it would be less costly to simply hand them out as people arrived at the camp ground.

LFL flier and registration now available.

H&I/PI: Report given by Vice-chair and filed as follows:

In response to the following motion from last Area meeting:

- 2) Discussed changing the PI/H&I sub-committee to Public Relations to bring our format in line with NAWS. Will seek additional input from the current chair.

I have the Public Relations Handbook from NAWS and believe we would benefit from following this model. This model seems to fit both rural and urban communities and follows our guidelines. We will combine the H&I and PI accounts to reflect one PR account.

In response to the following concern from Footsteps in Recovery:

Footsteps in Recovery:

Concerns: This group, primarily a treatment facility meeting, has had difficulty getting representatives to the ASC meetings for quite some time. It was questioned as to whether or not they should be included in our minutes any longer. The Chair decided to table this item until the next meeting when the PI/H&I Chair could be available for input. It will fall under old business at the next ASC meeting.

This group has revised its status with Area several times throughout the past years it has been in existence. It was an H&I meeting for many years and had a steady flow of outside NA members and Area support. During one period there were a few residents working a solid NA program in the facility. They wanted to become a group of their own. This was a wonderful thing for them and well supported by Area.

Please understand the one big reason they wanted to be their own group was because Area had (for some crazy reason) decided to not allow ANY H&I groups including Footsteps in Recovery to be on the meeting list and Footsteps in Recovery needed (and should have been) listed in our pamphlet.

This group had its own Trusted Servants, collected a 7th Tradition, stocked their NA literature rack, and had key tags and coins. Since this time, those addicts have been discharged and it has slowly drifted apart from Area.

With this said, I would love to be able to see if they need any support from Area and see if they would like to be under H&I (Public Relations). I do have one request which I would like to present in the form of the following two motions:

Motion: To ask Footsteps in Recovery if they would like to be placed under the Public Relations subcommittee.

Intent: To continue this meeting with the added support from Area.

Motion: To allow Footsteps in Recovery to continue being listed on the Wyo-Braska meeting list.

Intent: To support this meeting because it is very much needed. This meeting has also been in existence for several years and should be acknowledged on our meeting list.

This would answer the next question, they would be taken off the Area Agenda and placed under PR.

Outreach

National Drug Awareness week is coming up and if any Area members would like to support this function in their community please let me know. We have been very conservative with our account up to this point and are able to provide some literature or other materials for special events.

Info-Line/Phone Books

Will pay these accounts up for the next few months. This is allocated in the PR annual budget and available for this purpose.

Web Site

Would like to utilize our web site as we originally set out to. Would like to have the home page more of an intro page, the events on the events page, the meeting list page match both the initial link and the "printable page", add our Region web site to the links page, and continually update the convention page. Our Region web site and Wyoming Western both have information we could use on our site.

H&I

WDOC has approved several women to return to WWC beginning this month. The construction is almost complete and we are set for the third Saturday of each month. We are also approved to take a meeting into ITU.

FCS/ACC has started in-house NA meetings and are open to outside NA members. Times, days and further information in regard to these meetings will be announced. The PR committee will be donating approximately \$30.00 in literature supplies to this group.

KCB,

Kathleen L.
Public Relations Chair

Literature: Report given and filed as follows:

Hello Family!

We now have an inventory worth \$827.43, as of 3/9/07. 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.

In loving service, Jeanne S.

Webservant report: None

Break : 3:00 – 3:15 pm

Sharing Session:

- 1) Discussed renaming the recently merged PI/H&I sub-committee to the Public Relations committee. Read the chair's comments (see report above) all of which led to motion #3.
- 2) Discussed the Unity Days Adhoc committee – leave it as a part of the Activities sub-committee, separate it from or dissolve it completely. Chair appointed volunteer Mark T. as the Adhoc Unity Days Chair to coordinate with Mike G. and Ray B. It was suggested that since the August RSC meeting (1st Sat.) will be hosted by the Wyo-Braska Area that perhaps a combined effort/event might be possible.
- 3) Briefly discussed the PI/H&I Chair's comments on the Footsteps in Recovery group (see motions #1 and 2.

Old Business: Covered in sharing session and motions.

New Business: Covered in sharing session and motions.

Motions ~

#1 To ask Footsteps in Recovery if they would like to be placed under Public Relations Subcommittee.

Intent: To continue this meeting with added support from Area.
Carried unanimously

#2 To allow Footsteps in Recovery to continue being listed on the Wyo-Braska meeting list.

Intent: To support this meeting because it is very much needed.

Ruled out of order because of motion #1 carrying. [As a part of PI/H&I, web site & printed as open men's only would be under PR subcommittee.]

#3 To change the PI/H&I sub-committee to the Public Relations sub-committee & make all pertinent changes & references in the ASC Guidelines.

Intent: To bring our format closer in-line with the NAWS service structure & new publications, i.e., PR Handbook.

Carried unanimously

#4 Approve Executive Committee to provide funds for Unity Days.

Intent: Provide funds for Unity Days camp site or up to \$200.00.

Elections ~ Activities Chair – Mark H. volunteered, qualified himself and was voted in unanimously.

Disbursements:

\$365.22 – Literature order

\$ 50.00 – Mileage reimbursement RCM to URMRS meeting

\$ 54.00 – Mileage reimbursement RCM2 to URMRS meeting

Closing Treasury balance: Will be amended at next ASC meeting.

Area 7th Tradition of **\$18.00** to Clean & Serene group

Next mtg: Laramie, Wyoming, 13th and Gibbons St. at 1 pm April 8, 2007

Adjourned at 4:20 pm

WBASC/rlm