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November 13, 2005
1:30 pm
Scottsbluff, NE

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

In lieu of the traditional Concept study we had a moment of silence and expressed our sympathies and support for the "Live From Laramie" group's recent loss and unexpected Trusted Servant vacancies.

Roll Call: Chair (acting PI Chair), Vice Chair (acting Treasurer), RCM, Convention Liaison, Activities Chair, Literature Chair, Webservant, Road Trip Coordinator.

GSR, Alternates and guests: Denise F. (GSR-Clean and Free), Mary G. (GSR-Vision of Hope), Ray B. (GSR-SNL), Tracy D. (GSR-Clean and Serene), Richard M (GSRA-Clean and Serene), Jeanne S. (Treas. Live From Laramie), Mike G. (GSR-Free Bird), Randy B. (GSRA-NoNameGroup – Lusk, WY), Fred S. (Opener – Hope'n'Faith) Melanie, Lisaanne O.

Absent: Secretary, Treasurer (vacant), RCM2 (vacant), H&I Chair (vacant), UD Chair (vacant), On Life's Terms, Footsteps in Recovery

NA Recovery Birthdays: Mary G. – 7 mths.

Recognition of new groups:

Randy B. – GSRA represented the as yet un-named group ("No Name Group") from Lusk, WY which meets on Fridays @ 8 pm, 119 W. 3rd St., Ste G.

Fred S. represented the new "Hope'n'Faith" Group in Scottsbluff, NE which meets every Tuesday and Thursday @ 1:30 pm, 3700 Ave. B., 2nd floor in the Chapel.

Approval of last month's minutes:

Under "**Sharing**" the following sentence had the words noted stricken

- Adding 500.00 to H&I, ~~increasing overall budget to 2925.00~~ / tabled until position filled

Under "**Elections**" the word resigns was replaced as follows:

Vice Chair – Chris B. (~~resigns~~ **requests early resignation** as RCM to take on Vice Chair responsibilities.

And the “Closing Treasury Balance” was \$2288.73

M/S/C Tracy D. & Melanie to accept minutes as amended.

Opening Treasurers report: Report given by acting Treasurer Chris B., no report filed. Banks were closed on Friday so complete update unavailable, but will most likely be available within the next week. All are encouraged to e-mail Chris any questions. Chris did report that all three bankbooks were accounted for and arranged so that in the future checks could be disbursed in numerical order, from one book at a time.

Since the closing balance of last month only one check was issued and that was #1112 written around November 5th for \$14.98 to Freedom Voice for the phone line.

Beginning Balance: \$2288.73
- \$ 14.98
\$2273.75

This balance does not reflect any automatic withdrawals, if any.

Break: 2:30 – 2:50 pm

Officers Reports:

Chair: Kathleen L. filed her “Area Overview/Chair Report” of subcommittee activities and information. She mentioned all of the upcoming events and contacts for each as well as the tentative Road Trips. She also brought up the need to make sure updated meeting lists and event flyers are distributed in each city/town.

The proposed Group Logo/Theme was distributed. Production of shirts, caps etc. is pending on the reopening of Fisher T’s due to a change in ownership. New prices will be obtained.

Vice-Chair: Chris B. filed his brief report noting that all Treasurer supplies had been received and he was in the process of setting everything up. A complete report will be filed at the December meeting (see above Treasurer’s report).

RCM: Les F. submitted his report as well as copies of several reports from the URMRS C including reports from the Treasurer, Regional Delegate, Alt. Regional Delegate, each of the four area RCMs, and fliers on the upcoming Rocky Mountain Forum in December. Copies are available on request.

The URMRS C met on November 11, 2005 in Powell, Wyoming. The RD, Steve H., reported on his attendance at the last Rocky Mountain Forum (RFM), Sept. 30 & Oct. 1 in Missoula, Montana. The RMF now has a web site at www.urfna.org. The CAR should be available from NAWS around Nov. 23, 2005 and information on the WSC in Woodland Hills, California next April was received. Steve would like to try putting together at least two GSR workshops for 2006. The Alt. RD mentioned that the next RMF will be held in Cheyenne, Wyoming at the Holiday Inn on July 28, 2006. Finally, Amber R. and Richard M., both from the Wyo-Braska Area, were elected as the new URMRS C Secretary and Webservant respectively. Les reported that there was no donation to the URMR this time due to the uncertainties with the ASC treasury. The next URMRS C meeting will be in Casper on February 4, 2006.

RCM 2: Vacant

Convention Liaison: Fred S. reported on the last URMRCNA VII meeting held on Nov. 5, in Powell, Wyoming before the Regional meeting. He submitted minutes from convention planning meeting. Most positions have been filled with the exception of the Graphics and Art Chair. Full funding has been approved which will enable the committee to reimburse members for mileage facilitating attendance for members from widespread locations. The Chair is also implementing the use of conference calls, e-mails, and instant messaging via the Internet to further facilitate communication within the committee. Meetings will be held on the first Sunday of each month until closer to May when meetings may be more frequent. The convention is planned for May 5, 6, & 7, 2006 at the Holiday Inn in Sheridan, Wyoming. There was some discussion at the Regional meeting about checking into the possibility of moving the convention to the following weekend since the first weekend in May is right at the tail end of the WSC and poses significant problems for WSC participants being able to attend.

Secretary: none

Group Reports:

Clean & Free:

Concerns: Denise F. turned in leftover literature and key tags from the disbanded "Just for Today" group along with a final donation of \$30.00.

7th Tradition: \$60.75 to NAWS

Votes and/or motions:

Needs: Other:

Vision of Hope:

Concerns: Mary G. is the new GSR taking care of the concern from last month. Attempt to get fliers to the next ASC meeting for the Valentine's Day dance.

7th Tradition: \$46.40

Votes and/or motions:

Needs: Other:

Saturday Nite Live:

Concerns:

7th Tradition: \$75.00

Votes and/or motions:

Needs: Still accepting raffle items. Other:

Clean & Serene:

Concerns: The reading of the "What is the Narcotics Anonymous Program?" and the sentence "... under no surveillance at any time." More about this topic under "Sharing Session."

7th Tradition: \$35.00

Votes and/or motions:

Needs: Other:

Live from Laramie:

Concerns: Because of recent events within the group they need a GSR & a GSR Alt. They have, however, filled the Secretary and Treasurer positions.

7th Tradition: \$70.00 NAWS \$14.00

Votes and/or motions:

Needs: treasurer Other:

On Life's Terms:

Concerns: absent

7th Tradition:

Votes and/or motions:

Needs: Other:

Free Bird:

Concerns: Meeting list at NAWS website incorrect and Mike G. is having difficulty getting it changed.

7th Tradition: \$11.52

Votes and/or motions:

Needs: Other:

Footsteps in Recovery:

Concerns: absent

7th Tradition:

Votes and /or motions:

Needs: Other:

Lusk Group:

Concerns: Info on expanding their recently formed group – methods, literature, etc.

7th Tradition: \$10.00

Votes and /or motions:

Needs: Other:

Hope'n'Faith:

Concerns: Would like to be added to the Website meeting schedule.

7th Tradition: none

Votes and /or motions:

Needs: Other:

Sub-Committee reports:

Activities: Tracy D. gave a verbal report on upcoming events including the "Rajun Cajun" New Year's Eve bash at SNL / Valentine's Dance at Vision of Hope & the Campout in June hosted by Live from Laramie. Steve H. is the Chair for the "Rajun Cajun" bash and Ray B. will be the main speaker. So far 23 complete tickets have been sold and Tracy D. was the lucky winner of the raffle drawing for another full ticket. Another drawing to be held at the next ASC meeting in December.

H&I: vacant – Chair reports that meetings are still being held in Albany, Laramie and Scotts Bluff county jails. Members are encouraged to participate as these meetings can always use a new face. There are also meeting being held at the Scotts Bluff Cnty Juvenile Detention center.

Literature: Report filed / inventory currently at \$820.56 / Anyone interested in submitting personal stories for Basic Text contact Jeanne. Stories due in to NAWS by Dec. 31, 2005. Jeanne also reported that she had reviewed chapters 5 – 9 of the "Public Relations" handbook and submitted input. Review input is due in to NAWS by Dec. 1, 2005.

PI: Report filed by Chair as acting PI Chair. Info line to be updated soon. Dates and times for Carey Jr. High panel presentations set. Volunteers who do not have any connections with students needed. Contact Kathleen L. for further info. Post Office box rent is due -- \$34.00 for 6

months and \$68.00 for one year. Kathleen also reported receiving speaker tapes for the URMRCNA—VII. Will pass these along to the Convention Chair.

Webservant submitted his report. The website recorded the 2nd highest number of hits since the new site created. Two convention fliers were received. Work is progressing on the e-mail forwarding update and archiving all correspondence from the last year. All PDF files available on the website will eventually be password encrypted so that unauthorized changes cannot be made. A Freeware software program is available for this purpose and will be included in the website operations and archives disk.

Road Trip Coordinator: Report filled by Mary G. who noted that no one had attended either of the last two road trips. She encourages all GSRs to announce these trips and to notify her of any suggested changes in the current schedule or the most recent list for the months of January thru June 2006. Because of the two new groups she will try to revise the schedules to include them.

UD: Mary G and Mike G. are checking into a facility 24 miles west of Cheyenne in the Curt Goudy State Park. The facility has an amphitheater and many other amenities. Will report back next mth.

Serenity Break: 4:30 – 4:50 pm.

Sharing Session:

- Each region within the Rocky Mountain Forum donates to the Forum for operating expenses. It was suggested that we contribute \$200.00. This represents approximately ¼ of the total Forum budget. However, it was decided that we would like more information on what the Forum does and what do the other three Regions donate. The RCM will get more info for the next ASC meeting.
- Because of the numerous reports submitted by the RCM and previous discussion around a Concept study question about information being passed, or not being passed, along channels, discussion turned to expanding the minutes or scanning all of the reports and creating PDF files to be posted along with the minutes. This in addition to the single page summary the Chair agreed to provide at the last ASC meeting.

The problem with scanning the documents is that future secretaries may not have this ability and the logistics of sending all of the reports to someone with a scanner and then getting them back into the archives in a timely manner may not be realistically feasible

It was suggested that maybe we can try expanding the minutes to include more informative summaries of the different reports filed.

- Surveillance: The Clean & Serene group reports that it suspects local law enforcement agencies may be involved in audio and visual surveillance of the group meeting hall. The concern is with the sentence in the reading of “What is the Narcotics Anonymous Program?” “... under no surveillance at any time.”

One suggestion to deal with this situation was to just eliminate that reading from the opening format.

Another suggestion was to approach the police agencies much like Jimmy K. did when NA was first forming. Discussion on this option pointed out that this may not be viable given the current state of Homeland Security etc.

It was also pointed out that “we”, members of NA, do not actively participate in surveillance and have no opinion on what outside agencies may or may not do. Unlike in Jimmy Ks day, it is not unlawful for recovering addicts to meet per se. Laws do stipulate that those on probation or parole are not to associate with known felons, however, most Probation and Parole Officers make an exception to this for NA meetings.

Old Business: Since about three GSRs had to leave early nothing requiring their votes could be decided. Both items were table until next month.

- Missing check – pay the stop payment fee or not need GSRs’ input and vote.
- Group Logo approval.

New Business:

Determine amount to be donated to Region, Rocky Mountain Forum and NAWS – tabled.

Motions ~ None

Elections ~ **Treasurer** – Chris B. will continue as acting Treasurer until a volunteer steps forward.

PI Chair – Kathleen L. will continue until a volunteer steps forward. She will contact members of the Sub-committee to see if any are willing to fill the position.

H&I Chair – Tabled – we need to seek out someone to serve.

2nd RCM – Tabled

Secretary – Gail will consider a second term and let us know at the next ASC meeting.

Disbursements:	\$100.00	Restock activities totes.
	\$ 68.00	Post Office Box Rent
	\$218.52	Literature order
	\$ 14.98	Quest

Closing Treasury balance: \$3464.06 Includes funds from “Rajun Cajun” sales. Does not reflect any donation to NAWS of the URMRS. Need to decide at the next ASC meeting what % of what balance will go to whom. It was thought that 20% of the closing balance, over the prudent reserve, was the figure previously agreed upon.

Area 7th:Tradition to Clean & Serene \$15.00

Next mtg: Laramie, WY, December 11, 2005 @ 1215 Gibbon St., Rm 201.

Adjourn: M/S/C

W-BASC/rlm