Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee

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Jan. 14, 2007 1 pm Sidney, Nebraska

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

Tara T. 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

Before getting into this month's concept study we briefly went over responses to the last question taken back to the groups by the GSRs – concept 7, question #2, "Who participates in your group's business meetings? Why?"

Essentially, every one who shows up from the home group participates because they are the ones most likely to be affected by the decisions and know the dynamics of their own group better then visiting members.

Reading/Study/Discussion of the 8th Concept using chapter questions.

Q 1– How does regular communication support the Second Concept? The Third Concept? The Fourth Concept? The Sixth Concept?

Informed decisions can only be made if information is available and is further aided with back and forth communication.

Q2- How could a lack of regular communication undermine those concepts, and the integrity and effectiveness of our service structure?

There may not be any checks and balances in service.

Q3— 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?

GSRs take this question back to the groups for input.

Roll Call: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, RCM, Literature Chair, Webservant

GSR, Alternates and guests: Gail W. (Rep. for On Life's Terms), Gabe O. (GSR – Clean and Free), Mary G. (Rep. for 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), Alicia G. (GSR –

Staying Clean in Sidney), Stephen D. (Rep. for New Kimball Group), Michael G. Free Bird, Lucretia M. Free Bird and Eddy H.

Absent: Vice Chair– vacant, 2nd RCM– vacant, H&I/PI Chair (Public Relations?),Activities Chair/UD Chair, (Footsteps in Recovery),

NA Recovery Birthdays: Richard M. Jan. 13th 3 yrs. Congrats!!

Recognition of new groups: Steve D. From Kimball, Nebraska introduced himself and asked for additional experiences and resources for starting a new group in Kimball. He has had about 8 requests to start the new meeting and has some of the literature. Several members shared their experiences.

Approval of last month's minutes:

Gabe O. moves to accept / Tara T. seconds / Motion carries unanimously.

Opening Treasurers report:

Beginning Balance: As of Dec. 10, 2006 closing amount was \$1914.81 with the bank showing \$1976.94. A updated report will be ready by the next meeting as Gail is still sorting everything out her helpers have done in her absence.

Break: 1:44 – 1:54 pm

Officers Reports:

Chair: Report given and filed as follows:

Dear Fellow ASC Members:

Happy New Year...

Jeanne and I have agreed to speak at an event in South Dakota the weekend of February 10 & 11th, and as such are unable to attend the next ASC meeting if held on the regularly scheduled Sunday. Does the committee what to hold it that Sunday or postpone it until the following Sunday: February 18, 2007? This can be discussed during sharing, thanks for your input.

I understand that there will be a proposal from Live From Laramie for the 3rd Annual LFL – Wyo-Braska camp out to be tentatively held in June. If approved there will be a limited number of overnight spots (limit 50 campers). Support your Area events = UNITY!

Continued reminder: many groups and area as a whole are experiencing a lack of resources (i.e. personnel and money). Remember to practice fiscal responsibility and encourage participation and donations at both group and area service levels. Remind people that YOU ARE NA! Service positions are available at all levels in NA.

There is nothing else to report at this time.

In Loving Service, Chris B. Chair Vice-Chair: Vacant

Treasurer: See above.

Secretary: Reminded everyone of the internal use of the Contact List and the need to make sure all updates are turned in for inclusion. Mentioned that minutes would be posted on our web site when available. They will also be mailed to anyone requesting it. Finally, thanked all for turning in typed reports as it makes it much easier to include in minutes.

RCM: Oral report given to be followed with typed via e-mail.

RCM 2: Vacant

Group Reports:

Footsteps in Recovery: absent

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.

7th Tradition: 0

Votes and /or motions: none

Needs: none Other: none

On Life's Terms:

Concerns: none 7th Tradition: 0

Votes and/or motions: none

Needs: none Other: none

Clean & Free:

Concerns: Lack of 7th tradition donations.

7th Tradition: 0

Votes and/or motions: none

Needs: Maybe a 7th tradition workshop. Other: none

Vision of Hope: Mike G. Gave the following report for Mary G. He may be able to take over as the GSR for this group after Mary G. Steps down.

Concerns: In deciding that I am going in a different direction this also affects the Vision of Hope Group in Cheyenne. Two weeks ago I had announced that last week would be the last meeting at the Salvation Army. One person had stepped up to take over but later declined. The group was going to have a final Group Conscious last Thursday, but that was canceled due to the Salvation Army opening a Temporary shelter due to the cold weather. I will be giving the key to the Captain next week and picking up all the Groups items_ I have spoken with Kathleen who has a place where the meeting could move too. Please, GSR's speak with your group members and see if anyone would like to open this

meeting. I am holding on to the groups funds until a new place has been determined, but if no one steps forward then next month I will send what the group had to area for area donation.

ILS Mary G. 7th Tradition: 0

Votes and/or motions: None Needs: Other:

Saturday Nite Live:

Concerns: None 7th Tradition: \$25.00

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: None Other: None

Clean & Serene:

Concerns: None 7th Tradition: 0

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: None Other: Treasury being reorganized so that funds can be passed on.

Live from Laramie:

Concerns: None

7th Tradition: \$50.00 – ASC, \$40.00 – RSC, \$10.00 – NAWS

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: To share info about upcoming 3rd annual camp out. Other: None

Free Bird:

Concerns: None 7th Tradition: \$10.00

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: None Other: None

Staying Clean in Sidney

Concerns: None 7th Tradition: 0

Votes and /or motions: None

Needs: None Other: None

New Kimball Group

Concerns: None 7th Tradition: 0

Votes and /or motions: None

Needs: Starter Kit Other: None

Sub-Committee reports:

Activities/UD: Report was given by Mike G. during the group report as each were linked. Dear Area Service Committee,

I regret to inform you all that at this time I have decided to take my life in a different direction. In doing this I am resigning from Activates Chair. Hopefully someone will step up and be as enthusiastic as I was about the position. All of you have been wonderful. I will give a little report as to New Years Eve.

The event was wonderful! We estimated around 60 addicts show up and a good time was had by all. We decided to give the 50150 raffle money back to the groups. Gail has the amount that will go back to each group. Gail also has the amount of money that is going to Area. Thank you to all the groups who helped make this eve4"possible!

I'll miss you all, but I'll be around. ILS, Mary G.

The following report on upcoming plans was given by Jeanne S.

To: Wyo-Braska area service committee

From: Live From Laramie Group

The Live From Laramie Group would like to propose it's third annual campout to the area for consideration. This it planed for the 4th weekend in June from Friday June 22 2007 through Sunday June 24. The cost of the reservations is \$90.00 plus a \$9.00 reservation fee for a total of \$99.00

Thank you Craig H, campout committee

Proposed registration for 2 nights & 2 meals is \$10.00 adults and \$5.00 12 & under.

H&I/PI: Absent

Literature: Report given and filed as follows:

Hello Family!

We now have an inventory worth \$869.47, as of 1/13/07. 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.

Break: 2:34 - 2:44

Sharing Session:

- Discussed changing the Feb. meeting to the 18th or skip until March 11th in Scottsbluff. At least two of the executive committee cannot attend on the regular date. Consensus was to skip Feb. And have the next meeting in March.
- 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.

- 3) Discussed having a 7th tradition workshop. This may better be served if done at the group level at a book study meeting, or the such, supplementing the Basic Text with literature found on the NAWS web site. NAWS currently has at least one bulletin specifically addressing the 7th and there is also a booklet and a pamphlet on the subject.
- 4) Discussed the need to update the area web site specifically the URMRCNA page

Old Business: Pretty much dealt with above and in the following motions.

New Business: Pretty much dealt with above and in the following motions.

Motions ~ #1 To make area meetings every other month— with groups electronically reporting on the alternating months.

Intent: To cut back on travel and bring us into the 21st century! 1 –for, 1 abstains, motion fails.

- #2 To provide Live from Laramie with \$99.00 to reserve the site for 3rd annual camp out. Intent: To have Pole Creek campground reserved for camp out 6/22 6/24/07 Passes unanimously
- #3 That the WBASC give the Kimball group a group starter kit of up to \$30 in value.

 Intent: To allow Kimball have what's needed to start meeting.

 Passes unanimously (actually only needed \$11.81 worth of lit. See dispursments.)
- #4 To repay Ray B #20.00 for the money payed out already, to secure the facility for the Basic Text workshop on Dec. 16, 2006.

Intent: To repay Ray B. From literature fund. Passes unanimously

Elections ~ 2nd RCM – Ray B. read the qualifications and duties. Lucricia nominated. She accepted and qualified herself. Carries unanimously.

Vice-chair – Chris B. read the qualifications and duties. Mike G. nominated. He accepted and qualified himself. Carries unanimously.

Activities Chair – Since this was position was just vacated GSRs are to take back to groups. Also ask for input on combining the Activities with Unity Days Chair.

Disbursements:

\$11.81 Transferred from general to Literature for Kimball Group. (Other items from old group also given to them)

\$20.00 Ray B. for Basic Text Workshop from Literature fund

\$99.00 Craig H for Live from Laramie camp out reservation fee

(\$54.30) Check to NAWS from LFL group

\$127.69 Literature order

\$50.00 Chris B. Executive Committee printing supplies.

\$50.50 URMRSC

\$50.50 NAWS

Closing Treasury balance: \$1877.92

Area 7th Tradition of **\$26** to: <u>Staying Clean in Sidney group</u>
Next mtg: March 11, 2007 in Scottsbluff, NE @ 14 W. 17th St. Adjourned @ 4:15 pm

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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 then 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 <u>all</u> 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.

In Loving Service, Chris B.

There is nothing else to report at this time.

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 URMRSC

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

Votes and/or motions:

Needs: GSRA Other:

Live from Laramie:

Concerns: None

 7^{th} 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 URMRSC meeting

\$ 54.00 - Mileage reimbursement RCM2 to URMRSC 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 Gibons St. at 1 pm April 8, 2007 Adjourned at 4:20 pm

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April 22, 2007, 1 pm Laramie, WY

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

Shannon read the 12 Traditions of N.A.

Bill read the 12 Concepts of N.A.

Richard M. read the 12 Values of W-BASC

Reading/Study/Discussion of the 10 th Concept using chapter questions.

Responses to question from last meeting.

Concept 9

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

The GSRs who had discussed this with their groups mainly agreed that the best way to have a say is to get involved – attend business meetings – and speak up. Learning about the service structure and using the chain of communication between trusted servants also helps pass viewpoints along.

Concept 10

Any member of a service body can petition that body

for the redress of a personal grievance, without fear of reprisal.

"The Tenth Concept encourages us to treat each other with respect in the service environment, and provides us with a means of making amends when we wrong others. The essay describes ways in which an individual who feels he or she has been wronged can go about seeking redress of his or her grievance."

Study and discussion questions

Do you know of anyone who has been wronged in service? Has that wrong been made right?

Not many could think of anyone wronged specifically in service. Some 'wrongs' were more of a personal nature rather then service related. One individual was known of who was removed from a position during a regular meeting that he was unable to attend and was actually offered the opportunity to file a grievance at the next meeting. For whatever reason the offer was declined and the matter settled.

2. "Together, the Ninth and Tenth Concepts support an atmosphere in which our members feel free to express themselves frankly on matters at hand." Have you ever been afraid to speak your conscience in service meetings? Do you know of anyone, in your area or elsewhere, who has been afraid to speak freely? If so, why? Would the Tenth Concept ease such fears?

The only time one may be reluctant to speak is if (s)he is a new comer to the service setting and unaware of the concepts or that everyone has a right to speak freely. Of course knowledge of the concepts would help ease one's fears in speaking.

3. When is it appropriate to apply the Tenth Concept? When is it not appropriate?

GSRs take this question to your groups for input.

Roll Call: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, RCM, Literature Chair, Webservant

GSR, Alternates and guests: Mary G. (Temp. GSRA – Clean and Free), Mike G. (GSR – Vision of Hope), Ray B. (Rep for Saturday Nite Live), Richard M. (GSR – Clean & Serene), Jeanne S. & Tim H. (GSR & GSRA – Live from Laramie), Ray B. (GSR – Free Bird), Richard M. (Reporting for Staying Clean in Sidney), Paul B. (GSR – We Do Recover).

Absent: Treasurer, 2nd RCM, PR Chair, Activities Chair & UD Chair, Footsteps in Recovery, On Life's Terms.

NA Recovery Birthdays: Mary G. - 2 yrs, Shannon - 120 days, Bill - 30 days.

Recognition of new groups: Paul B. GSR from the "We Do Recover" group in Torrington, WY introduced himself and informed us that a handful of members have been meeting regularly for a few months now.

Approval of last month's minutes:

Mary G. moved and Ray B. seconded to accept minutes as presented and with the closing Treasury balance amended to read \$1,996.53/\$1,955.94. Motion carried unanimously.

Opening Treasurers report:

Beginning Balance: \$1,955.94 (Calculated) \$1,996.53 (Spreadsheet Balance)

Break: 1:36 - 1:46 pm

Officers Reports:

Chair: Report given and filed as follows:

Dear Fellow ASC Members:

There is nothing to report other than Jeanne and I will be out of town in August for family visits and my 30 year high school reunion. Thus, July will be my last month of service as Area chair; please keep this in mind for transitioning trusted servants into vacant and/or vacating positions.

I do have a request from the ASC members: please give me your opinion regarding May ASC scheduling (see agenda bullet: Adjournment/Next Area Meeting).

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

In Loving Service, Chris B. – Chair

Vice-Chair: Report given and filed as follows:

ASC Members,

Over the last month we had the two following activates on April 7th

Workshop in Cheyenne for the Youth IP. Attendance was about 7 people and there was good discussion about the IP. After that we had the fundraiser for the Convention (Mark may have more information on that)

Since we no longer have a Treasurer I need to know how I can get on the signature card at the bank. Would the Treasurer still have to go down to the bank with me and add me?

I am requesting a dispersment for printing supplies (ink) so that I may print out meeting lists once they are updated. (\$22)

ILS, Mike G.

Also I will be contacting the PR Chair who is the former Chair about obtaining the PO Box key so I can get the mail.

Treasurer: Report given by Vice-Chair and filed as follows: Greetings WBASC,

The activity on the treasury for this report is as follows:

Moved 105.44 from general to lit to zero out account (per prior authorization for this account that general would fund the overage).

Wrote the following checks for PR Sub-committee:

Check # 1205 for \$43.43 to Freedom Voice info-line

Check # 1206 for 107.80 to Qwest

These are disbursements that have already been approved by the WBASC as ongoing expenses and did not need a vote or new approval.

Moved H&I funds over to PR Sub-committee and deleted H&I column (per the WBASC motion # 3 in the March 2007 WBASC meeting).

Saved new Fiscal Year Sept 06-Sept 07 spreadsheets to reflect new changes and titled it "Fiscal Year Sept 06-Sept 07 new".

Now for the numbers:

The bank statement has us at \$ 2157.17 Our spreadsheet has us at \$ 1996.53

After deducting the checks that have not cleared: 1203 for 50.00, 1205 for 43.43, 1206 for 107.80 my calculations have us at \$ 1955.94 with a difference of \$ 40.59.

I have gone over the check book and prior minutes to see if there was a deposit or debit missed but have found none.

Until that figure can be reconciled, the beginning balance should be \$ 1955.94.

With much thought and reflection it has become apparent that with all the changes in my life that I need to reevaluate my priorities. I have assumed custody of my 1 year old grandson, who needs a stable and consistent environment, and I have resumed my academic goals by enrolling in school again. With the responsibilities of working full time, having a baby in my life and school full time, I am becoming aware of the serious effects of overloading my scales. Something had to give or I would be facing the risks that many addicts before us have fallen into by not keeping our priorities straight. At this time I will tendering my resignation from service as the treasurer of this committee. I will continue my service on a sub-committee basis for PR, taking the message of recovery into the Laramie County Detention Center and the Wyoming Women's Center.

I am forwarding this report to the entire WBASC committee members who have electronic means to receive it, along with the complete spreadsheets for the treasury to the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.

I will offer assistance to the new treasurer if needed but only on a limited basis.

I would like to thank the committee for allowing me to participate in service; it has taught me many values and lessons. I wish the best of life to all.

JFT

Gail W

WBASC Treasurer

Secretary: Report given and filed as follows:

Hey All,

Minutes were e-mailed to everyone on our current contact list on April 7, 2007. Thank you all for typing your reports and turning them in. It makes it a lot easier to do up the minutes.

Guidelines approved last November have been formatted, posted on the ASC web site and were e-mailed to everyone on our current contact list on April 2, 2007in the PDF format. The last page, "Amendments" under Article 14 have been updated and are available here today. There has been only one significant change as recorded in the minutes – that pertaining to the change to the PR subcommittee. The "Guidelines" will be updated accordingly at the appropriate time.

The order of elections sheet has been updated to reflect the revised guidelines and is available.

The contact list has been updated with information from last months reports and sign-in sheet. REMEMBER! This sheet includes personal information and as such is for <u>internal use only</u>. It will not be e-mailed, posted on the web site nor made available to the general public. If any changes need made please let me know.

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I received e-mails from the GSR and GSRA for Sidney who regret they are unable to attend this month, but submitted a report.

Finally, remember that forms and documents are available for download and printing on the ASC web site and if anyone would like minutes, guidelines, etc. snail mailed just let me know.

ILS

Richard M.

Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee Secretary

RCM: Report given and filed as follows:

Hello friends it is good to see you all again & I hope we all enjoyed our spring break. Nothing to report for the month of March In April we had a couple of things go on April 7th we had the youth& recovery workshop followed by a potluck dinner, speaker meeting & recovery bingo if you could not attend you missed a great time of fellowship. May 5th is our next region meeting & I will be taking information about insurance to that forum also any logo ideas as well. That is it for now

In loving service

Ray. B.

RCM 2: No report:

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: Who is accountable for the info line?

7th Tradition:\$32.87

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: 2 yr medallion Other: None

Vision of Hope:

Concerns: None 7th Tradition: \$6.31

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: 1 BT Other: None

Saturday Nite Live:

Concerns: None 7th Tradition: \$30.00

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: None Other: None

Clean & Serene:

Concerns: Having a difficult time balancing the treasury because recently members have been donating supplies that the group would normally have to buy. If this should suddenly stop we could find ourselves in a financial bind. Working on a way to deal with this.

Also we have temporarily suspended the Tuesday evening "Young at Heart" meeting due to noone at all attending for the last six weeks. Part of this may be addressed by meeting with the recently formed adult/family/youth drug court program director.

Finally, we reviewed Bulletin #33 from NAWS in re liability insurance and are checking with the landlady to see what kind of coverage she has which will help us determine what we may need.

7th Tradition: 0

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: Review PR literature and meet with the court program director. Other: None

Still need an alternate GSR.

Live from Laramie:

Concerns: None

7th Tradition: \$37.50 - ASC, \$30.00 - RSC, \$7.50 - NAWS

Votes and/or motions: Our group does not support buying insurance, the church has some liability

insurance.

Needs: More people to sign up for the campout. Other: None

Free Bird:

Concerns: None 7th Tradition: \$20.00

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: None Other: None

Staying Clean in Sidney

Concerns: None, attendance really picking up.

7th Tradition: 0

Votes and /or motions: None

Needs: None Other: None

We Do Recover (Torrington, WY)

Concerns: None 7th Tradition: 0

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: GSRA Other: None

Sub-Committee reports:

Activities/UD: No report except LFL Campout report given by Jeanne:

Live from Laramie Campout Update

As of Thursday April 19 we have 9 adults paid and 3 child preregistered for a total of 12. There wee 2 checks for \$20.00 each which were forwarded to Area – total checks \$40.00 and I have \$50.00 cash.

We are progressing on the meals and speakers for the meeting and other activities.

We would like to request complimentary tickets for the guest speakers.

Craig H.

PR: Report given and filed as follows:

Outreach

We need to update meeting list for Spring 07 and circulate them.

Info-Line/Phone Books

Info-Line \$43.43 Phone Books \$107.80

TommyO will work on updating the Info-Line

Web Site

See web servant report

H&I

We are back at the Wyoming Women's Center and we have added a second meeting there. We meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 2:30pm and 7:00pm.

Russ B. is approved, trained and attending the men's meetings at LCDC. Pretty cool. We still need more women members at LCDC; we currently are down to one.

KCB.

Kathleen L.

Public Relations Chair

Webservant report: Verbal only.

Due to illness the web site has not been redesigned and the meeting list hasn't been updated yet. For more info see the Secretary's report.

Literature: Report given and filed as follows:

Hello Family!

We now have an inventory worth \$827.43, as of 4/7/07. 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. Just as a reminder, my term will be up as literature chair in June, and I've already done it twice so our guidelines say I may not continue. So, GSR's please make sure someone is at the June meeting who is interested in being our literature chair. It is a fun position, I have enjoyed it.

In loving service,

Jeanne S.

Break: 2:31 - 2:36 pm

Sharing Session:

- 1) Mail Mike G. will get the key and begin collecting and distributing the mail.
- 2) Web site Both meeting lists need to be updated and the site still needs some redesign. The meeting lists can be updated within a week and the rest as time allows. Decided to get the meeting lists updated and posted before midnight tonight.
- 3) Liability insurance Two groups are not interested and one group is still checking on it.
- 4) Treasurer's resignation Discussed accepting the resignation since our guidelines state in Article 6, par. 3 "An officer or standing subcommittee chair may resign by providing written notice to the WBASC chairperson thirty (30) days in advance of vacating an office or position. Article 6, par 6 was also brought up in reference to the final statement ". . . explaining how they have best found to do their duties. Archives should explain what the committee/officer did and how they accomplished it. Collective archives should be passed on the next committee/officer to further our work in the most productive manner."

Since we already have in place a procedure for fulfilling duties of a vacated office and the Treasurer does state that she will assist the new treasurer on a limited basis a consensus was reached that we would accept the

resignation without the 30 day notice as stipulated in Article 6, par. 3 or the final statement as mentioned in Article 6, par. 6.

This also brought up the exact length of term for an officer elected into a position during a month other than that which is outlined in the guidelines. Most thought that the term would last for the rest of the term plus 1 full year. However, the guidelines stipulate in Article 6, par. 3 that with "... a 2/3 majority vote of the present GSRs, ... the two (2) full year consecutive terms [would begin] in the month elected." Since this would throw off the elections and make it difficult to keep up with the terms, a motion will be presented at the next ASC meeting changing the guidelines to coincide with the consensus of finishing a term plus 1 year before re-election is necessary.

- 5) Info line Three issues involving the info line were discussed. First, where is the single point of accountability since there seemed to be some confusion on this. In our case, the PR Chair is the single point of accountability. Second, for almost a month when dialing the phone number the only answer was something to the effect of "Thank you for calling" and for the last day or so the number wasn't working at all. This really needs to be addressed and as soon as possible. Finally, the phone book shows our listing as being a "hotline" which implies that someone in trouble can call and actually speak to someone. If we just want the meeting lists announced then it seems more appropriate to have the phone book listing state that it is an "Info Line." The Chair said he would get with the PR Chair and see about getting everything straightened out.
- 6) Removal of groups from WBASC meeting lists was revisited. Essentially, the same guideline for removal of an officer applies to removal of a group from our meeting lists except that since it takes three (3) consecutive meetings for a new group to be recognized it ought to take three (3) consecutive missed meetings without representation in order for a group to be removed from the roster and meeting lists. A motion to this affect will be presented at the next ASC meeting for consideration in clarifying the guidelines on this matter.

Old Business:

1) Unity Day venue – Since Wyoming State Parks require a daily or annual permit for vehicles to enter and National Forests do not it was suggested that we try to hold the campout in a National Forest area such as Glendo. Mary G. volunteered to get with the UD Chair and offer her experiences in checking this out. They will also get with the RCM and see if a combined UD campout/RSC meeting could be worked out for August.

New Business: None

Motions ~ None

Elections ~ None. However, <u>GSRs</u>, <u>make sure to let your groups know that we are in need of a Treasurer and the PR Sub-Committee Chair position is up for election next month. Also we will be definitely needing a Literature Rep in <u>June and a Chair in August.</u></u>

Disbursements:

\$43.43 Freedom Voice Info-Line

\$107.80 Quest

\$22.00 Mike G. PR funds for printing

\$20.00 Chris B. General funds for printing (used cash for donations received)

Closing Treasury balance: \$2110.89

Area 7th Tradition of \$7.00 to: LFL

Next mtg: May 20, 2007 at LCCC in Cheyenne, Wyoming, room 336.

Adjourned at 3:45 pm

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May 20, 2007 – 1pm Cheyenne, Wyoming

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

Alicia G. read the 12 Traditions of N.A.

Mark T. read the 12 Concepts of N.A.

Tim H. read the 12 Values of W-BASC

Response to concept study question sent to groups: Concept 10, Q 3

"When is it appropriate to apply the Tenth Concept? When is it not appropriate?"

Since the concepts pertain to service it is not appropriate to apply this concept to purely personal issues unrelated to service matters. It is appropriate in matters pertaining to issues involving service in particular when a service body makes a decision based on falsehoods. In other words only in business meetings when personalities seem to replace principles.

Reading/Study/Discussion of the 11th Concept using chapter questions.

"NA funds are to be used to further our primary purpose, and must be managed responsibly."

The Eleventh Concept establishes the sole absolute priority for the use of NA funds: to carry the message. The importance of that priority calls for total fiscal accountability. Direct contributions to each level of service help us focus on our primary purpose and enhance accountability.

Study and discussion questions:

1. What is money used for in your group? Your area? Your region? Your world services?

Most responses were that, generally, funds go to further efforts in carrying the message.

Because of the unique situation with the Clean & Serene group their finances were detailed as follows. There are 17 meetings a week serving most of the Nebraska Panhandle with two of the meetings devoted to literature study. The group rents the meeting facility paid for entirely through 7th tradition donations, including funds donated by "Manic Mondays", a women only NA group that meets in the building on early Monday evenings. The group furnishes and maintains the building including plumbing repairs, through some purchases but mainly through volunteer donations of materials and labor. The group pays for utilities, bank services and a substantial stock of literature. They stock a pop machine and with left over funds donate two texts a month to the detention center and help purchase key tags, medallions and pamphlets to be handed out to members. They publish a local meeting list and distribute it to the Panhandle Mental Health Center, the Behavioral Health Center, the probation and parole offices and any other organization that requests them. They purchase or have donated refreshments and supplies and are still able to pass along some funds to the area as noted 2 or 3 months ago.

2. Rank the following group budget priorities: NA literature

Refreshments Meeting-hall rent Group reserve Service donations Why did you rank them in the order you did? Does your group have standing budget priorities, or does it handle such questions from month-to-month?

GSRs, please take this question back to your groups for consideration and input.

3.Do you know of instances where NA money has been spent frivolously at the group level? In an area or regional committee? In world services? What was "frivolous" about the way that money was spent? How should it have been spent instead?

One responder wondered about the way regional funds were spent on the convention and why funds were spent on this or that item? It seemed somewhat unclear if convention spending was frivolous of not.

Another thought was that a service body may be managing their funds frivolously if they are unwilling to send extra funds on to the next service body of our structure.

A specific example of what appeared frivolous spending was noted by a member who had, on several occasions, purchased items directly from NAWS and was billed only \$2.50 for postage. When the packages were received not only had they cost more to send then the \$2.50, but they had been sent the more expensive priority mail way. When a NAWS office worker was asked about the discrepancy she simply said that that was the way it was.

Another member shared that NAWS has a certain amount in the budget allotted to giving away free literature and sending it free or at reduced rates. In large part this stems from the early days of NA when literature was made available freely from the trunk of a car in the spirit of one addict helping another.

4.Are NA funds well-accounted for in your group? Your area and region? In world services? If not, what kinds of financial reports would you like to see instead?

It would seem that our area funds are not "well-accounted for" since we have two different balances – the one from the bank and the one from our own records. However, even though there is a difference we do have a fiscally balanced budget based on available funds rather then on funds that may or may not be available like our government. Ha. Ha. Up until a couple of years ago we were almost entirely basing or budget on revenues gained from the Unity Days convention, but when the event began barely breaking even we had to redo our manner of acquiring funds, mainly through an increased awareness of the need expressed to the member groups of the area.

It also seems like other service bodies are in a like position with finances.

5. "Direct group contributions to our service structure encourage responsible management of service funds and help our services maintain their focus on NA's primary purpose." Does your area or region depend on NA fundraisers for a significant portion of its income? Is that wise? How does it affect the relationship of the ASC or RSC to your group? Would that relationship be any different if groups contributed directly to each level of service? Would our service boards and committees be able to operate solely on income from direct group contributions?

This question was partly answered above. It was also mentioned that the region does not rely on convention funds as the convention is fully self-supporting. It has seed money in a separate account that it starts out with and after the event in finished and all accounting finalized, anything over the seed money amount is sent to NAWS.

At least at the current time, the management of funds and fund flow seem okay.

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Absent: Treasurer(Vacant), 2nd RCM, PR Chair (Vacant), (Footsteps in Recovery), (On Life's Terms), (We Do Recover).

NA Recovery Birthdays: Mark T. 4 yrs. Congratulations!

Recognition of new groups: None

Approval of last month's minutes:

Ray B. moved and Mary G. seconded the motion to accept last meeting's minutes with the last disbursement changed to reflect that it was for meeting room rent. Motion Carried

Opening Treasurers report:

Beginning Balance: \$2134.89 (Bank balance) \$2011.78 (ASC balance)

Break: 2:06 - 2:16 pm

Officers Reports:

Chair: Report given and filed as follows:

Dear Fellow ASC Members:

Please note potential guideline revision motions listed on agenda. These were discussed at last ASC meeting.

I need to stress the importance of ASC members reading, and becoming familiar with the area guidelines; especially sections concerning their positions. It seems that members, past and present, don't completely fulfill their duties as described (e.g. monthly and final reports: timeliness and submission, actual responsibilities, etc.)

A new signature card has been printed for signing by executive committee. I will deliver this to The Bank of the West upon completion.

The Chair's account balance stands at \$16.86; contrary to April ASC minutes there was no disbursement taken by the chair last month - hopefully this was discussed in the approval of last month's minutes.

Please register early for the Live From Laramie - Wyo-Braska Area campout June 22-24; remember 50 camper only in the actual campsite.

In Loving Service,

Chris B.

Chair

Vice-Chair: Report given and filed as follows:

ASC Members.

Next month Live From Laramie is having the Live from Laramie Campout. I am sure Craig or someone from Live from Laramie will let us know how registrations are coming along.

We have 1 confirmed registration for Unity Days 14. Unity days has been set for August 17 - 19th at Pole Creek Campground. Flyers have been printed up and are here to be distributed to each group.

I have also printed up a bunch of current meeting schedules.

I am asking to be reimbursed printing ink to print out the above. I have a receipt with me in the amount of \$54.51

We had two bills come in last month:

Qwest for a total of \$11.22 - I have a question about why the bill says that it is the final bill. Isn't Qwest our phone books? And shouldn't it be ongoing? I couldn't reach them yesterday and someone may need to call them tomorrow and we may have to pay fees to get the bill and all back on.

We have a bill from Freedom voice in the amount of \$25.65. I suggest we pay them one check of about \$90 which should cover the bill till the end of the fiscal year.

Final piece of information is that I am resigning from Vice-Chair. I am herby giving my 30 day notice to the ASC body. I have brought all the treasury items with me to this ASC meeting. I need Mark to come by our place and pick up the activities totes and items in our basement. I do not think that Mary and I will be in Wyoming by the next meeting as we are moving back to Ohio in the next few weeks. Thank you for allowing me to serve on the ASC. We will miss you all.

ILS,

Mike G.

Treasurer: Report given by the Vice-chair and filed as follows:

ASC Members.

Try as we might Mary and I could not reconcile the bank account with the books that were given to us by the former treasurer. We are missing bank statements from November and December of 2006. And we have no records of any kind for late December 2006. We can not tell if check 1196 to Region in the amount of \$39.30 cleared or not. We would have to spend \$25.00 to get a record from the bank for December's transactions. This is what we have:

The bank online, as of May 19, 2007 says we have a balance of \$2,134.89 According to the books (that we tried to straighten out) the balance is: \$2,011.78

A difference of \$123.11. If check 1196 is still outstanding it would be a difference of \$83.81.

The one thing we have noticed all along though is that the bank has always said that we have more money than what we say we have on our books.

Since I am leaving the area I will turn over all the treasury records and archives to whomever the ASC decides to turn it over too.

ILS,

Mike G.

Secretary: Report given and filed as follows:

Hey All,

Not much to report this month. The meeting lists were updated as per the Webservant report.

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ILS Richard M. Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee Secretary

RCM: Report given and filed as follows:

Hello friends I attended the regional business meeting on May ^{5th}, here are some of what was discussed I took Richards logo Idea &almost everyone liked it. There was some discussion about the cowboy & it was brought up that we could use it with permission. As the representive from this area I let the region know that the Wyo-Braska area is not in favor of the cowboy logo. It was decided that we would once again take this back to the groups for more ideas.

I think we have decided in our area that there are no groups that need insurance They have decided to keep this open at the region level. So if there is any changes on that let me know.

We also talked & voted to call the Regional assembly every year instead of the GSR Assembly & the CAR.

Convention Guidelines are in the making which should help us out in two years when it is our turn to be the host.

In loving service Ray B

RCM 2: Absent – no report.

Group Reports:

Footsteps in Recovery: Absent

Other:

Concerns: 7th Tradition: Votes and /or motions: Needs: On Life's Terms: Absent

Concerns: 7th Tradition:

Votes and/or motions:

Needs: Other:

Clean & Free:

Concerns: Giving the votes to the GSRs. [i.e., only GSRs have a vote at ASC meetings]

7th Tradition: 0 Votes and/or motions:

Needs: Literature Other: None

Vision of Hope:

Concerns: GSR is moving, but an addict named Amy is offering to keep the meeting going.

7th Tradition: \$13.71

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: None Other: None

Saturday Nite Live:

Concerns: None 7th Tradition: \$20.00

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: None Other: None

Clean & Serene:

Concerns: Police officers walking into meetings and asking for specific individuals. While polite, their presence has still been disruptive to the meeting and disturbing to some newcomers. We have a course of action planned, but would appreciate input from other groups.

7th Tradition: 0

Votes and/or motions: We believe it prudent for us to seriously consider liability insurance, if practical, primarily because we are the only tenants in the building and even though the landlady has liability coverage, any litigation would most likely end up with us being named as a co-defendant along with the landlady.

Needs: We still need an alternate GSR. Other: None

Live from Laramie:

Concerns: None

7th Tradition: \$50.00 ASC - \$40.00 URMRSC - \$10.00 NAWS

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: None Other: None

Free Bird:

Concerns: None 7th Tradition: \$25.00

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: None Other: None

Staying Clean in Sidney

Concerns: None – Attendance is more stable starting to hold own.

7th Tradition: \$20.00

Votes and /or motions: None

Needs: None Other: None

We Do Recover (Torrington, WY) Absent

Concerns: Need more support.

7th Tradition:

Votes and /or motions:

Needs: Other:

Sub-Committee reports:

Activities/UD: Report given orally as follows:

Mark T. briefly brought us up to date on the Unity Days preparations. He needs some help with finding speakers and a pot luck sort of meal. He is having difficulty in finding speakers mainly due to a lack of contacts. Others have volunteered to help with that. He also asked for the message to be spread for anyone attending to bring some kind of a covered dish for one of the meals.

Also the Cheyenne groups are planning on a 4th of July in the park picnic and all are being asked to donate something and let him know about it so there is a balance.

The Live From Laramie report was given for Craig by Jeanne but alas, I can't find the \$^\@@) thing! Sorry. I'll keep looking. But plans are well under way with almost enough pre-registrations to break even with after this meeting.

PR: No report however, the vice-chair reported that there were some questions about a bill received from Quest indicating that it was the "final" bill. Does this mean our phone line is being disconnected? He or Mary will check it out and take care of it. They will also see to it that the listings will be changed from "phone line" to "info line."

Webservant: Given and filed as follows:

GENERAL: The meeting list was updated, both the on-line and the on-line printable versions. A clarification needs to be tended to for the Clean & Free group, but otherwise I think everything is current. If it isn't please let me know and I'll take care of it.

I received one e-mail from a concerned parent that wasn't too clear as to what she wanted so I personally called her and visited with her. I believe it a very informative and productive conversation that could not have as easily been dealt with via e-mail.

TECHNICAL: I still haven't had the time or energy to redesign the URMRCNA, Archives and ASC pages. I am slowly getting caught up and hopefully will be able to do this before the next ASC meeting.

Remember, GSRs can download their motions, disbursement and report forms from the "Archives" page on our web site.

I am continuing the process of downloading all e-mails, except spam, converting them to PDF files and saving them to disk so that the web site may be purged of all old e-mails. PDF files are also being encrypted to aid in preventing unauthorized, and perhaps malicious altering of our documents.

NOTE: In order to open these PDF files the Adobe Reader 5.0 or greater is needed. Version 4.0 will **not** open them.

FINANCIAL: Domain name registration of and hosting fees have been paid up until August.

And finally, "...wherever we go, we always represent NA to some degree. If we are seen acting poorly while we prominently display an NA logo, . . . we carry a distinctly unattractive message . . ."

"It Works: How and Why", Tradition 11, pg. 206.

In Loving Service, Richard M.

Literature: Report given and filed as follows:

Hello Family!

We now have an inventory worth \$895.29, as of 5/19/07. 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. Just as a reminder, my term will be up as literature chair in June, and I've already done it twice so our guidelines say I may not continue. So, GSR's please make sure someone is at the June meeting who is interested in being our literature chair. It is a fun position, I have enjoyed it.

In loving service,

Jeanne S.

Break: 3:33 - 3:46 pm

Sharing Session:

- 1) GSRs only vote at ASC meetings. Essentially, allowing only GSRs voting privileges would negate concept three in which "The NA groups delegate to the service structure the authority necessary to fulfill the responsibilities assigned to it." At this point in time almost every GSR is also a member of the executive committee anyway. Aside from this, if voting was opened up to everyone attending an ASC meeting a specific group of people could override an otherwise committee consensus rendering many other groups' vote mute.
- 2) PO Box key. Mike G. gave the post office box key to Ray B. According to our guidelines, as the RCM, Ray is the next person in line to attend to picking up the mail and redistributing it.
- 3) Today's meeting date confussion. Somehow the LCCC security had us scheduled to meet on Saturday instead of today and the guard was a little paturbed by this mainly due to opening the facility on a day when noone would be there and the potential for mischief. The hosting group will make sure this doesn't happen again.
- 4) Police officers interrupting NA meetings in Scottsbluff. The Clean & Serene group has recently experienced city police officers walking into meetings and asking for specific individuals. This has not only been disruptive, but very disconcerting to many members especially newcomers. A representitive from the group well versed in the traditions and PI literature is going to review the new PR handbook and the newest resource materials just published by NAWS and set up an appointment to meet with the Chief of Police. At this time, the group is seeking input on how best to approach this serious matter.

Essentially, it seems that Clean & Serene is approaching the matter very well, Some specfic input included mentioning to the Chief the importance of the principle of anonimoty, our traditions and the need for our members to feel safe at our meetings especially for the newcomers many of which have been commanded by the courts to attend the meetings. It may be best to appeal to the Chief on a human, one on one level as opposed to a conforontational or business approach.

5) Bank account. Since we have had many changes in who will be available to sign checks, the recently prepared signature card would be invalid. Gail W. was contacted and asked if she would consent to remaining as a signer on an as needed emergency basis until a new card can be prepared.

Old Business: Taken care of in sharing session and motions.

New Business: Taken care of in sharing session and motions.

Motions ~ **#1** To change the WBASC Guidelines, Article 6, paragraph 3 in the following manner.

"When an Administrative Committee position is vacated early, the addict member voted into that position may, with a 2/3 majority vote of the present GSRs, begin the two (2) full year consecutive terms in the month elected complete the current term, regardless of how many months remain, and continue for the following full year in the position. An officer or standing subcommittee chair may resign by providing written notice to the WBASC chairperson thirty (30) days in advance of vacating an office or position."

INTENT: Clarify and simplify time limits on positions filled in mid term.

Moved by Richard M., seconded by Ray B, read and tabled until next ASC meeting as per guidelines.

#2 To add the following paragraph to the WBASC Guidelines in Article 2 between paragraphs 3 and 4.

"A group may be removed from full membership, meeting lists and the telephone information line if it misses three (3) consecutive WBASC meetings without contact or representation. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all voting participants shall be required to remove any group from membership. A group may also be removed from full membership by having an authorized representative submit a written request to the WBASC."

INTENT: To clarify a means by which an inactive group may be removed from WBASC meeting lists etc.

Moved by Richard M., seconded by Ray B, read and tabled until next ASC meeting as per guidelines.

#3 To allow \$125.00 to be disbursed for food for LFL campout

Intent: To provide food for two meals at LFL campout

Moved by Jeanne S., seconded by Mary G., passed unanimously.

#4 To allow Live From Laramie (Craig H.) to spend extra money received as gate receipts, if needed, to buy more groceries if more than 50 people show up.

Intent: To provide extra groceries if needed.

Moved by Jeanne S., seconded by Mary G., passed unanimously.

Elections ~

Treasurer – Qualifications & duties read. Tim H. volunteered and qualified himself.

5 for -1 opposed -1 abstained = passes

Mike G. will make a final deposit and turn over everything to Tim H. Chris B. will assist in getting Tim H. trained and up to speed. Thank you everyone.

PR Chair – Qualifications & duties read. No volunteers or nominees.

GSRs – We need participation. Please check with groups for volunteers. The area is doing okay financially but we desperately need participation or we may have to disband.

Vice-Chair needed for next ASC meeting Literature Chair needed in June also. Chair needed in August.

Disbursements:

\$ 99.00 -	Mark 1. Unity Days
\$109.51 -	NAWS literature order
\$ 54.51 -	Mike G. reimbursement for printing meeting lists for Tx centers – PR
\$ 11.22 -	Quest – PR
\$ 25.65 -	Freedom Voice – PR
\$125.00 -	Jeanne S. LFL campout food – Activities

Closing Treasury balance:

Area 7th Tradition of **\$20.00** to: **Saturday Night Live**Next mtg: June 10, 2007, Sidney, NE. Address to be announced.
Adjourned @ 5 pm

WBASC/rlm

Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee

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1-866-4-No Dope

Date June: 10, 2007 Time: 1 pm Location: Sidney, Nebraska

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

Ray B. read the 12 Traditions of N.A.
Chris B. read the 12 Concepts of N.A.
Richard M. read the 12 Values of W-BASC

Response to concept study question sent to groups: Concept 11 question #2

"NA funds are to be used to further our primary purpose, and must be managed responsibly."

The Eleventh Concept establishes the sole absolute priority for the use of NA funds: to carry the message. The importance of that priority calls for total fiscal accountability. Direct contributions to each level of service help us focus on our primary purpose and enhance accountability.

Q2 - Rank the following group budget priorities:

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5
NA literature	2	2	2	1	2
refreshments	5	3	5	4	5
meeting-hall rent	1	1	1	5	1
group reserve	3	5	4	3	4
☐service donations	4	4	3	2	3

Why did you rank them in the order you did? Does your group have standing budget priorities, or does it handle such questions from month-to-month?

Taught/Budget Budget Month to month To carry the Month to month message

Reading/Study/Discussion of the 12 th Concept using chapter questions

"In keeping with the spiritual nature of Narcotics Anonymous, our structure should always be one of service, never of government."

- 1. What is the difference between service and government?

 The same as doing as directed or as directing or dictating.
- 2. The difference between a governing organization and a service organization is often not of structure but of spiritual foundation and purpose. What is it about NA's primary purpose and its spiritual identity that says "our structure should always be one of service, never of government"?

GSRs -- take this question back to groups for input.

- 3. The essay on the Twelfth Concept talks about how gratitude, humility, communication, and selflessness help our structure remain "one of service, never of government." Discuss these things.
 - By basing ones service on the principles learned in the course of recovery service remains in the forefront. By basing ones recovery on service, spiritual principles lack and service can lack because, in some cases, personalities overrule principles.

Maturity in recovery lends itself to selflessly giving back to NA so NA will stay alive. Self-centeredness is replaced with sharing.

4. Discuss how the Twelfth Concept applies to each of the eleven other concepts.

The twelfth concept is to the other 11 as the twelfth tradition is to the other 11 traditions and the twelfth step is to the other 11 steps. The twelfth concept, tradition, step unifies and summarizes the other 11.

Roll Call: Chair, Secretary, RCM, Literature Chair, Webservant

GSR, Alternates and guests: Mary G. & Willy O. (GSR & GSRA -- Clean and Free), Mary G. (Rep for Vision of Hope), Ray B.(Rep for Saturday Nite Live), Richard M. (GSR -- Clean & Serene), Jeanne S. (GSR -- Live from Laramie), Ray B. (GSR -- Free Bird), Alicia G. (GSR -- Staying Clean in Sidney)

Absent: Vice Chair (vacant), Treasurer, 2nd RCM, PR Chair (vacant), Activities Chair/UD Chair, Footsteps in Recovery, On Life's Terms and We Do Recover.

NA Recovery Birthdays: Willy O. - 4 yrs, Ray B. - 3 yrs, Chris B. - 9 yrs, Alicia G. - 21 months today. Yeah to all!!

Recognition of new groups: NONE

Approval of last month's minutes: Minutes were read and suggested to add the check # to disbursments. Ray B. moved to accept & Alicia G. seconded / Motion Carries

Opening Treasurers report:

Beginning Balance: As of June 2, 2007 Bank = \$2072.90 Our ledger = \$1955.79

Officers Reports:

Chair: Report given and filed as follows:

Dear Fellow ASC Members:

A reminder: It is important that ASC members read, and become familiar with the area guidelines; especially those sections concerning their positions.

The new signature card has been delivered to The Bank of the West and is on file. Another will be needed when the ASC executive committee has been elected sometime this fall. Ray B. will be introduced to the bank personnel in Laramie with whom we have successfully and repeatedly changed our signature card, so that another smooth transition can occur.

There were two motions tabled last month (as required by ASC guidelines), these will be addressed in the motions section of thte agenda.

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

Remember the Live from Laramie -- WyoBraska Area campout June 22 -- 24; remember 50 campers only in the actual campsite. more flyers are being provided to the area today, along with a report from the campout chair Craig H.

I will be playing in a Wyoming State golf tournament the weekend of the July 7 & 8; does the ASC want to meet the following Sunday July 15th or convene without this chair for **two** consecutive months? In August, Jeanne and I will be on the road for the first half of the month and will <u>not</u> be able to attend.

In Loving Service,

Chris B. -- Chair

Vice-Chair: Vacant -- no report

Treasurer: Sick -- no report

Secretary: Given orally only as follows:

The contact list has been updated with information from last months reports and sign-in sheet. REMEMBER! This sheet includes personal information and as such is for <u>internal use only</u>. It will not be e-mailed, posted on the web site nor made available to the general public. If any changes need made please let me know.

Finally, remember that forms and documents are available for download and printing on the ASC web site and if anyone would like minutes, guidelines, etc. snail mailed just let me know.

ILS

Richard M.

Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee Secretary

RCM: Report given and filed as follows:

Hellow friends,

It is good to see you all again. There is not anything to report at this time as I have been busy moving & not had a chance to check on regional matters. I will have more info next month. I need to remind you all that the region is looking for ideas for the regional logo. Please have these to me by the next area meeting in July. I am sorry for the short report. If you have any questions let me know. The next regional meeting will be in Cheyenne in the same place as we held our last area meeting August 5th, 2007. it would be exciting to see you & your friends there.

In Loving Service Ray B.

RCM 2: Absent

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: \$30.00

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: None Other: Friday meetings will now be from 8 -- 9:30 pm. Need to change this on

the web site and printable meeting lists.

Vision of Hope:

Concerns: It is not certain that Amy will take over this meeting after Mary G. leaves, but somehow someone will see to it. All materials have been, or will be, turned over to next GSR or rep.

7th Tradition: \$None

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: None Other: None

Saturday Nite Live:

Concerns: None 7th Tradition: \$25.00

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: None Other: None

Clean & Serene:

Concerns: Lack of participation in service, instability of the treasurey record keeping, but stable.

7th Tradition: \$None

Votes and/or motions: See motions section

Needs: None Other: Starting another night owl meeting on Saturday nights.

Live from Laramie:

Concerns: None

7th Tradition: \$65.00 -- ASC, \$52.00 -- RSC, \$13.00 -- NAWS Votes and/or motions: In favor of both motions tabled last time.

Needs: None Other: None

Free Bird: Concerns: None 7th Tradition: \$20.00

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: None Other: Avereage attendance

Staying Clean in Sidney:

Concerns: Small #s [in attendance]

7th Tradition: \$0

Votes and /or motions: In favor of 1 & 2 Needs: None Other: None

We Do Recover: Absent

Concerns: 7th Tradition: \$

Votes and /or motions:

Needs: Other:

Sub-Committee reports:

Activities/UD: Chair absent -- sick.

TO: WYO-BRASKA AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE FROM: LIVE FROM LARAMIE CAMPOUT COMMITTEE

As of this day we have a total of 33 pre-registered for the campout this includes 25 paid adult, 6 child and, 2 compensated speakers. (spreadsheet in archives)

We have planes in place for game meat stew and salad for the evening meal and pancakes and bacon for the breakfast meal.

The speaker meetings are planed for Saturday night campfire meeting and Sunday morning meeting.

Live from Laramie campout committee

PR (Web Site): PR chair vacant.

Clean & Serene group reports that the new corrections facility for Scotts Bluff county will be finished sometime in August and with it will come a new set of requirements and approval process for members wishing to put on meetings inside. Essentially, anyone with a previous felony will not be allowed to participate except those already attending who will be grandfathered in. After the facility is up and running a women's meeting will be planned for.

Webservant report given orally as follows:

Made one small change to meeting list. Haven't been able to make time to redesign other pages. Received one e-mail from individual in Louisiana who sponsors a Cheyenne member and forwarded it to Ray B. for follow-up. Domain name registeration and hosting fees due in September via automatic withdrawal. Will bring exact amounts to next ASC meeting.

Literature: Report given and filed as follows:

Hello Family!

We now have an inventory worth \$865.18, as of 6/8/07. Please have all your literature purchased for your groups before the last break so I can figure up the new order before disbursements. My term is up as literature chair in June, and I've already done it twice so our guidelines say I may not continue. I have enjoyed doing this and I will help the new literature chair in any way I can. I have written up some notes on how to do this in a way that has worked for me. I will give this to the new person, as well as my phone number to be of assistance in any way I can. Thank you for the opportunity to serve this area.

In Loving Service, Jeanne S.

Break: 2:05 -- 2:18 pm

Sharing Session:

- 1) Since the chair will be unavailable at the next regularly scheduled meeting he asked if we would like to change the date the week following or stay on schedule. By acclimation we opted for postponing the meeting for a week to be held in Scottsbluff, Neb.
- 2) Ray B. picked up all of the mail and noted that there were a few pieces, aside from the junk, that were addressed to people no one had ever heard of. He would return these and any future pieces to the post office for forwarding and would trash any junk mail not pertinent to the area.
- 3) We next discussed the lack of participation, the possibility of the area folding and what the ramifications might be. The GSR for the Clean & Serene group distributed a flier asking for group members to seriously consider getting involved. Travel, being the main issue preventing many from volunteering, will be taken care of by sharing a ride with the GSR. So far no takers.

The main gist of the discussion was that the web site is paid for by automatic withdrawal and as long as there is one or two trusted servants available and money in the coffers the web site, info line and phone book listings would continue. Simply put, as participation and funds decrease services would similarly decrease until there were no longer any funds and then all services would cease.

Hopefully this doesn't happen and the knowledge of the possibility will calvanize group members into action.

4) Annual budgets were discussed. PR was set last year (after cuts were made) to \$750 Freedom Voice info line runs about \$300 per yr, Quest phone listings run about \$180 per yr. for placements in 5 phone books throughout the area & GoDaddy web site domain name registration and site hosting runs about \$110 per yr.

H & I was set at \$150 and may be incorporated into an increased amount for the merged PR subcommittee.

Activities subcommittee uses seed money out of the general fund and any proceeds go back into the general fund. There is \$100 allotted for replenishing the totes with consumables.

5) Quest info line update. The phone line was disconnected because the amount owed was \$122 and only \$107 was paid. Mary G. will send all info she has to Chris B. who will get it all straightened out. The phone line has been reconnected -- we just need to make sure everything is square.

Old Business: Covered in reports, sharing session and motions.

New Business:

Motions ~ #1 (Tabled from last meeting)

MOTION: To change the WBASC Guidelines, Article 6, paragraph 3 in the following manner.

"When an Administrative Committee position is vacated early, the addict member voted into that position may, with a 2/3 majority vote of the present GSRs, begin the two (2) full year consecutive terms in the month elected complete the current term, regardless of how many months remain, and continue for the following full year in the position. An officer or standing subcommittee chair may resign by providing written notice to the WBASC chairperson thirty (30) days in advance of vacating an office or position."

INTENT: Clarify and simplify time limits on positions filled in mid term & to maintain regular order of elections

Carried unanimously.

Motions ~ #2 (Tabled from last meeting)

MOTION: To add the following paragraph to the WBASC Guidelines in Article 2 between paragraphs 3 and 4.

"A group may be removed from full membership, meeting lists and the telephone information line if it misses three (3) consecutive WBASC meetings without contact or representation. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all voting participants shall be required to remove any group from membership. A group may also be removed from full membership by having an authorized representative submit a written request to the WBASC."

INTENT: To clarify a means by which an inactive group may be removed from WBASC meeting lists etc. 1 opposed, 4 for, motion carries.

Elections ~

PR Chair -- No nominations nor volunteers. GSRs please as groups for volunteers.

Vice-Chair -- Ray B. was nominated. Requirements and duties were read and Ray qualified himself. No motion needed pertaining to his early resignation as RCM. By accepting the nomination his resignation was implicit. Motion to accept Ray B. as new Vice-Chair unanimous.

Literature Chair -- Alicia G. was nominated. Requirements and duties were read and she qualified herself. Voted in unanimously.

RCM position open for next meeting.

Disbursements: \$135.52 NAWS for literature order

Closing Treasury balance:

\$2365.46 (bank) \$2248.35 (our ledger) [\$117.11 difference]

Area 7th Tradition of \$20 to: Staying Clean in Sidney Next mtg: July 15, 2007 in Scottsbluff, Neb. Adjourn @ about 4 pm.

WBASC/rlm

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1-866-4-No Dope

Date: July 15, 2007 Time: 1 pm Location: Scottsbluff, Neb.

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

Angie O. read the 12 Traditions of N.A. read the 12 Concepts of N.A. Juan P. read the 12 Values of W-BASC

Response to Concept 12 question # 2

"In keeping with the spiritual nature of Narcotics Anonymous, our structure should always be one of service, never of government."

- Q The difference between a governing organization and a service organization is often not of structure but of spiritual foundation and purpose. What is it about NA's primary purpose and its spiritual identity that says "our structure should always be one of service, never of government"?
- A C & S The primary purpose is to carry the message to addicts who still suffer through the use of spiritual principles. Spiritual principles are not usually associated with a government. We have guidelines where governments have fairly inflexible laws. Also, since the newcomer is the most important person in any meeting, and by extension each individual, the individuals' needs drive the group to provide services. What services the groups cannot provide the area service committees may and on through the service structure which effectively makes each higher level less important and influential and makes the individual the most important.
 - LFL Besides the newcomer being the most important person at any NA meeting as opposed to a president being the most important person in our government, NA will still flourish long after an individual leaves, but if a government loses its most important person the government may collapse.
 - SCS With the service structure groups, areas, regions, in fact the entire world relying on the individual for direction unity becomes the bond that holds all together.

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

To fulfill our fellowship's primary purpose, the NA groups have joined together to create a structure which develops, coordinates, and maintains services on behalf of NA as a whole.

The primary responsibility of an NA group is to conduct its recovery meetings, carrying the message directly to the addict who still suffers. Groups join their strength in the service structure, ensuring that other services—H&I, PI, literature development, for example—are fulfilled effectively and without distracting the groups from their own primary responsibility.

Study and discussion questions

1. Does your group hold regular business meetings? (See *The Group Booklet*, pp. 9-10.) Unanimously yes.

2. Does your group regularly talk about how it can better fulfill its primary purpose?

In one way, the ASC often asks the GSRs what the area can do for them to help carry the message. So groups are thinking about what may be needed.

One group doesn't regularly do a group forth step as they once did, but at the same time they are very conscious of making sure that each meeting is opened on time and chaired appropriately so that an atmosphere of recovery welcomes the newcomer and all addicts who still suffers.

3. After paying the expenses for literature, refreshments, and meeting-hall rent, does your group have enough money to conduct other services on its own?

GSRs -- take this question back to groups for input.

4. Can your group perform a variety of organized services like PI work, H&I panels, phoneline management, and literature development while still attending to its recovery meetings?

LFL – no way. The group is doing everything it can to keep the doors open.

C&S – In a way, out of necessity, it can handle many services – it does, however need the communication.

5. Does your group send a representative to your local area service committee? Do you contribute money to your ASC on a regular basis?

GSRs answering this question were pretty much in agreement in that most groups send both representatives and funds when they can. Few consistently attend each ASC meeting and donate at each.

Roll Call: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Literature Chair, Activities Chair/UD Chair, Webservant

GSR, Alternates and guests: Willy O. (GSR – Clean and Free), Greg B. (GSR – Saturday Nite Live), Richard M. (GSR – Clean & Serene), Jeanne S. & Tom C. (GSR & GSRA – Live from Laramie), Ray B. (GSR – Free Bird), Alicia G. (GSR – Staying Clean in Sidney), Les F., Juan P., Angela O., Amanda R. and Timothy P.

Absent: Treasurer (vacant), RCM (vacant),2nd RCM, PR Chair (vacant),(Footsteps in Recovery), (On Life's Terms),(Vision of Hope),and (We Do Recover).

NA Recovery Birthdays: Juan P. 1 yr. Congratulations!!

Recognition of new groups: None

Approval of last month's minutes:

Jeanne moved and Alicia seconded the motion to accept minutes as presented / Motion carried unanimously.

Opening Treasurers report:

Beginning Balance: \$1887.15 (according to bank)

\$1770.04 (according to ledger)

\$ 117.11 difference

Break: 1:29 – 1:39 pm

Officers Reports:

Chair: Report given and filed as follows:

Dear Fellow ASC Members:

A continued reminder: It is important that ASC members read, and becoming familiar with the area guidelines; especially those sections concerning their positions.

Ray B. had been introduced to the ban personnel in Laramie so that another smooth transition can occur with the updating of our signature card.

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

<u>ALL</u> executive committee members and sub-committee chairs need to review last year's budget and recommend budgets to the treasurer (acting) so that a new fiscal year budget may be drawn up by the end of August. [Fiscal year runs from September 1 to August 31.]

In August, Jeanne and I will be on the road for the first half of the month and will not be able to attend. Thus, Ray B. will chair that meeting. . .take it easy on him, okay?

GSRs: There are positions of service available at ASC, tell your sponsees and sponsors, and announce this regularly at your meetings.

In Loving Service, Chris B. Chair

Vice-Chair: Report given and filed as follows:

Hello friends

Wow what a month I have had since eour last meeting. I was at the Live from Laramie campout had a great time, and was able to meet some new friends. Chris B. took me down to the bank to meet our banker lady. The 4th of July annual day at the park went very well I would like to thank Mark T. for organizing this event had a good time. As acting treasurer I paid Quest and Freedom Voice. Had a situation with the checkbook, a signed check got into the hands of someone close to me and a check for \$400 was written. As a trusted servant I will take responsibility and see that this body is reimbursed for \$400, I also suggest in the future that all money matters will be taken care of at the area business meeting. The solution will be \$150 this month \$125 in August and the balance of \$125 in September. Thank you for letting me be of service.

In loving service, Ray B.

Treasurer: Read by secretary and filed as follows.

To Wyo-Braska Area NA

I am sorry but cannot fullfil my duties as area treasurer because of ill health. So with heavy heart I am forced to resign my post. Hopefully I will get to feeling better soon and be able to participate again.

Thank you for your trust in me and I am sorry I failed you!

Tim H.

Also see files for spreadsheet with specifics.

Secretary: Given as follows:

Contact list was updated based on sign-in sheet and group reports as turned in at last meeting. REMEMBER – this list contains personal information and is for <u>internal use only</u>. It is not posted on the web site and is not made public or to be e-mailed. Please let me know of any changes.

As a reminder, all of the group report, motion and disbursement forms are available for download from the ASC web site and will need Adobe Reader version 6.0 or newer to open. Minutes, guidelines, and meeting lists are also available.

Remaining budget balance stands at \$63.05.

ILS

Richard M.

RCM: None

RCM 2: Vacant

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: [Receiving group's copy of the] NA Way newsletter.

7th Tradition: \$36.05

Votes and/or motions: None Needs: None Other:

Vision of Hope: Absent

Concerns: 7th Tradition: \$

Votes and/or motions:

Needs: Other:

Saturday Nite Live: Concerns: None

7th Tradition: \$25.00

Votes and/or motions: None Needs: None Other:

Clean & Serene:

Concerns: Usual [lack of] participation. Getting back in old place ASAP [Due to elec. fire.]

7th Tradition: \$0

Votes and/or motions: None Needs: None Other:

Live from Laramie:

Concerns: None

7th Tradition: \$75.00 (RSC - \$60.00) (NAWS - \$15.00)

Votes and/or motions: None Needs: None Other:

Free Bird:

Concerns: None 7th Tradition: \$20.00

Votes and/or motions: None Needs: None Other:

Staying Clean in Sidney

Concerns: Low attendance.

7th Tradition: \$20.00

Votes and /or motions: None Needs: None Other

We Do Recover: Absent

Concerns: 7th Tradition: \$

Votes and /or motions:

Needs: Other:

Sub-Committee reports:

Activities/UD: Report given and filed as follows:

(Jeanne gave the LFL campout report.)

From: Live from Laramie Campout Committee

To: Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee

We would like to thank the Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee for sponsoring the campout again this year.

We had a very good turnout with 45 people attending this includes:

37 paid

2 speaker comp

6 children

The totals are on the attached spreadsheet

We took in a total of \$370.00 for reservations

There was also \$14.00 in seventh tradition and \$16.50 in pop sales

We are returning \$10.01 from the seed money for food and receipts totaling \$114.99 see attached spreadsheet for a breakdown of these expenses

We are looking forward to campout #4 sometime next June

[Craig]

To Fellow Area Service members:

I'm happy to report that the 4th of July BBQ was great for all of those who came. I wasn't sure what to expect but just let things run their course. All turned out well.

I should have my menu ready at the next area meeting as well as my main speaker [for Unity Days convention]. [Sunday speaker is set and he has numbers to call for the other speaker.]

Faithfully your servant

Mark T.

PR (Web Site): Report given as follows:

Received an e-mail from the World Convention committee announcing 14 main meetings, 62 workshops, over 140 speakers and 18 countries represented.

Entertainment includes ZZ Top, George Carlin, Ozomatli, Guitars and Saxes – featuring Gerald Albright, Little Feet, Rocky Recovery and on and on.

This convention, in San Antonio at the end of Aug. and 1st of Sept., is the last one in the United States for four years so if there is any way one can attend – plan on it.

The domain name is up for renewal and will have \$8.99 plus \$0.17 tax for a total of \$9.16 automatically deducted from the checking account on Sept. 3, 2007. Also the web site hosting will automatically deducted on Sept. 8, 2007 in the amount of \$97.09.

As for changing one meeting time and updating the ASC page Trusted Servants list – I completely forgot about it in my haste to change the meeting time and place. I apologize and will get to it before the next ASC meeting.

ILS

Richard M.

Literature: Our new Literature Chair is still learning so there is no report. It was suggested that she could go to the web site and review literature reports in previous minutes and then model her reports in their likeness.

Break: 2:13 - 2:23 pm

Sharing Session:

1) Update the ASC page on the web site. Resolved in the webservant report.

Old Business:

1) Phone/info line issue resolved.

New Business:

1) Fraudulent check # 1219, to prosecute or not?

As noted in the Vice-Chair's report, an ASC check was stolen, filled in and cashed for \$400. As acting Treasurer, the Vice-Chair had the treasurer's paper work and supplies at his personal residence where unknown to him a check was stolen. This check already had one of the two required signatures filled in as has been common practice. After a check is filled in to make a payment the second of the two required signatures is filled in by the treasurer or acting treasurer. The stolen check was filled in and cashed. The bank honored it without question. The acting treasurer has already offered to repay the area for the full amount.

We discussed two points: 1) What do we do about the current situation and 2) what do we want to do about future situations. GSRs please take this information back to groups for discussion and input.

Options presented for point #1 were

- A) Turn the check over to the bank for possible recovery and legal action.
- B) Turn the check over to the police for possible recovery and legal action.
- C) Allow Ray B. to reimburse the area for the whole amount.
- D) Have Ray B. and Chris B to split the amount reimbursed.
- E) Write off the amount and let it go.
- F) Other ???????

Options presented for point #2 were

- A) Lock up or otherwise secure the checkbook.
- B) Never presign blank checks.
- C) See if the bank has checks specifically printed requiring two signatures.
- D) Other???????
- 2) The 2nd RCM has not attended recent ASC meetings nor has she apparently done anything else. We need to consider whether or not we want to replace her with someone else. Discuss this and present it to your groups. Will table until next ASC meeting under old business.

Motions ~ #1 To accept Treasurer's resignation. All 7 for. Carries unanimously.

Elections ~

PR Chair - No nominations nor volunteers. GSRs please ask groups for volunteers.

1st RCM – Willy O. was nominated. Requirements and duties were read and Willy qualified himself. Carries unanimously.

Treasurer – GSRs please ask groups for volunteers.

ASC Chair – will need in September. GSRs please ask groups for volunteers.

Disbursements: \$129.10 – NAWS for literature order

Closing Treasury balance: \$2232.90 (bank) \$2115.79 (our ledger)

[\$117.11 difference]

Area 7th Tradition of **\$12.45** to: Clean & Serene group Next mtg: August 12, 2007 at 1215 Gibbon St., rm 203 in Laramie, Wyoming Adjourn @ 3:50 pm

WBASC/rlm

Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee

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1-866-4-No Dope

September 9, 2007 - Time: 1pm - Location: Laramie, Wyoming

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

Mark T. read the 12 Traditions of N.A.
Willie O. read the 12 Concepts of N.A.
Dan W. read the 12 Values of W-BASC

Response to Concept 1 question #3

"To fulfill our fellowship's primary purpose, the NA groups have joined together to create a structure which develops, coordinates, and maintains services on behalf of NA as a whole."

- Q -- After paying the expenses for literature, refreshments, and meeting-hall rent, does your group have enough money to conduct other services on its own?
- A -- C&S For all intents and purposes we can function much as an area except it would be difficult for the group to pay for an info phone line or a web site although not impossible. Perhaps the most significant deficit would not be finances, but in having enough members with significant clean time, knowledge and willingness to serve. The single most important thing missing would be shared experiences of a more diversified membership that can only come from an area service committee where several different groups gather. Isolation is as harmful to a group as it is to an individual and does not promote the unity needed for the fellowship to grow and thrive.

Reading/Study/Discussion of the 2nd Concept using chapter questions.

"The final responsibility and authority for NA services rests with the NA groups.

The groups have final responsibility for and authority over the service structure they have created. By fulfilling their responsibility to provide their service structure with the conscience, ideas, people, and money it needs, the groups also exercise their authority. Conversely, the service structure must always look to the groups for support and direction."

Study and discussion questions

- 1. Does your group have any way of letting your area committee know whether it's meeting your needs? How? Yes via GSRs.
- 2. Does your group's GSR regularly take part in ASC meetings? Do you regularly contribute to the ASC? Do these things give your group any say about the way NA services are administered? How? Yes to all -- via communication.
- 3. How frequently is your group consulted on service matters by the ASC? The RSC? The WSC? Do you want to be consulted more often? Less often?

GSRs -- take this question back to groups for input.

4. What does the Second Concept say to our service boards and committees? Does your group believe that message is heard and understood by our service structure? If not, what can your group do about it? Essentially that individuals trust those elected to serve. When all is well little feedback is received, but if something does need to be addressed it is called to the trusted servants attention.

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

GSR, Alternates and guests: Willy O. (GSR -- Clean and Free), Crystal L. (GSR -- Vision of Hope), Ray B. (Rep for Saturday Nite Live), Richard M. (GSR -- Clean & Serene), Tom C. & John S. (GSR & GSRA -- Live from Laramie), Lucritia M. (GSR -- Free Bird), Dan W. Jeannie S.

Absent:Treasurer(vacant), PR Chair (vacant), Literature Chair, (Footsteps in Recovery), (On Life's Terms), (Staying Clean in Sidney) & (We Do Recover).

NA Recovery Birthdays past 2 months: John S. -- 7 yrs July 22, Jeannie S. -- 24 yrs Aug 16. Congrats!!!!

Recognition of new groups: None

Approval of last month's minutes:

Lucretia M. moved to accept & Ray B. seconded / Motion carried unanimously to accept as written.

Opening Treasurers report:

Beginning Balance: \$2,116.79

Break: 1:35 -- 1:45 pm.

Officers Reports:

Chair: Report given and filed as follows:

Dear Fellow ASC Members:

A continuing reminder: please be aware that many groups and area as a whole (especially after recent events) is experiencing a lack of resources (i.e. personnel and money). Therefore, the ASC and its members need to emphasize fiscal responsibility and how to instill participation and donations at both group and area service levels. So get your peers, sponsees, and sponsors <u>all</u> to show up, kick in and participate.

GSRs keep reminding your groups that there are positions of service open at this body, and that serevice provides us addicts with opportunities for personal and inter-personal growth. Remind the trusted servants at your home group that service committee meetings are NOT optional, they are part of the service position duties; and as such trusted servants should be selected based on willingness to serve.

Being my last ASC meeting I am required by ASC Guidelines to provide a final report that helps the incoming Chair, and is as follows:

I try to keep lines of comminication open and do my best to get reports and meetings started/finished on time -- setting an example for others. I have found that it is most important to facilitate the meeting and try to avoid using the chair position as a pulpit for my opinions and judgements. I interject for points of clarity, meeting order, or to attempt to return the meeting to ASC Guidelines or Tradition adherence. I try to allow opinions on issues to flow, but will halt people

when common themes and ideas are offered. During motions and nomination discussions I try to allow ONLY 3 pro and 3 cons to be offered. I try to get people to participate by asking for reading of Guidelines, etc, to instill unity. I try to follow Robert's Rules of Order (condensed version available in *A Guide to Local Service*) and move the meetings quickly to get the travelers back on the road in four hours of so.

The Chair's account balance is still \$16.86.

Thank you for you for the opportunity to serve the ASC. If I do have the chance to secure employment locally, which is a distinct possibility, as Arnold said: "I'll be back!".

In Loving Service, really! Loving,

Chris B. Chair

Vice-Chair: Report given and filed as follows:

Hello Friends

Good to see you all again not much to report at this time seems like we are moving forward & I am a little concerned about where this area is heading as far as commitments. I have gone to the group level & made it clear to the groups that there needs to be representation at area for their voice to be heard. I hope that this body is successful at electing a treasurer soon as I am not very good at it in fact when I think about it I have anxiety and push those responsibilities off to the side. I will always give this body my best but there are just some things I am not good with. Went to the bank yesterday & deposited the money from Unity days so it will not show up until Monday. May I suggesty that if this area is doing anything for New Years that we start planning now.

In loving service Ray B.

Treasurer: Given and filed by Ray B. during opening report.

Secretary: Oral only. Given as follows:

Reminds everyone about the ASC contact list and how because it contains personal contact information it must remain for internal use only. It will not be found on the web site and will not be e-mailed or otherwise posted or published. The information on the list is taken from the sign-in sheet so everyone make sure their contact info is correct. The list is maintained so our trusted servants can get in touch with each other.

Guidelines are due to be updated as per the guidelines. Article 14 changes will be incorporated into the guidelines and then a new, fresh Article 14 will be generated for the next fiscal year. These documents will then be posted on the web site on the "Archives" page.

After submitting a disbursement form for the amount of \$53.09 for printer ink the Secretary's budget will stand at \$9.96.

RCM: Report given orally only as follows:

The Upper Rocky Mountain Region met in August where our own Ray B. was elected as the vice chair. Also reported that the logo was voted on and the purple one submitted from Nebraska was chosen as the new official logo for the region. A report and information from NAWS was passed along to the Clean & Serene group on liability insurance. (The info was requested in months past so the group could further assess the appropriatness of obtaining insurance.)

RCM 2:Report given and filed as follows:

Good Day Friends,

It is nice to see that we were all able to make it here today. I do not have much to report today, however I would like to touch the subject of the reason that I have not been able to full fill my duties at the area meeting for the last couple of months. There has been a lot going on in my life. Family issues that required my attendance. Not to say that NA is not important to me but I had family matters that needed to be straightened out. Now that I think that I have got them lined up to the best of my ability, I am now able to get back to my regular activities. I do apologize for any inconvience that it may have caused. Thank you all for you time.

In loving service Lucretia M.

RDA Report: Report referencing new service literature was submitted to the chair for inclusion as follows:

September 2007

To: Wyo-Braska Area

From: Your Regional Delegates

Greetings!

Enclosed you will find copies of five newly developed Service Pamphlets (SPs). This is a first for all of us. These SPs come from the new world board process approved at WSC 2006 for creating responsive and relevant information on various service topics. This first batch of material includes pamphlets on the following topics:

- An Introduction to NA Meetings -- Item #2201
- Group Business Meetings -- Item #2202
- Group Trusted Servants: Roles and Responsibilities Item #2203
- Disruptive and Violent Behavior- Item #2204
- AA Groups and Medication Item #2205

These topics all come from the previous conference cycle's Issue Discussion Topics and were listed in our project plans for this cycle. In fact, most of the content in the pamphlets is taken directly from the fellowship's discussions about these topics last conference cycle. Next on our list of service pamphlets to develop are pieces addressing the topics of *Leadership, What Ls NA WS*, and *The Benefits of Service*. The Service Pamphlets (SPs) are for sale and will be posted online. They are discountable and are priced the same as our regular IPs. Items #2201-2204 are \$.21 each, and item #2205 is \$.26. We purposefully made these pamphlets look very different to our regular IPs, since they've been created through this different process. However, although they are wider than our regular IPs, they will fit into our 20- and 25-pocket literature racks.

We are sending this new material to you first, so you can distribute them to the groups in your area and help provide us (Steve and Tommy) with feedback. These SPs are designed to be helpful and responsive, and they can be changed at any time by the World Board. They appreciate the confidence we placed in them when this new process was adopted at WSC 2006. Yet, they believe that in order for this process to effectively serve the fellowship, they need to hear from us. Is the information in the pamphlets useful to members? Is there something we could add or change to improve the piece? We hope you'll forward us your input either directly by email to rd@urmrna.org or ad@urmrna.org or by phone or postal mail. Either way, we hope to continue to work together to provide members with the tools they need most.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Upper Rocky Mountain Region PO Box 40182 Casper, WY 82604 www.urmrna.org

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: Why is the area deligating groups things to do?

Footsteps in Recovery @ TRP? Should it be insitutional meeting?

As a point of information the Chair addressed these two questions

1st -- The area asks for groups to discuss and offer input on Twelve Concepts to instill unity and further understanding of service concepts.

2nd -- The TRP meeting is open to outside attendance therefore by definition it's not an institutional meeting. They cannot leave the state so are unable to attend ASC meetings therefore they remain on our web site list and come under the pervue of the PR Subcommittee.

7th Tradition: \$40.00

Votes and/or motions: Motion to purchase institutional Guide & change TRP to institutional meeting

& change it to institutional meeting on web-site.

Needs: NA Other: NA

Vision of Hope:

Concerns: None 7th Tradition: \$16.00

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: Support Other: NA

Saturday Nite Live:

Concerns: There are no trusted servants at this time.

7th Tradition: \$100.00

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: Structure in Service Other: NA

Clean & Serene:

Concerns:

7th Tradition: \$58.51

Votes and/or motions: In response to stolen check the group consensus indicated that neither Ray B. nor Chris B. should be responsible for repayment of stolen funds but the thief(s) should be held accountable. Further the area should check into on-line auto pay &/or completely fill in the checks

whenever possible.

Needs: GSRA Other:

Live from Laramie:

Concerns:

7th Tradition: \$25.00 -- ASC, \$22.50 -- RSC, \$2.50 -- NAWS

Votes and/or motions:

Needs: None Other: Working to expand meetings to include Sunday @ 7:30 pm.

Free Bird:

Concerns: Need to see if we can get the information changed on the meeting list from a basic text

study to a literature study.

7th Tradition: \$50.00

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: None Other: None

Staying Clean in Sidney: Absent

Concerns: Need more support.

7th Tradition:

Votes and /or motions:

Needs: Other:

We Do Recover (Torrington): Absent

Concerns: Need more support.

7th Tradition:

Votes and /or motions:

Needs: Other:

Sub-Committee reports:

Activities/UD: Report given and filed as follows:

My Fellow ASC Members

I'm happy to report that the Unity Days campout was great to all who attended even though the turn out wasn't what I expected it was still great to all who came.

I'm happy to say we collected a total of \$226.25 less \$99.00 expenses for a net of \$127.25. And as for the budget for next year there are no needs at this time.

Faithfully your servant.

Mark T.

NOTE: As per the guidelines the Activities Subcommittee will meet on the Saturday following the regularly scheduled ASC meeting at the Shari's resteraunt located on Lincoln Way in Cheyenne, Wyoming beginning at 9 pm.

PR:

Webservant report: Oral only. Continuing to archive and backup e-mails. Will be working on updating the site. The domain name registeration was paid by automatic bank withdrawal on 9/03/07 for \$8.15 and the hosting fee of approximately \$97.09 for one year will be automatically withdrawn on 9/20/07.

H&I component: Richard M. reported that the new Scotts Bluff County detention facility in Scottsbluff is getting closer to completion and occupation. The men, women and juveniles will all be housed in the same facility in separate sections. Many changes are being implemented of which some will effect NA meetings. Requirements and applications will be new so all of the men who have been meeting inside will have to reapply. Also, men will be able to hold meetings in the women's section and women in the men's section if those are the only volunteers available. The detention center director has requested that we hold at least two meetings a week for the two adult sections and see what may be needed for the juveniles. We are still providing softcover Basic Texts and Introductory Guides to NA to the library on a fairly regular basis.

There are still meetings being held in the two Wyoming facilities.

Literature: Absent

Break: 2:45 -- 2:55 pm

Sharing Session:

- Crystal would like to have a list of contacts of jails and other instutional meetings.
 Currently there are women meetings in Ft. Collins, CO and at the women's prison in Lusk, WY.
 Also there is a meeting for the men at the Laramie County Jail, but so far no women's meeting.
- 2) Jeannie thanked all for the opportunities afforded her in service and the opportunity to work with all.
- 3) In reference to the stolen check it was suggested that before any other course of action that it might be better if the person or persons be given the opportunity to pay us back with the understanding that prosecution may be pursued if it isn't. Also, few, if any, felt that Ray of Chris ought to be required to pay back the money.

Old Business:

1) Fraudulent check -- What do we want to about the current situation and what do we want to do to prevent future occurences.

Concensus was that neither Ray B. nor Chris B. were performing their duties outside the norm and were not responsible for reimbursing the area. The theif or theires should not be inabled and therefore should be held accountable for their actions. The bank should be consulted about the situation and if necessary the ASC will file a complaint with law enforcement. The alleged

perpatrator(s) will first be given the opportunity to make it right. Both Ray and Chris are aware of the possibility of their having to testify and are willing to accept that responsi bility.

As for the future, it seems that banks in Wyoming, unlike Nebraska, will honor a two signature check even if it only has one signature on it. Therefore it was decided that since, except in extreme circumstances, most business is done at an ASC meeting that checks could be filled in completely. This policy will need a motion to change the guidelines (see motion #2).

New Business:

Motions ~ #1 Chris B. Ray B. not be responsible for payment of theft check #1219.

No intent was noted. Carried unanimously.

#2 "All checks will be filled out to the payee, with two signatures, before leaving the WBASC meeting."

Intent is "to prevent future mishaps."

This motion was ruled out of order because in involves a change in policy, therefore according to the area guidelines it will be read at this meeting and then voted on as a change to the guidelines at the next ASC meeting.

#3 Move to take necessary steps in filing complaint &/or seeking prosecution &/or restitution in the matter of ck # 1219.

Intent: Hold those responsible for theft accountable.

1 abstained/2 opposed/4 for -- carries by simple majority.

Elections ~

PR Chair -- Requirements and duties were read including the stipulation from Article 14 in which when a vacant office is filled the term will extend from that point until the next regularly scheduled election plus one year. Tom C. nominated John S. from Laramie. John accepted the nominaion, qualified himself and was voted in unanimously.

Treasurer -- Requirements and duties were read. No nominations or volunteers. Please check groups.

Chair -- Requirements and duties were read. Lucretia M. nominated Ray B. who accepted, qualified himself and was voted in unanimously.

At the next ASC we will be seeking and voting on a treasurer and a new vice-chair.

Disbursements: \$53.09 Printing supplies from Secretary's budget.

\$20.00 Rent for today's meeting.

Closing Treasury balance: \$2,524.46

Area 7th Tradition of \$17.00 to: Live from Laramie group.

Next mtg: October 14, 2007 @ LCCC, rm 336 in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Adjourned at about 4:15 pm

Executive Committee met to establish operating budget for coming year. Last year's amounts seem appropriate and obtainable so the new budget will remain the same and fixed at \$1500.00 for this year.

WBASC/rlm

Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee

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1-866-4-No Dope

Date: October 14, 2007 Time: 1:07 pm Location: Cheyenne, WY

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

Robert N. read the 12 Traditions of N.A. Mark T. read the 12 Concepts of N.A. Richard M. read the 12 Values of WBASC

Group Response to Concept 2, question 3 from last meeting:

"The final responsibility and authority for NA services rests with the NA groups.

3. How frequently is your group consulted on service matters by the ASC? The RSC? The WSC? Do you want to be consulted more often? Less often?

Each month the ASC asks for input on a concept question, they request participation and on occasion, when needed, they ask about major maters. For most groups, a little more direct contact with and information about the RSC and WSC would be nice. In some cases the GSRs are attending the meetings and are good at passing along requests and information and so the groups feel informed enough.

Reading/Study/Discussion of Concept #3 using chapter questions:

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

In day-to-day matters, the groups have given our service boards and committees the practical authority necessary to do the jobs assigned them. This is not a blank check issued to the service structure; the group's final responsibility and authority, spoken of in the Second Concept, still apply. To make Concept Three work, we must carefully select trusted servants.

Study and discussion questions

1.In general, what does your group think about the concept of delegated authority?

Some aren't real sure what delegation of authority is and for others they think that maybe sometimes the Area is acting independent of and contrary to the groups' wishes.

2.If your group were consulted on every decision that had to be made by every service board, committee, or subcommittee at the area, regional, and world level, would you still have enough time and energy to address your own group's business? Would your group have enough information to be able to offer intelligent advice on such matters?

No way would a group be able to attend to all of the issues and even come close to having enough resources and time to do so.

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?

GSRs -- take this question back to groups for input.

4.In the essay on the Second Tradition in our Basic Text(p.60), it says "We are mismanagers and not one of us is capable of consistently making good decisions." If this is true, how can we responsibly delegate to our trusted servants the kind of authority called for in the Third Concept?

We can delegate authority because in most situations no one individual ever makes the decisions.

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

GSR, Alternates and guests: Robert K. (Rep. for Clean and Free), Crystal L. (GSR – Vision of Hope), Robert N. (GSR – Saturday Nite Live), Richard M. (GSR – Clean & Serene), Lucretia M. (GSR – Free Bird), Richard M. (for Staying Clean in Sidney), Gail W. & Rene A.

Absent: Vice Chair (vacant), Treasurer (vacant), RCM (vacant), (Footsteps in Recovery), (On Life's Terms), (Live from Laramie), (We Do Recover).

NA Recovery Birthdays: Lucretia M. – 3 yrs. Congratulations!!

Recognition of new groups: None

Approval of last month's minutes:

Lucretia M. moved to accept as amended / Crystal L. seconded / Motion carried unanimously. Page 7, Sharing Session, #1

"Currently there are women meetings in Ft. Collins, CO and at the women's prison in Lusk, WY as frequently as possible. Also there is a meeting for the men at the Laramie County jail, but so far no women's meeting and one women's meeting as frequently as possible.

Opening Treasurers report: Given by Crystal L. for Willy O.

Beginning Balance: Ledger = \$2,467.90 Bank = \$2,537.90 +\$70.00 balance.

PR/H&I component – At this point we diverged from the agenda to hear from a member who had to leave early. Gail W. reported that Karla Moore from Carey Jr. High has once again requested volunteers from NA to speak at panels before the classes on Nov. 27th & 28th. Gail told us what was expected and passed around a sign-up sheet. Thank you much.

Break: 2:06 - 2:16 pm

Officers Reports:

Chair: Report given and filed as follows:

Fellow A.S.C. Members

I am looking forward to serving this Area & would like to take this time to remind you all that this is our area & it is going to be up to the groups in this area to support this body financially & with personnel.

G.S.R'S it looks to me like you are all doing a great job of taking information back to your groups. Keep it up.

If anyone has any ideas that will help this area be of better service to the groups please let this body know & know that I am here to help carry the message of NA.

The Chair's account balance is at \$100.00

In Loving Service Ray B.

Vice-Chair: Vacant

Treasurer: Report given by Crystal L. and filed as follows:

Crystal reported that Willy O., the RCM & acting Treasurer, has been having some health issues that prevented him from attending today. He gave her all of the treasury materials, but didn't indicate if he would be able to continue or if he would have to resign.

Secretary: Report given orally only:

The area meeting list has been updated based on information received at the last ASC meeting on the sign-in sheet and in group reports. This list has also been updated on the web site. 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 <u>only!</u> It is provided so that trusted servants can get in touch with other trusted servants should the need arise.

Since September 1 is the beginning of our fiscal year all of last year's amendments to the Guidelines, found in Article 14, have been incorporated into the newest version of the Guidelines and are available here today and are posted on the web site. A new Article 14 has also been produced. This is updated quarterly.

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: Absent

RCM 2: Nothing to report since there hasn't been a regional meeting since the last ASC meeting.

NOTE: The RSC minutes are available on the region web site at www.urmrna.org .

RDA Report: None

Group Reports:

Footsteps in Recovery: Absent

Concerns: Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

On Life's Terms: Absent

Concerns: Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

Clean & Free:

Concerns: None

Needs:

Votes and /or motions: None 7th Tradition: \$15.00 Other:

Vision of Hope:

Concerns:

Needs: Literature person to show up to area.

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: \$18 Other:

Saturday Nite Live:

Concerns: None at this time.

Needs: Service members and literature.

Votes and /or motions: None 7th Tradition: \$50.00 Other:

Clean & Serene:

Concerns: Treasury not balanced. No GSRA after annual elections one week ago. All other positions

filled with new members.

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: Approve policy change, re. check writing.

7th Tradition: \$13.00 Other:

Live from Laramie: Absent

Concerns: Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

Free Bird:

Concerns: None Needs: Literature

Votes and /or motions: All positions are filled.

7th Tradition: \$20.00 Other:

Staying Clean in Sidney (given by Secretary)

Concerns: Participation of current GSR.

Needs: Some literature. Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: 0 Other:

We Do Recover (Torrington) Absent

Concerns: Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

Sub-Committee reports:

Activities/UD: Report given as follows:

There is going to be a "Harvest Gathering" celebration in recovery planned for Nov. 10, 2007 at the LCCC. A flier will be forthcoming, made available to the secretary and the webservant for posting.

Richard M. will check with the YMCA in Scottsbluff about a possible spot for the next Unity Days.

The next regular Activities Subcommittee meeting will be on Oct. 20th at Shari's on E. Lincoln Way at 9:30 pm.

PR:

H&I component:

Richard M. brought applications for the Scotts Bluff County corrections. When turning them in it helps to attach a photo copy of the applicants driver's license and social security card.

With the new facility several new procedures are being implemented. There will be separate sections for the adult men, adult women, and juveniles. The director is asking for NA meetings to be brought in as often as possible and gender will not be an issue. Men may attend women meetings and women may attend the men's meetings.

Also see the amended minutes section earlier in these minutes for other jail meeting activity.

PI component:

At least one new publication is available from the NAWS web site on the Public Relations page at www.na.org/basic.htm "Information About NA."

Web site: Meeting lists have been updated, the ASC page updated, new Guidelines uploaded and latest minutes have been posted. Again, due to illness, the site has not been redesigned.

Phoneline: No report.

Literature: Report given as follows:

Richard reported that of the five service pamphlets introduced at the last ASC meeting, NAWS has had to pull the first one, "An Introduction to NA Meetings" because of concern over the definition for clean. This information was found in the recent September 2007 edition of the NAWS News.

Break: none

Sharing Session:

- 1) There has been little or no communication with the Literature Chair. Since we haven't had any literature for three months (remember the ASC meeting for one month was cancel) all of the Cheyenne groups are in desperate need of literature. Without knowing anything about Alicia's circumstances and not making any assumptions or judgements, the fact is that we need literature and someone who will be able to bring it to, or at least see to it that it is brought to, each ASC meeting. So we can have the literature available we probably should find a replacement and then Alicia can focus on recovery and what ever has kept her from coming.
- 2) NA Way Ray B. has some back issues of the NA Way and will see that they are distributed. Richard M. will get with NAWS and see if he can get the mailing address changed for the Clean & Serene group and while he is at it try to get the info on the NAWS web site meeting list updated.
- 3) The activities chair would like to know if the Area or just the Cheyenne groups would like to plan and host a New Year's Bash. GSRs please ask your groups about this.

Old Business: Tended to in sharing session or will be done in motions.

New Business:

Motions ~ #1 Up to \$50 for decorations [fall type for Harvest Gathering].

Intent: To better provide an atmosphere of recovery in celebration.

Carried unanimously.

#2 Insert in Guidelines on pg 8 after last item on list:

"All checks will be filled out to the payee, with two signatures, before leaving the WBASC meeting."

Intent: Avoid misuse of checks.

Carried unanimously.

#3 To remove Literature Chair from roster, obtain all literature stock, & proceed w/ finding another Literature Chair.

Intent: Allow current chair the opportunity for personal growth and re-establish literature availability for the ASC groups.

Carried unanimously.

Elections ~

Vice-chair – Qualifications and duties read. Robert K. volunteered. After some discussion it was decided unanimously to encourage Robert to continue attending ASC meetings and gain more familiarity with area service. So we are still looking for a vice-chair.

Treasurer – No nominations or volunteers.

At the next ASC meeting we will need to elect a vice-chair, treasurer, literature chair, secretary and maybe a RCM. It was unclear, at this meeting, if Willy O. was having to resign or if he simply gave the treasury materials to Crystal for use at this meeting and then he would be back later.

Disbursements: Quest = ???? (No disbursement form available.)

Closing Treasury balance: Ledger = \$2,571.92 (After adding \$116 7th tradition donations and subtracting the Quest bill [no disbursement form available])

Area 7th Tradition of \$18.03 to: SNL

Next mtg: Sidney, NE on November 11, 2007 Exact location will be posted on the web site.

Adjourned at 4:05 pm.

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Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee

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Date: Dec. 16, 2007 Time: 1:03 pm Location: Scottsbluff, NE

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

Chris B. read the 12 Traditions of N.A. Misty W. read the 12 Concepts of N.A. Tara T. read the 12 Values of WBASC

Group Response to Concept 4 & Question 4 from last meeting: [Will be in addendum to minutes next month.]

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.

Reading/Study/Discussion of Concept _5_ using chapter questions.

[Will be in addendum to minutes next month.]

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?
- 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?

Roll Call: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, RCM, Literature Chair, Webservant

GSR, Alternates and guests: Willy O. (GSR – Clean and Free), Crystal L. (GSR – (Vision of Hope), Mistie W. (GSRA – Saturday Nite Live), Richard M. & Michelle H. (GSR & GSRA – Clean & Serene), Chris B. (GSR – Live from Laramie), Lucretia M.(GSR – Free Bird), Tara T. (GSR – Staying Clean in Sidney), Angie O. & Juan P.

Absent: Vice Chair, 2nd RCM (vacant),PR Chair, Activities/UD Chair,(Footsteps in Recovery), (On Life's Terms), (We Do Recover).

NA Recovery Birthdays: Michelle H. 3 mths. & Juan P. 17 mths. Congratulations!!!

Recognition of new groups: NONE Approval of last month's minutes:

Lucretia M. moved & Tara T. seconded the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carries unanimously.

Opening Treasurers report:

Beginning Balance: \$2,502.81

Break: 1:31 – 1:41 pm

Officers Reports:

Chair: Report given and filed as follows:

I would like to thank all for helping this to be a great area to be of service to. It seems that we should try a little harder to communicate between each other when we are planning activities. I will be working on getting the trusted servants on the checking account so that we can do business better at area. As always I will make myself available for anyone that needs my help. My balance for the chair position stands at \$100.00.

In Loving Service Ray B.

Vice-Chair: Absent.

Treasurer: Report given and filed as follows:

Hello Friends.

I am glad to be here clean. Hope everyone is doing well. I apologize for being so disorganized today. There are some changes going on in my life. However they are good changes. According to the bank statement our balance is \$2890.46. Although there are several checks that have yet to clear the bank.

CK#	Amount	Payable to	Balance
		-	\$2890.46
1230	\$118.00	Trails West	\$2772.46
1232	\$ 27.68	Mark T.	\$2744.78
1234	\$197.37	NAWS	\$2547.41
1235	\$ 12.64	Freedom Voice	\$2536.77 [\$2534.77]
1236	\$ 25.96	Quest	\$2508.81
	\$ 6.00	Service Charge	\$2502.81

A deposit of \$663.37 for the month of November.

Check #1233 was voided and replaced with check #1236.

Thank you all very much.

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 <u>only!</u> 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 as follows:

Nothing to report since last ASC meeting. Willy let us know that he may have to resign his position due to his job – he will know more by the next meeting. We were also reminded of the next regional meeting which would occur in conjunction with the "Homegroup Funshop" in Casper on February 2, 2008. A flyer will be available at the next ASC meeting.

RCM 2: Vacant

RDA Report: None

Group Reports:

Footsteps in Recovery: Absent

Concerns: Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

On Life's Terms: Absent

Concerns: Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

Clean & Free:

Concerns: Trusted servants not showing up to business meeting.

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: ---

7th Tradition: 0 Other: None

Vision of Hope:

Concerns: Needs info.

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$10.00 Other: None

Saturday Nite Live:

Concerns: None Needs: Literature

Votes and /or motions: --

7th Tradition: \$30.00 Other: None

Clean & Serene:

Concerns: None Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: ---

7th Tradition: \$11.00 Other: The group is slowly getting the treasury straightened out and there is

increased trusted servant participation. Also the Manic Mondays, women only, NA group, who meet at the Clean & Serene meeting hall, would like to

have their meeting listed on the area web site and meeting list.

Live from Laramie:

Concerns:

Needs: Dedicated, responsible trusted servants.

Votes and /or motions: --

7th Tradition: \$45.00 & \$40.50 to the RSC. Other:

Free Bird:

Concerns: None Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: --

7th Tradition: \$25.00 Other:

Staying Clean in Sidney

Concerns: New Year's Eve bash – is area participating? The activities chair seems to be AWOL.

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: --

7th Tradition: \$10.00 Other:

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:

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

To: Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee

From: Craig H., Chairperson Live from Laramie Camp-out

Re: Reimbursement Request\

I would like to request reimbursement for the reservation of the campsite for the 4th annual Live from Laramie/Wyo-Braska campout. This campout is scheduled for Friday June 13, 2008 at 2:00 pm thru Sunday June 15 at 2:00 pm. The cost of the reservation was \$99.00. Please make the check payable to Craig H.

Thank you, Craig H.

New Year's Eve bash in Sidney. Tara T. from Sidney expressed concern that little, if anything had yet to be done in planning for the event. The Sidney group had gotten together and were supposed to meet with Mark T. and make plans. Mark didn't make it so there was some discussion of what could be done. In the event that the activities chair was still unavailable, which he isn't, she is going to get with Richard M. and get a flyer made and distributed.

UNITY DAYS update. (Will be included in addendum at later date.)

PR:

H&I component: Nothing much new to report.

PI component: Nothing much new to report – see below.

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.

Literature: New chair is getting settled in and organizing herself. More next month.

Break: 2:45 - 2:55 pm

Sharing Session: [Will be in addendum to minutes next month.]

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2)

3)

Old Business: [Will be in addendum to minutes next month.]

New Business:

1) Including the Manic Mondays NA group meetings in Scottsbluff, NE on area web site and meeting list. [Will be in addendum to minutes next month.]

Motions ~ #1 To declare PR Chair open.

Intent: make available to nomination & vote. Carries unanimously.

#2 [Pay] deposit [\$50.00] for shelter house in Sidney.

Intent: Reimbursement for deposit to Tara T. for New Year's bash. Carries unanimously.

#3 Reimburse Craig H. \$99.00 for LFL - WBA[SC] CO [campout]

Intent: Fiscal responsibility. Carries Unanimously.

#4 To increase Unity Days reservation fees and facility rent from \$590 total to \$744.80 & issue another check for \$30.96 to cover the difference between what was authorized (\$118) & what's now needed based on new info.

Intent: Support a 3 day mini-campvention recovery celebration. Carries unanimously.

5 To discourage region from having 5 meetings a yr. and leave it at status quo.

Intent: Limit potentially non-productive meeting at additional expense. Carries unanimously.

Elections ~ RCM2 – Chris B. volunteered and qualified himself. Due to previous service there was little discussion and no objections w/ only 1 abstaining. Welcome back to area service!!!

GSRs, we need a PR Chair to be elected at next meeting.

Disbursements:

Craig H. Reimbursement for LFL

2008 campout reservation. \$99.00

Cheyenne Cnty. Community Center

Deposit for New Year's bash. \$50.00

Trails West YMCA Camp

Rest of deposit for Unity Days 2008 \$30.96

Closing Treasury balance: \$2,490.70

(Except for \$50.00 for the CCCC deposit which is supposed to be refunded us as long as there is no damage.)

Area 7th Tradition of \$19.30 to: C&S

Next mtg: Laramie 1215 E. Gibbon St., Jan. 13, 2008 @ 1:00 pm.

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