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Date: Nov. 11, 2007

Time: 1:01 pm

Location: Sidney, NE

Ray B. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
Mark T. read the 12 Traditions of N.A.
Robert N. read the 12 Concepts of N.A.
Dave F. read the 12 Values of WBASC

Group Response to Concept 3 & Question 3 from last meeting:

*"The NA groups delegate to the service structure
the authority necessary to fulfill the responsibilities assigned to it."*

3. If the service boards and committees serving your group could act only after consulting your group, would they be able to act swiftly enough in performing the duties your group has given them?

Probably not, due to the time between meetings, in most cases. However, some matters do need group involvement. For the most part, we elect individuals who we believe in and trust to do what is in our best interests and enhance our ability to fulfill our primary purpose.

Reading/Study/Discussion of Concept 4 using chapter questions.

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

1. Read NA's Second Tradition. Does NA have leaders? If so, what kind of leaders? Does a fellowship that makes collective decisions need leaders?
Yes, we have leaders and need them to help keep things straightened out. These leaders do not dictate to us what needs to be done rather they ask us what they can do for us and then help make it happen.
2. Does your group have leaders? If so, who are they? In what sense can they be called "leaders"? Could your group do without leaders? Could a service board or committee do without leaders?
Yes, groups do have leaders and need them as a single point of accountability. Without them to get things organized and delegate duties to others there would be no one person responsible and things would not get done. There would be nothing but a big mess.
3. According to this essay, what are some of the skills and personal traits we seek when selecting trusted servants? What is the real foundation of NA leadership?
One thought was that the real foundation is the principle of one addict helping another. To do this one gains a maturity in recovery through the cumulative process leading to a spiritual awakening which leads to integrity, humility and the other attributes spoke of in the essay.
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.
GSRs -- take this question back to groups for input.
5. What does NA leadership have to do with recovery? With selfless service?
When we see others who have gone before us leading the way by example it helps each of us gain in personal recovery and want to do the same. One way of getting out of self is to serve and this also helps in recovery. We serve others as a way of giving back to the fellowship much as others before us have.

Roll Call: Chair, Secretary, RCM, 2nd RCM, Activities/UD Chair, Webservant

GSR, Alternates and guests: Dave F. (Rep. – Footsteps in Recovery), Willy O. (GSR – Clean and Free), Crystal L. (GSR – Vision of Hope), Robert N. (GSR – Saturday Nite Live), Richard M. (GSR – Clean & Serene), Randy A. (GSRA – Live from Laramie), Lucretia M. (GSR – Free Bird), Tara T. (GSR – Staying Clean in Sidney), Mistie W., Raenae C. & Shane R.

Absent: Vice Chair (vacant), Treasurer (vacant), PR Chair, Literature Chair (vacant), (On Life's Terms), (We Do Recover) .

NA Recovery Birthdays: Dave F. 90 days & Raenae C. 6 months – congratulations !!!!

Recognition of new groups: NONE

Approval of last month's minutes:

As a point of clarification on the last minutes' reference to the RCM, Willy O. has not resigned. Missing last month's meeting was, hopefully, a one time occurrence.

Willy O. moved to accept the minutes with the above addendum, Lucretia seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Opening Treasurers report:

Beginning Balance: \$2380.09 Ledger and + \$70 more bank statement, [also -\$6.00 service fee].

Break: 1:45 – 1:55 pm

Officers Reports:

Chair: Report given and filed as follows:

Hello Family,

I would like to thank everyone involved in the Harvest Gathering at this time for the time & effort for putting on a very successful function. I would like to remind you all that the regional convention will be held in our area in 2009 & the Chair of the convention will be voted on at the next Region in Casper. We paid the rent for the post office box for the year it was \$52.00 & also paid Freedom Voice \$14.77. I also received the latest issue of the NA Way & passed most of them out to the groups & have the rest of them with me today; I also have the new bill from Quest & have that here today as well. Just a reminder to all trusted servants to place principles before personalities, Keep it simple & most of all have fun doing this. Funds remain at \$100.

Live Laugh & Love
In Loving Service
Ray B.

Vice-Chair: Vacant

Treasurer: Report given by RCM2 and filed as follows:

Hello fellow friends, how is every one doing today? Glad to be here. I did not make any deposits last month. I will make the deposits for last month and this month on Tuesday morning November 13, 2007. There was two checks wrote one was for the Freedom Voice Systems and one for the United States Post Office.

Opening Balance		\$2446.84	
Freedom Voice Systems	Check # 1229	\$14.77	
United States Post Office	Check # 1229	<u>\$52.00</u>	
Ending Balance		\$2380.09	[also -\$6.00 service fee]

Due to there not being a Treasury Chair, I have found that things have not been reconsolidated in the books. I am planning to get with Gail, the last acting Treasurer, to get a better idea of what is going on and get the books back in order. That is all I have for today. Thank you all for being patient with me. Funds remain at \$100.

In Loving Service,
Lucretia M.

Secretary: Report given orally only:

The contact list has also been updated and everyone is reminded that because some of the information on it is personal it will not be posted on the web site or e-mailed. The list is for internal use only! It is provided so that trusted servants can get in touch with other trusted servants should the need arise.

Thank you all for submitting typed reports – it makes it a lot easier to scan and include in the minutes. Also, all past minutes and forms such as the group report forms, the motions forms and the disbursement forms are available from the web site in compressed PDF format. The Adobe Reader version 6.0 or newer is needed to open these. Budget funds remain at \$100.00.

RCM: Report given orally as paraphrased below.

The RSC met November 3 in Gillette, WY. In conjunction with the next meeting there is going to be a “Homegroup Funshop,” a mini workshop on home group service. It is scheduled to run from 10 am until noon and then the RSC will meet at 1 pm on February 2, 2008 at the 12/24 Club – 136 W. 8th St., Casper, WY.

There was no one voted in as Secretary or Webservant so they are still looking if anyone wants to step up.

The RSC voted to provide a copy of the approval version of the 6th ed of the Basic Text and the newest edition of the PR hand book with tabs and resource materials to each area.

The Freedom Seekers’ area has divided into two areas. As a result, changing the frequency of the RSC meetings was discussed and placed with the RCMs to take back to their respective areas for input. More on this topic in sharing session.

There was discussion about the logo concerning perhaps making it simpler and in black and white so it could be reprintable. Richard M. to get in touch with Steve H. about this.

RCM 2: Report given by RCM above. Treasurer’s report given above.

Group Reports:

Footsteps in Recovery:

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: 0 Other: None

On Life’s Terms: Absent

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

Clean & Free:

Concerns: Literature Chair

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: No to groups donating \$50.00 ea. for New Year’s bash

7th Tradition: 0 Other: None

Vision of Hope:

Concerns: –

Needs: Literature

Votes and /or motions: –

7th Tradition: \$20.00 Other: None

Saturday Nite Live:

Concerns: None
Needs: Literature & trusted servants.
Votes and /or motions: None
7th Tradition: \$20.00 Other: None

Clean & Serene:

Concerns: None
Needs: GSRA
Votes and /or motions: Forgot
7th Tradition: \$26.00 Other: Thanksgiving Day marathon meetings and eats.

Live from Laramie:

Concerns: of the Literature Chair, Vice Chair.
Needs: Literature and approval for campout.
Votes and /or motions:
7th Tradition: \$125 & \$100 for URMRS Other:
Dear Fellow ASC Members,

We have two new trusted servants: GSR and GSRA, as there were problems with out former trusted servants.

We are in need of literature if there is a Literature Chair or Vice Chair to sell key tags, coins and books.

The Live from Laramie campout chair would like to know if the area (Activities Chair) would like to co-sponsor the 4th Annual Live from Laramie Campout for end of June 2008. If so, may we have formal approval so that Craig can reserve the site and be reimbursed for the expense (approx. \$100). It will likely be held at the same place as was it was this year: Pole Creek Campground.

In loving service,

Chris B. Randy A.
GSR GSRA

Free Bird:

Concerns: None
Needs: Literature
Votes and /or motions: –
7th Tradition: \$20.00 Other:

Staying Clean in Sidney

Concerns: Service members getting more involved.
Needs: Literature, but no funds available at this time.
Votes and /or motions: –
7th Tradition: \$10.00 Other: New trusted servants elected including GSR, GSRA, treasurer and secretary.

We Do Recover (Torrington) Absent

Concerns:
Needs:
Votes and /or motions:
7th Tradition: Other:

Sub-Committee reports:

Activities/UD: Report given and filed as follows:

Hello Friends.

My report for this month is as follows we had our fall festival dance last night and it was a great time we raised 142.00\$ in raffles and auctions and we are in the process of getting the flier out for the New Year's Eve dance and should have more info at the next meeting and activities has no concerns at this time.

In loving service
Mark T.

Mark T. had asked Richard M. to find out specifics about holding Unity Days 2008 in Scottsbluff, NE since we have typically alternated between the Cheyenne and Scottsbluff vicinities every two years. Following is Richard's report. More discussion in sharing and then motions.

Proposal for
Narcotics Anonymous Unity Days Convention
August 15th 2pm thru 17th 2 pm 2008

Trails West YMCA Camp
1918 S. Beltline Hwy.
Scottsbluff, Nebraska
(308)632-5705

Spoke w/ Kyle Nov. 9, 2007

Above date only date open summer of 2008.

New facility rental = \$350 per day (\$700 for weekend)

Rooms: \$89 ea. per night.
2 rooms per pod (4 pods in all)
Each room has 1 queen and 2 bunk beds (sleeps 6 all together)
Each pod has a community area w/ satellite TV, WiFi etc.

If all 8 rooms rented (\$712 per night or \$1424 total) the retreat meeting area comped.

Old facility rental = \$225 per day (\$450 for weekend) w/ kitchen (I think).

Cabins (recently remodeled w/ new heat and A/C, etc., 6 bunk beds in each.
\$10 per person – per day. (Minimum of \$70.00)
Camping ??????????

Activities include horseshoe pits, basketball court, pool time etc.

Also available for additional fee:

Canoeing, wall climbing etc.

Deposit:

20% of total due w/ signed contract due within 2 weeks (from Tuesday Nov. 13, 2007) (\$118)
30% due 90 days before event
50% due at weekend conclusion.

Currently we are penciled in for above date. Need to call Kyle by Tuesday Nov. 13, 2007 to confirm or decline.

\$450 2 days meeting hall
\$140 2 days minimum cabin
\$590 Total

PR: Chair absent.

H&I component: Richard M. reported that the Scotts Bluff County Corrections is still having problems moving into the new facility, but they hope to be moved by February. There are both men and women holding meetings for men and women inmates. Also, soft-cover literature, "Basic Texts" and "An Introductory Guide to Narcotics Anonymous," are being donated by members for the SBCC library.

PI component: There is a new pamphlet available from NAWS called "Information about NA." It describes a bit about NA history, what it does and some of our demographics describing our growth. The pamphlet is but one more piece of literature letting the public know a little about us. The order number is ZPR001002.

Web site: Documents are all posted including minutes and report forms. Will try to get some updating done in the near future. All fees paid.

Phoneline: Unknown – Tommy O. in charge of updating.

Literature: Resignation received from former Chair along with all lit and supplies. Resignation as follows:

To everyone this concerns,

this is my letter of resignation. Things are not well enough for me to fulfill my obligations as your Area Literature Chair. I'm so sorry.

November 11, 2007
Alicia M. G.

Break : 2:30 – 2:45 pm

Sharing Session:

- 1) Separate activities account. The activities chair was wondering if we could set up a separate account for the exclusive use of the activities subcommittee. This would make it easier for the committee to pay for expenses associated with area\vents without necessitating a time delay waiting for the next ASC meeting and approval. All funds generated above a certain amount would still be turned into the ASC treasurer for inclusion in the general fund. The downside to this is that the account would have to be moved any time the activities chair would come from a different town or state.

Another option could be to simply authorize a higher cap with discretionary revolving funds. The trust we place in the chair to do what is appropriate would preclude the need for obtaining prior authorization for expenditures. This would achieve the same result except the activities committee would not have immediate access to the funds. Personal funds would need to be used, receipts obtained and then turned in for reimbursement.

The treasurer, or acting treasurer, will check into the budget to see what the cap is and if it can be raised if approved.

- 2) We briefly talked about Unity Days 2008 (see activities report for more info). Every one thought it was a good idea and we can treat it like a mini convention or "campvention." We'll check into the cost of getting some shirts printed up and need to come up with a logo and or theme. We have until April 5th to get the event inserted into the NA Way and posted on the NAWS web site.

We decided that we would proceed with plans including making sure the deposit and contract is given to Trails West by the deadline (see motions #1 & 2). Richard M. volunteered to take care of this. He also asked for and received the okay to take care of arrangements even if different from what was presented here today as long as the changes are reasonable.

- 3) The regional convention 2009 is scheduled to be hosted by our area. (The Unity Days event can be good practice for this.) It would be nice if someone from our area could and would be the convention chair. The region will be voting on the chair at the February meeting. This way the 2009 chair can work with the 2008 chair for about 3 months until the 2008 convention is concluded and then continue on with 2009 preparations. It is suggested that the chair have 5 years clean time. Check with your sponsors and sponsees and see if someone will step up to do this.
- 4) New Year's Eve bash. Most groups felt that this function should be an area function rather than hosted by the Cheyenne groups like last year. In this light someone suggested holding it in Sidney. Tara T. did some quick checking and we could reserve the Lodgepole Valley Youth Camp for that night. This comes with a kitchen and only costs \$50 payable on the night of the event. We could also rent a cabin for \$25 a night in case someone from out of town needed to stay over. See motion #3.

Old Business:

Taken care of in reports or sharing session.

New Business:

- 1) Does this area support the idea of sending RCMs to the regional committee meetings 5 times a year instead of 4?

With one area dividing into two, our region would have a total of 5 areas. Currently the region meets quarterly in Feb., May, Aug. & Nov. and rotates from one area to another. With the addition of another area, the regional committee discussed the possibility of changing the meetings to every other month except for December. Meetings would occur in Feb., Apr., June, Aug. & Oct. and begin in about 6 months.

We briefly discussed changing from 5 to 4 meetings and noted that the main effect would be increasing our travel expenses by at least \$150. Doing away with the December meeting may help avoid adverse winter travel, but most of the time the worst weather seems to be in February anyway.

In the past when our area added a group from a new town we simply inserted them into the monthly rotation and if a meeting is canceled for any reason, including the weather, we simply picked up where we left off. This seems to work well for us. Besides, ASC meetings are not held in the same town during the same month each year and actually affords us the opportunity to visit other area groups during different seasons.

Since this is a money matter GSRs take this to your groups and discuss it. We'll talk more next meeting.

Motions ~ #1 Have Unity Days @ Trails West YMCA Camp in Scottsbluff & treat it as a convention.

Intent: Promote area unity. Passed unanimously.

#2 To pay \$118 for reservation deposit for Unity Days facility.

Intent: Secure location. Passed unanimously.

#3 To hold New Year's Eve bash in Sidney, NE Dec. 31, 2007

Intent: Area unity. Passed unanimously.

Elections ~

Vice Chair – Willy O. nominated Mark T. Mark accepted and since "In the case of a vacancy in . . . any Standing Subcommittee Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson . . . shall assume the duties of the vacated position . . .," (ASC guidelines article 7, par 2) and Administrative Committee members are

encouraged to become members of any subcommittees (article 6, par 5), there isn't an immediate conflict with Mark functioning in two positions. Unanimous.

Treasurer – Lucretia M. volunteered. Since this position is so important in the responsible management of our funds she thought it best to resign as the RCM 2 and devote her service to the treasury if we agree. It was unanimous to accept her resignation and elect her as treasurer.

Literature Chair – Mark T. nominated Crystal L. Passed unanimously.

Secretary – Ray B. nominated Richard M. Passed unanimously.

Disbursements:	Cheyenne County Community Center	
	Rent for meeting	\$ 30.00
	Mark T. activities	\$ 27.68
	Willy O. RCM travel	\$147.00 (490 miles @ \$.30 per)
	Trails West YMCA – Unity Days deposit.	\$118.00

Closing Treasury balance:

The new treasurer will get with former treasurer and have a report at next ASC meeting.

Area 7th Tradition of **\$16.39** to: Staying Clean in Sidney
Next mtg: December 9, 2007 at 14 W. 17th St. in Scottsbluff, NE.

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