

Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee

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Date: January 11, 2009 Time: 1:09 pm Location: Laramie, WY

Ray B. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
Willy O. read the 12 Traditions of N.A.
Gail W. read the 12 Concepts of N.A.
Richard M. read the 12 Values of the WBASC

Group Response to Concept _4_ & Question _2_ from last meeting:

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

The trust necessary to confidently delegate authority is founded on the careful selection of trusted servants. Leadership is very important to the welfare of our fellowship. True, our leaders are but trusted servants, not governors; yet we also expect our trusted servants to lead us. If we select them carefully, we can confidently allow them to do so. The essay on this concept describes an array of leadership qualities to be considered when selecting trusted servants.

Study and discussion question:

2. Does your group have leaders? If so, who are they? In what sense can they be called "leaders"? Could your group do without leaders? Could a service board or committee do without leaders?

C&S – Yes. Whoever chairs a meeting and keeps the focus on recovery, otherwise any trusted servants. They can be called leaders because they lead by exhibiting desired behaviors – they lead by example. No way could we function without members accepting responsibilities to get things done that need done. Without leaders there would be chaos and little or nothing might get done.

Most members of service committees, by the nature of the committee itself, are leaders.

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

*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?

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

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?

In one instance another member undertook a task that had been assigned to another without any communication. This resulted in some unnecessary confusion even though the task was accomplished.

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?

Either all of them or none of them. A true NA service catch 22.

Roll Call: Chair, Secretary (acting), RCM, RCM2, PR Chair, Literature Chair, Activities Chair, Webservant

GSR, Alternates and guests: Deb B. (GSR – On Life’s Terms), Willy O. (GSR – Clean and Free), Ray B. (GSR – Vision of Hope), Mistie W. (GSR – Saturday Nite Live), Scott M. (GSR – Clean & Serene), Mac B. & Rory G. (GSR & Treasurer – Live from Laramie) Jason K. & Brett.

Absent: Vice Chair, Treasurer (vacant), UD Chair (vacant), & Staying Clean in Sidney.

NA Recovery Birthdays: Jason K. – 6 mths. & Brett – 6 mths. Congratulations all !!!!!

Recognition of new groups: See Secretary’s report.

Approval of last month’s minutes:

Gail W. moved and Misty W. 2nd the motion to accept the minutes as presented – carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Beginning Balance: \$3160.91

Serenity Break: 1:35 – 1:50 pm

Officers Reports:

Chair: Given and filed as follows:

Hello A.S.C. members & friends,

Welcome back. Hope your holiday season went well, it did for me. Glad the weather turned favorable this weekend so that we can get on with some business. If we stay on track we can still be done on time. I would like to remind this body to place principles before personalities & also the importance of knowing your duties & following through. I attended both the events this area hosted & I had a great time. Good job for all that helped in putting them together. The Chair’s account balance stands at \$100.00.

In loving service
Ray B

Vice-Chair: Given by Ray and filed as follows:

Hello Family,

Sorry that I could not be there today.

I want to remind you that our main function as a committee is to take to the region what the groups in our area would like to be happening within our region. I received an e-mail from a member in the Wyo-western area about our region’s convention and how they would like the region to consider in the tough economic times since Wyo-Braska and central area have brought in the most at this function that they consider having it rotate between those two areas. I would like GSRs to take these kind of things in consideration and give our RCM some direction for the region’s discussion on these kind of issues. The region will meet before we do again. If there is anything you need me to do, please contact me by phone or e-mail.

In Loving Service
Les F.

Treasurer: Vacant. Willie O. is in the process of reconciling our records with bank statements, but does report the following:

Ck # 1348 Freedom Voice	\$13.21
Ck # 1349 Quest	\$12.96
Nov. service charge	\$ 6.00
Dec. service charge	\$ 6.00

Secretary: Report given & filed as follows:

Hey all,

The contact and meeting lists have been updated with info taken off of the sign-in sheet as well as the group report forms and corrections given to me at the last meeting. If any of this info is illegible then the list won't be right so please print clearly. Also, everyone please check your information to make sure it is accurate and up to date. Because the contact list has more personal information on it, it will not be posted on the web site or anywhere else. Its purpose is for ease of communication among members of the area. It is intended for internal use only.

Again, thank you for typing up your reports. I'm sure the next secretary will appreciate it too. It does really make it handy to scan the reports and insert into the minutes.

After I e-mailed the last minutes out I received a response from the Chadron, NE folks who have decided to avail themselves of the area services from South Dakota mainly because to the travel distance.

Budget remains at \$125.

ILS

Richard

RCM: Given and filed as follows:

Hello,

Wyo-Braska area held another successful fundraiser on New Year's & all proceeds went to URMRCNA – \$440. Next month is the region meeting (Feb 7th). We will be electing next year's convention chair @ this time.

In Loving Service
Willy O.

RCM 2:

Mac B. stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

Group Reports:

On Life's Terms:

Concerns: Would like to see GSR Deb B.s e-mail on the Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee [contact list]

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: Nov. – \$47.78, Dec. – \$39.86 Other: None

Clean & Free:

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: 0 Other: None

Vision of Hope:

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$30.00 Other: None

Saturday Nite Live:

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$50.00 Other: None

Clean & Serene:

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$30.00 Other: None

Live from Laramie:

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$34.59 Other: \$27.67 to URMRS

Free Bird:

Concerns: None

Needs: People to support service.

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$30.00 Other: None

Staying Clean in Sidney: Absent

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: 0 Other: None

Sub-Committee reports:

Activities: Submitted and filed as follows:

The totes have been delivered, inventoried and sorted out and now reside in Ray's garage along with the podium. There are plenty of supplies except for forks and spoons, which need to be purchased before the next event. The excess decorations for New Years were thrown away as they were old and been recycled too many times, so when the time comes to put on another event for New Years, the decorations will need to be replaced. There are plenty of decorations for Valentines Day.

Speaking of Valentines Day, the convention committee has asked the activities for area if they could put on another fundraiser event in cooperation with area as the last two events have been very successful. This request will come in the form of a motion today. Another form of a motion will be that area donates the supplies used to date and further supplies to be used to the convention committee instead of the convention replenishing the supplies at the end of fundraising events. We can bring this up in sharing if need be.

The New Years party was fun; we had about 20 addicts from the Off the Wall Area join in the celebration and have been asked to attend their dance next Saturday the 17th. I would strongly encourage as many of us as possible to attend as it promotes the unity and fellowship that N.A. has to offer.

Thanks for allowing me to serve.

JFT-
Gail W
WBASC Activities Chair

UD: vacant

PR: Given and filed as follows:

The PI panel on December 15 and 16 went very well with 10 addicts from all over the Wyo-Braska area sharing their experiences of addiction and recovery to about 200 students at Carey JR High in Cheyenne. I brought 15 copies each of the pamphlets: By young addicts for young addicts, Welcome to NA, and Am I an addict. By the end of day one there were very few left. I ordered 15 more of each and Jason will deliver those pamphlets and 15 meeting schedules to the school.

Tommy O has assured me that the phone line will be updated today to reflect changes in meetings in Scottsbluff and to correct info for Laramie.

I received a reply form Corporal Wilken in the Albany County Jail and there are 2 basic texts and 20 introduction to NA books in there; also they have some white booklets which are not allowed in because of the staples. I will be trying to pick those up so perhaps we could use them somewhere else. We still have a need for volunteers for jail meetings in Laramie and when I talked to Steve in Cheyenne last month he told me the situation is the same there.

Rory G.

H&I component: See above.

PI component: See above.

Phoneline: See above.

Web site: Given and filed as follows:

Hey All,

General – The online meeting list and the printable Winter 2008 meeting list are both updated. Please check them to make sure they are accurate. Information is taken from the group report forms so if these are inaccurate the web site will be inaccurate. The latest minutes and guidelines are also available.

Remember, GSRs can download motion, disbursement and report forms from the “Archives” page.

NOTE: In order to open these PDF files the free Adobe Reader 5.0 or greater is needed.

I received a couple more e-mails requesting reciprocal web site linking. However, neither were official NA web sites so I cannot add their links to our site as per NAWS bulletins and our web site guidelines. We cannot prevent others from linking to us – we just can't link to them unless they are NA and comply with traditions and guidelines.

Technical – In December we had 2208 hits representing 562 hits for the month of November. This past month, December, we recorded 2740 up another 532 hits. Within the last seven months we have fairly consistently exceeded 500 hits each month except October which was still respectable at 454.

As part of an annual review I checked out our search engine results placement when certain key words were entered into each of four major search engines – Google, Yahoo, Alta Vista and Dogpile. Dogpile is actually a search engine that compiles listing from several other engines so by using this search a more complete, overall picture of our placement can be assessed.

Of course when Wyo-Braska NA, or Narcotics Anonymous, was used we were at the top of the search results, but those looking for a meeting are more likely to use either Wyoming or Nebraska NA so these terms were used in the search engines as well. As mentioned above, several professional and self-help web sites link to our site so in the following list I have listed these sites first and official NA web sites second.

Key Word	Google	Yahoo	Alta Vista	Dogpile
Wyoming NA	#3 listing #2 official NA listing	#5 listing #2 official NA listing	#5 listing #2 official NA listing	#5 listing #2 official NA listing
Nebraska NA	#5 listing #4 official NA listing	#7 listing #4 official NA listing	#7 listing #5 official NA listing	#9 listing #5 official NA listing

In most cases, when Wyoming NA was used as the key word, the Wyoming Western area web site returned as one of the first search results and when Nebraska NA was used Nebraska region or area web sites came up first. Our placement high on each list, regardless the key words, indicate that the html coding used in our invisible header is doing its job and this in spite of the lack of specific meta tags. So, in short, anyone looking for a meeting within our area will find it.

FINANCIAL: All fees paid for through September 2009

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: Mistie W. reported sales of \$288.78 and will be placing an order for \$517.75. The order reflects the purchase of 25 6th edition *Basic Texts* in order to supply an increased demand for the new books. Hence, there is no 3% going from sales into the general fund.

Lookin' good! Thank you Mistie.

Break: 2:17 – 2:30 pm

Sharing Session:

- 1) LFL campout – Craig H. is going to be reserving the Pole Creek camp ground. The state was not excepting any reservations until after January 1.
- 2) Unity Days – Ray B. appointed Mac B. as Unity Days chair. Mac will get with Craig and check out plans for a Pole Creek campout and he will also explore the Oliver Reservoir west of Kimball, Neb. and a lake near Hawk Springs, WY. The Hawk Springs lake may work if the facilities and landscaping are suitable. It is a little further north and maybe a bit more centrally located and it is lower in elevation for those with problems with higher locations.
- 3) Valentine's Day events – Misty W. Is going to check with LCCC as a location for a Cheyenne dance and then members from Cheyenne groups will put together a URMRCNA fundraiser/dance. Scottsbluff already has a dance planned (fliers available) and will be voting at the Feb. group service meeting on making it a convention fundraiser or not. By putting on two dances it was thought that more people would likely attend their respective events and therefore end up with more fun by more.
- 4) E-mail from Tony S. re. URMRCNA

In looking at the bigger picture of NA and this region and thinking of the 10th Annual Regional Convention coming up which by the way is a big accomplishment. Several ideas and facts came to me today so I will share them with you so you can have something to think about in the new year.

The potentially tough economical times facing our society and our NA members it is going to be tough for our NA groups and meetings in supporting the NA service structure. Though this is nothing new to us it is and has been and is a real issue.

I got off the topic well dam.

Back on track. Just the facts ma'm

The URMRCNA rotates to a different area every year. It is a Regional Convention. So it is the RSC's full responsibility and not any one ASC's responsibility to host it alone. The URMRCNA convention committees have all been successful in their efforts to put on the past 9 conventions growing through many difficult situations. Traveling many miles to committee mtgs. An working very hard to put this function on.

Would a change be in order?

The conventions held in Casper and Cheyenne areas have had the most attendance and have seemd to come out in the black financially more so. That is not to say that the other conventions did not do good job or did not provide just as good of recovery mtgs and functions. We now have a working draft of URMRCNA guidelines to follow

Question Would centralizing the convention on probrationary basis 2-3 year peroid in the Central Area or the Wyo- Braska Area Cheyenne be an idea for discussion?

PRO.1 This would eliminate some travel costs for committe members. And having to travel in bad weather long distances.

PRO. 2. It would in time allow committees to do better job in accomplishing their tasks related to the convention this would not mean we would have ingrained service committee but better rotation of servants as the Local guide to Service says we need to keep that in mind always. In past each new committe was starting over with members who really did not know how much work and commitment this task for hosting a convention is. That doesn't mean new people should not get involved We would still need members from other areas to serve.

PRO 3. Casper and Cheyenne also have more large hotels to host the convention and have major airports. Plus travel on interstates is a plus.

PRO 4. It would allow the RSC and the Convention Chair to get the committee up and running sooner giving the committee better chance to get flyers out sooner and the other tasks involved. This the type of committe that does need organization and accountability.

CON 1. The convention would become centralized in the Central and Wyo-Braska areas. Out lying Areas and the NA members there would have to travel to those towns to serve on the committee. NA members would have travel to the convention to support it. A pro to that would be chance to get away and go to the big city plan a family weekend etc. Eat at some good resturants.

CON.2 The convention becoming burden on the Central or Wyo Braska Areas. Taking Trusted servants away from H&I PR and group ASC service. This I have observed has happend to the outlying Areas that have been hosting the URMRCNA. Would it become a problem in these two Areas?

CON3. If our NA groups and NA meetings are not strong than having a NA convention in Area that is struggling is not going to solve the problem its going increase the problem. The idea that the convention will be an asset to a area"s growth is a legit point on the the other hand it could also be a negative thing. Keeping in mind to ask addicts from out lying areas to come and share would still be very important thing to practice.

So think about this and talk to other NA members to get more info. Please do not reply or send me an email on this. Discuss it with your trusted servants. That's why you elected them to serve your NA fellowship. And if you forward this to 7 of your NA friends immediately you still will only be promised freedom from active addiction Just for Today. I don't have 7 NA friends so I am shit out of luck.

Love and service Tony S

- 5) Greeley, Off the Wall area functions – We had a great turnout at the New Year's event from Greeley members with around 20 making the trip. It would be nice to reciprocate by having a couple of car loads make the trip to Greeley for a Valentine's event they have sent fliers for. Heck, some adventurers could hit the Greeley shindig and then head back to Cheyenne to finish off the evening.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Motions ~ Motion #1 (Hold) Valentine's Day party with convention (URMRCNA X) committee.
Intent: To join forces w/ convention committee to put on another convention fundraiser.
Passed unanimously

Motion #2 To donate all supplies used so far & in the future to the convention for use.

Intent: To assist in putting on the convention.

Ruled out of order simply because the totes are to be restocked from an event's proceeds before final disbursement of funds.

Elections ~

Secretary – Misty nominated Deb who respectfully declined at this time. Jason K. was nominated but with less than 18 months clean time and minimal service experience and understanding of the Twelve Traditions and concepts of NA service it was suggested that maybe he could work with Richard for a while to learn the duties and responsibilities and then decide from there. Current secretary to continue filling in. Otherwise position is again tabled.

Treasurer – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled

Disbursements:

Ck # 1347 – ?????

Ck # 1350 – URMRS – cash in and check out \$27.67

Ck # 1351 – Voided

Ck # 1352 – Meeting announcement for *Branding Iron* \$ 4.20

Ck # 1353 – NAWS for literature order \$517.75

Ck # 1354 – 1st United Methodist for meeting rent \$ 20.00

Transferred \$11.22 from PR to literature for pamphlets.

Will postpone NAWS donation until treasury straightened out next month.

Closing Treasury balance: \$3,143.79

Area 7th Tradition of **\$26.00** to LFL

Adjourned at 3:30 pm

Next mtg: February 8, 2009 – 1pm @ LCCC, rm 336, Cheyenne, WY

WBASC/rlm

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Date: February 8, 2009 Time: 1:07 pm Location: Cheyenne, WY

Ray B. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
Willy O. read the 12 Traditions of N.A.
Gail W. read the 12 Concepts of N.A.
Richard M. read the 12 Values of the WBASC

Group Response to Concept _5_ & Question _1_ from last meeting:

*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.

1. Does your group assign particular tasks to particular people? Does this help ensure that important jobs actually get done?

Most members volunteer, as opposed to being assigned, and by virtue of the nature of volunteering tasks are responsibly completed.

Reading/Study/Discussion of Concept _6_ using chapter questions.

This month the Vice-chair wanted to try something a little different with the concept study. In recent months there has been little feedback on questions sent to the groups. So, rather than send a question back to the groups for input he would like for the GSRs to ask their groups if they feel the concept studies are beneficial and if there is something the groups would like the area service committee to do in addition to or instead of the usual study. So GSRs – please present this to your groups and see what they say.

Group conscience is the spiritual means by which we invite a loving God to influence our decisions.

Group conscience is the means by which we bring the spiritual awakening of the Twelve Steps to bear in making service-related decisions. It is fundamental to our fellowship's decision-making process. It is not, however, merely a euphemism for "voting" and is not itself the NA decision-making process.

Study and discussion questions

1. What do we mean when we say that NA is a spiritual society? Does a spiritual society approach the decision-making process differently than other organizations?

We have a disease of the spirit therefore a need for a spiritual solution. With spirituality there is no room for conflict. Because of this we do make decisions differently than other organizations. In theory, at least, we try to make our decisions based on the spiritual principle of conscience rather than popularity or personalities.

2. Is "group conscience" just NA's way of saying "voting"? (As in, "Let's take a group conscience on that.") In what way is group conscience distinct from our decision-making process? In what way is group conscience a fundamental *part* of that process?

No – group conscience is not necessarily the same as a group vote. A vote is based on spiritual guidance.

3. Read NA's Second Tradition. Does the Sixth Concept conflict with the Second Tradition, or help clarify it?

It helps clarify it especially if our leaders are servants to a Higher Power or listen to their consciences.

4. Read NA's Twelfth Tradition. How does the practice of the Sixth Concept help us focus on "principles, not personalities" when we make service decisions?

It depends upon the person and where (s)he may be in recovery spiritually, but if one is in a good place spiritually then letting the conscience be the guiding force behind decisions leaves little room for personalities to enter. The Sixth Concept acts as a checks and balance for the Twelfth Tradition and vice versa.

5. Besides decision making, in what other areas of our fellowship's life can we see group conscience at work?

It may be present in all areas. When we unite in a meeting or any other function. When we do the right thing for the right reason.

Roll Call: Vice Chair, Secretary (acting), RCM, RCM2, PR Chair, Literature Chair, Activities Chair, UD Chair, Webservant

GSR, Alternates and guests: Willy O. (GSR – Clean and Free), Mistie W. (GSR – Saturday Nite Live), Scott M. (GSR – Clean & Serene), Rory G. (Treasurer – Live from Laramie), Jason K. (GSR – Free Bird), Adam M., Rick M., Trevor P., & Samantha W.

Absent: Chair, Treasurer (vacant), On Life's Terms, Vision of Hope & Staying Clean in Sidney.

NA Recovery Birthdays: Gail W. – 12 yrs., Richard M. – 5 yrs, & Mac B. 3 yrs. Congratulations all !!!!!!!

Recognition of new groups: None

Approval of last month's minutes:

Disbursements corrected as follows:

Ck # 1347 – Nov. NAWS Literature order	\$167.75
Ck # 1348 – Void	
Ck # 1349 – Void	
Ck # 1350 – Void	
Ck # 1351 – Void	
Ck # 1352 – Meeting announcement for <i>Branding Iron</i>	\$ 4.20
Ck # 1353 – Quest	\$ 39.68
Ck # 1354 – 1 st United Methodist for meeting rent	\$ 20.00
Ck # 1355 – Jan. NAWS Literature order	\$517.75 (extra 6 th ed. <i>Basic Texts</i>)
Ck # 1356 – Freedom Voice	\$ 25.48
Ck # 1357 – URMRS cash in check out	\$ 27.67
Service Charge	\$ 6.00

Closing treasurers balance = \$3,104.80

Rory G. moved and Willy O.. 2nd the motion to accept the minutes as amended – carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Beginning Balance: \$3,104.80

Serenity Break: 1:59 – 2:09 pm

Officers Reports:

Chair: Given by Vice Chair and filed as follows:

Hello fellow A.S.C. members & guests

I will leave you in the capable hands of Les & I will see you all next week at least some of you if not I will see you next month take care & remember we all need each other so be good to one another Chairs balance stands at \$ 100.00.

In loving service
Ray B.

Vice-Chair: Given and filed as follows:

Hello Everyone,

I was in Casper yesterday for the Regional Service Committee and my report isn't going to be all about that, that's the RCMs report, but there was a lot that happened that really makes me think about NA as a whole and my service commitments and how I conduct myself. Plus when I make a long road trip and am by myself, and God only, good things seem to take over my spirit. So I hope we get some constructive things done today for all the groups in our area.

We are the hosting Area for this year's convention and the hotel we signed contracts with to host the event has been in the local paper a lot. With legal because of financial difficulties. And the Region's comfortable with our handling of the situation. So as chair of the event I just wanted to thank you all for your support. And ask everyone to attend if they can the Valentine's fundraiser here next Saturday. At this time we are not looking for a different place to have the convention but will have a contingency plan, should we need it. I encourage everyone to ignore the media and register if you can because there is going to be one very nice convention here on May 15, 16 and 17th.

In service for the love of it.
Les F.

Treasurer: Vacant. Willie O. is in the process of reconciling our records with bank statements, and keeping up.

Secretary: Report given & filed as follows:

Hey all,

Not much to report this month. The contact and meeting lists have been updated with info taken off of the sign-in sheet as well as the group report forms and corrections given to me at the last meeting. If any of this info is illegible then the list won't be right so please print clearly.

Also, everyone please check your information to make sure it is accurate and up to date. As a reminder, because the contact list has personal information on it, it will not be posted on the web site or anywhere else. Its purpose is for ease of communication among members of the area. It is intended for internal use only.

Copies of the guidelines, values, contact lists, meeting lists, order of annual elections and all other forms have been printed out and available here today.

Again, thank you for typing up your reports. I'm sure the next secretary will appreciate it too. It does really make it handy to scan the reports and insert into the minutes.

I am submitting receipts for copy paper and printer ink, for reimbursement, totaling \$30.54. Budget remaining is \$94.46.

ILS
Richard

RCM: Given and filed as follows:

Hello Family,

I attended the URMRS meeting in Casper, Wyoming yesterday, Feb. 7, 2009. As usual I had a wonderful time during this meeting.

April's Region meeting will be the Regional Assembly. The assembly will be held in Powell, Wyoming on April 4, 2009 and there will be a function in Powell the night before the assembly. Karla will be making and distributing a flyer for this function soon.

Convention rotation was discussed and finally called out of order as it was not brought to the area by the group and then from an area to the region. The discussion was should the convention only rotate between Wyo-Braska and Central Wyoming areas. I would ask that this body vote on this matter so I have an answer for our area if this

comes up again at the regional level. Please keep in mind that the convention is a lot of work when voting on this matter.

Scott from Casper has been elected as the new URMRSCTreasurer and Jim from Evanston has been elected as the URMRSCTreasurer. All positions at the regional level are now filled.

The financial difficulties at Hitching Post Inn were discussed. The direction given by the regional body was that if Will and Les believe that the HP will survive they believe we should move forward with the convention as planned.

Upcoming events for the region are, of course, the two Valentine's Day functions here in our Area. Western Wyoming is also holding a Valentine's Day function.

The "Hope not Dope group in Rawlins, Wyoming is looking for speakers for the last Sunday of every month. The group's phone number is 307-324-5431.

The meetings in the Cheyenne area have recently become quite large. What I know coming from an area in the past with large meetings is that is very important to refrain from side tale. If you are talking to the person next to you and the person on the other side of you needs to hear the message, guess what? He/she can't hear the message even if you are whispering. I have witnessed this in every meeting I attend. Please talk to your home group about this issue. Maybe this is my opinion and doesn't belong in this report, but oh well.

The region is going to appoint an ad hoc committee to do a regional inventory.

In Loving Service
Willy O.

RCM 2:

Mac B. added to Willy's report. There were five items presented to the region for consideration and this area may also want to discuss them. They are:

- 1) Handling grievances in a proper manner.
- 2) Waiving and changing guidelines
- 3) Prompt information for review
- 4) Service rotation
- 5) A service inventory for the URMRSCTreasurer

Group Reports:

On Life's Terms: Absent, but with a report which was forgotten by the one to present it.

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

Clean & Free:

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: 0 Other: None

Vision of Hope: Absent with no report.

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

Saturday Nite Live:

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$30.00 Other: None

Clean & Serene:

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

Live from Laramie:

Concerns: None
Needs: None
Votes and /or motions: None
7th Tradition: 0 Other: 0

Free Bird:

Concerns: None
Needs: Two *Basic Texts*
Votes and /or motions: None
7th Tradition: \$10.00 Other: None

Staying Clean in Sidney: Absent – Acting secretary had received an email from the GSRA a week after the last area meeting indicating that the Sidney group was ready to get back involved but nothing else has been heard from them.

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

Sub-Committee reports:

Activities: Submitted and filed as follows:

The Valentine’s Day party will be held at LCCC in the cafeteria on Feb 14th from 6-10 with potluck, bingo and fellowship. This committee respectfully asks that area committee members come and share why they love NA in an open microphone format. As most of the convention committee members also serve at the area level, this committee believes that by inviting committee members to share their love of NA would be fitting giving the party is a convention fundraiser, and may also help the addict struggling with service work to see the rewards. It may also attract volunteers to much needed service positions in regards to the area and convention.

This committee also respectfully requests 20.00 to purchase needed supplies for the totes mentioned previously last month.

Thanks for allowing me to serve.

JFT-
Gail W
WBASC Activities Chair

UD: Mac B. reported that the Pole Creek campground has been reserved for August 8 & 9th, 2009. He asked about referrals for some potential, motivational speakers and if we comp our quest speakers. Usually the only comp is the weekend registration and since Unity Days was begun to promote unity within our area, typically the speakers come from within the area or at least near by.

PR: Given and filed as follows:
Howdy,

Not much to report this month. Jason delivered the pamphlets and meeting schedules to Carey Junior High in Cheyenne. I have been in email contact with Corporal Wilken in the Albany County Jail about picking up the white booklets that are not allowed in the facility because of the staples.

Thank you much,
Rory

H&I component: See above.

PI component: See above.

Phoneline: See above.

Web site: Given and filed as follows:

Hey All,

General – The online meeting list and the printable Winter 2008 meeting list are both updated. Please check them to make sure they are accurate. Information is taken from the group report forms so if these are inaccurate the web site will be inaccurate. The latest minutes and guidelines are also available. I also posted fliers for the Valentine's Day events and updated the URMRCNA-X page with recently received minutes.

Remember, GSRs can download motion, disbursement and report forms from the "Archives" page.

NOTE: In order to open these PDF files the free Adobe Reader 5.0 or greater is needed.

I received an e-mail asking about the Unity Days campout already. I responded and let them know about the convention and will follow-up with an email when more info is available on Unity Days.

Technical – We recorded a total of 3250 hits on the web site for the last month. This represents 510 hits for the month. Still getting a significant amount of hits.

Financial: All fees paid for through September 2009

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: Mistie W. reported sales of \$77.95 and will be placing an order for only a few medallions, key tags and pamphlets for \$18.35. She is returning \$59.60 in 6th ed. *Basic Text* sales.

Lookin' good! Thank you Mistie.

Break: 2:44 – 2:55 pm

Sharing Session:

- 1) Relationship with the URMRS – Discussed what the Region does for us and how services could be improved. The Region puts on Regional Assemblies every April. On alternating years, a workshop of some form for and with GSRs and the next year a workshop on the Conference Agenda Report. They provide a liaison between our area service bodies and the World Service Conference. They also promote unity through a celebration of recovery at an annual convention that is hosted by areas around our region. And they will do whatever they can for us – we just need to ask. **What would we like from them??**

It was suggested that we could offer the Region the means and methods that have worked for us, i.e. minute preparation and distribution, treasury accounting and paper trails and the values we have adopted. All in the interest of improved communication. For instance, with the paper trail and minutes anyone reading our minutes can tell exactly what funds were brought in, from where and where everything goes. And then minutes are e-mailed (or snail mailed) to not only GSRs and the area service committee members, but to anyone requesting they be put on the address list. Further, the minutes are posted on the area web site within two or three weeks and sometimes sooner. This all improves communication.

- 2) Reimbursing hosting groups – Our host for the day asked if they could be reimbursed for some of the expenses incurred in provided a meeting place and refreshments. It was suggested that after we take a seventh tradition collection for the host group, receipts could be provided and, in the extended interest of self-support, the area could pay the remainder. See motions # 2 & 3.

Old Business:
None

New Business:

- Motions ~**
- Motion #1 Area reimburse [literature committee chair] to purchase a bigger rolling suitcase for carrying the literature.
Intent: Make it easier for Literature Chair to bring literature to area meeting.
Passed unanimously

 - Motion #2 Saturday Nite Live be reimbursed \$9.08
Intent: To cover difference of cost of food for Area meeting after 7th tradition.
Ruled out of order since Article 12 of the Area guidelines already provides for reimbursement of costs associated with renting a meeting spot and providing refreshments.

 - Motion #3 Policy [guidelines] change – reimbursing hosting groups for food provided for area meetings
Intent: To [de]fray costs of hosting groups.
Ruled out of order since Article 12 of the Area guidelines already provides for reimbursement of costs associated with renting a meeting spot and providing refreshments.

- Elections ~**
- Secretary – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled

 - Treasurer – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled

Disbursements:

Ck # 1357 – Meeting announcement for <i>Branding Iron</i>	\$ 4.20
Ck # 1358 – Acting Secretary for paper and ink.	\$ 30.54
Ck # 1359 – Activities Chair – supplies for totes	\$ 20.00
Ck # 1360 – NAWS for literature order	\$ 18.35
Ck # 1361 – RCM travel to Regional meeting	\$120.00
Cash out for hosting group	\$ 9.08
Bank service charge	\$ 6.00

Will postpone NAWS donation until treasury straightened out next month.

Closing Treasury balance: \$3,033.78

Area 7th Tradition of **\$28.00** to SNL
Adjourned at 3:43 pm
Next mtg: March 8, 2009 – 1pm @ 14 W. 17th St., Scottsbluff, NE

NOTE: Monthly rotation includes Sidney, Nebraska as the site for the March meeting. However since contact has been minimal in recent months we will designate Scottsbluff as the site and the acting secretary will get in touch with the Sidney folks to see if they can and will host the March meeting. If so an e-mail will be sent out notifying Area participants of the change and location for the Sidney meeting.

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Date: March 8, 2009 Time: 1:26 pm Location: Scottsbluff, NE

Ray B. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
Les F. read the 12 Traditions of N.A.
Rory G. read the 12 Concepts of N.A.
Richard M. read the 12 Values of the WBASC

Group Response to Concept Study from last meeting:

Last month the Vice-chair wanted to try something different with the concept study. In recent months there has been little feedback on questions sent to the groups. So, rather than send a question back to the groups for input he asked the GSRs to ask their groups if they feel the concept studies are beneficial and if there is something the groups would like the area service committee to do in addition to or instead of the usual study.

Richard M. from the Clean and Serene group shared that he chaired a "Beyond the Steps" meeting on Friday evenings where they studied the "Twelve Traditions" and the "Twelve Concepts for NA Services." The idea was to provide a forum for group trusted servants to learn about the traditions and concepts. It was thought that instead of taking up time during group business meetings, the concept questions could be discussed at the "Beyond the Steps" meeting. However, there has been little participation and those at the last meeting thought that the group ought to leave it as is with questions being discussed at the regular business meeting since there are usually more in attendance. It was also thought that perhaps the Area could put on a special workshop on the concepts and somehow make it attractive enough to draw a good group of trusted servants and maybe others.

As for the Clean and Serene group itself, the GSRA, Dan G., stated that those at the last business meeting were neither for nor against continuing the discussions. One Cheyenne group thought it was kind of okay, but there has been limited participation. The Laramie group doesn't have a GSR nor GSRA and are not doing the concept questions at this time.

Reading/Study/Discussion of Concept 7 using chapter questions.

Due to the small turn out and the relative familiarity of this concept by those present we decided by consensus to forgo the concept study this month and resume at the next ASC meeting.

Roll Call: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary (acting), PR Chair, Webservant

GSR, Alternates and guests: Ray B. (GSR –Vision of Hope), Dan G. (GSRA – Clean & Serene), Rory G. (Treasurer – Live from Laramie), Ray B. (Rep for – Free Bird), Richard M. (Rep for – Staying Clean in Sidney) Juan P., Crystal G. & Rick M.

Absent: Treasurer (vacant), RCM, RCM2, Literature Chair, Activities Chair, UD Chair, On Life's Terms, Clean and Free & Saturday Nite Live.

NA Recovery Birthdays: Rory G. – 3 yrs. & Rick M. – 9 yrs. Congratulations !!!!!!!

Recognition of new groups: None. Juan P. did report that the start-up group in Torrington, WY has had to suspend any meetings due to lack of participation.

Approval of last month's minutes:

Corrected as follows: Les F. opened not Ray B.
Les F. moved to accept as amended. Rory G. 2nd the motion – carries unanimously.

Treasurer's Beginning Balance: No acting treasure nor report available

Serenity Break: Skipped

Officers Reports:

Chair: Given and filed as follows:

Hello fellow ASC members – it is good to be back. Looks like Les F. did a great job in my absence. At this time I would like to remind the GSRs of how important it is to attend the workshop in April that will be hosted in Powell, WY. If at all possible I would encourage you to go up the night before so that you are well rested & can take in the information presented by our Regional Delegate – I'm sure it will be a great presentation. Also I attended the Feb. 14th event & thought it turned out well. I am getting excited about our upcoming convention that will be in two months & would like to remind the groups that the convention committee will need your help to make this a success – after all this is a WE program. Also, please remember to stay focused on our purpose here as a spiritual body, to carry the message to the addict who still suffers. The Chair's account balance stands at \$ 100.00.

In loving service
Ray B.

Vice-Chair: Given and filed as follows:

Hello Everyone,

Glad to see you all again, I am looking forward to hearing the response to last month's question on what the groups want. We are here to serve them and it only works if the communication are going both ways.

The convention committee is thankful for the Area's participation and help with the fund raising efforts and are asking the other areas in the region if they are able to have something in their areas between now and May 15th.

The region is having an assembly in Powell, WY on April 4th and I would like to see a representative from as many groups as possible in our area so let's discuss during sharing the possibility of car pooling and groups that can afford to giving their GSRs travel expenses or what other possibilities the area may be able to do. There will be a function the night before and if you haven't already seen a flyer on it I'm sure we have them here today. This is one of the things the Region does for us and I believe it is up to us to attend and enjoy the experience, strength and hope of others in the Region so we can give a positive well informed report to Region about what we need or would like them to do for us. This isn't just for GSRs – it is a way to enrich any addict's recovery so let's be a part of and share all we can. I don't know for sure, but if this is something that the Region is doing in place of a service committee meeting that I feel that the Region's travel fund should be able to reimburse several committee members in our area and this may be a way we could afford to travel together, get a room or two, enjoy the function and really participate in the assembly.

In Love and service,
Les F.

Treasurer: Vacant. No report available.

Secretary: Report given & filed as follows:

Hey all,

Not much to report this month. The contact and meeting lists remain the same as last month. The contact list was updated with the new info for Sidney, but that has since changed so the list was left as it was. Info is taken from the sign-in sheet and group report forms so if any if this is unreadable the lists will be inaccurate. Everyone please check your information to make sure it is correct and up to date.

As a reminder, because the contact list has personal information on it, it is intended for internal use only. It will not be posted on the web site or anywhere else. Its purpose is for ease of communication among members of the area.

Copies of the guidelines, values, contact lists, meeting lists, order of annual elections and all other forms have been printed out and available here today.

Again, thank you for typing up your reports. I'm sure the next secretary will appreciate it too. It does really make it handy to scan the reports and insert into the minutes. Budget remains at \$94.46.

ILS
Richard

RCM: Absent – no report.

RCM 2: Absent – no report.

Group Reports:

On Life's Terms: Absent with no report.

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

Clean & Free: Absent with no report.

Concerns: None
Needs: None
Votes and /or motions: None
7th Tradition: 0 Other: None

Vision of Hope: Given by Ray B.

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

Saturday Nite Live: Absent with no report.

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

Clean & Serene: Given by Dan G.

Concerns: Recently there was a fight at the Jail AA meeting and as a result a guard, who is an NA member, will be posted at the next few NA meetings.
Needs: None
Votes and /or motions: None
7th Tradition: \$15.00 Other: None

Live from Laramie: Given by Rory G.

Concerns: We hope every GSR will bring home flyers for the LFL campout.
Needs: Literature
Votes and /or motions: None
7th Tradition: \$62.72 Other: \$50.17 to URMRS

Free Bird: Given by Ray b.

Concerns: None
Needs: None
Votes and /or motions: None
7th Tradition: \$10.00 Other: None

Staying Clean in Sidney: Given by Richard M.

Concerns: Lack of participation.
Needs: Support
Votes and /or motions: None
7th Tradition: Other:

Sub-Committee reports:

Activities: Given by Ray B. and filed as follows:

There is nothing new to report. There is a suggestion that this July we should put on a big picnic or party as it will be the 25th anniversary of NA in Cheyenne, [WY]. After the convention this committee will look at that possibility and any other suggestions.

JFT-
Gail W
WBASC Activities Chair

UD: Absent with no report.

PR: Given and filed as follows:
Rory's PR Report 3-8-09

Once I catch up with the literature chair I would like to order basic texts for the Albany county public library (I've already talked to them and they would accept the donation); the Laramie county public library and the LCCC library; the public library in Sydney and the WNCC satellite campus in Sidney; the Gering public library, Scottsbluff public library and the WNCC library. Richard has volunteered his help in delivering materials to Scottsbluff/Gering.

[Richard M. reports] Okay, I talked to the directors of the Scottsbluff, Gering and Western Nebraska Community College (WNCC) libraries about donating a book to them. Gering and the college will review it, but neither thinks there will be a problem. Scottsbluff definitely will accept one and put it on their shelf.

All said that they may want us (or me) to sign a donor form that basically gives them the right to do with the book what they feel is best. Essentially -- if there are few people checking it out they can pull it from circulation. Gering reviews it every two years or so and the college ten years. I'm not sure about Scottsbluff.

All said that if they see a lot of use then they would be open to two or more copies -- it just depends on the usage.

And I sent off an e-mail to Tara in Sidney and asked her to check the Sidney library and the WNCC satellite campus library down there. I asked her to get back to me when she can. She is a very busy person but since she is taking classes she has easy access to the college library at least.

So, there ya are. I will take the books to the three places in Scottsbluff/Gering when ever you are ready.

jft

Richard

I did pick up the White Booklets and some other stapled pamphlets (behind the walls) from the Albany county jail.

The Phoneline is updated. The PR budget is \$913.25

Thank you much,
Rory

H&I component: See above.

PI component: See above.

Phoneline: See above.

Web site: Given and filed as follows:

Hey All,

General – The quarterly review of the printable meeting list will be verified and updated as needed after today's meeting. Information is taken from the group report forms so if these are inaccurate the web site will not be right. Please check them to make sure they are correct. The latest minutes are also available on the "Archives" page.

Remember, GSRs can download motion, disbursement and report forms from the "Archives" page.

NOTE: In order to open these PDF files the free Adobe Reader 5.0 or greater is needed.

Technical – We recorded a total of 3803 hits (up from 3250) on the web site for the last month. This represents 553 hits for the month. Still getting a significant amount of hits.

Financial: All fees paid for through September 2009

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: Absent with no report.

Break: 2:20 – 2:30 pm

Sharing Session:

- 1) URMRCNA-X minutes – The webservant was asked to make sure any URMRCNA-X minutes posted on the web site were approved before posting.
- 2) Concept study – Not reviewing a concept today was an exception. After a little discussion the consensus was to continue the monthly concept study as we have been and ask for additional input from groups.
- 3) Concept study workshop – Even though both RCMs are absent, it was mentioned that this might be an activity that the Region could put on before the regular regional meeting during the rotation to our area, probably in Cheyenne. Sometimes these mini workshops will run from around 10 am to noon.
- 4) "In Times of Illness" for review and input – There are a few pieces of literature available for review and input from the World Board in particular an extensive revision and update to the booklet "In Times of Illness." This and two new publications (replacing older pamphlets) on self support are up for review and input and can be downloaded from www.na.org/conference Dead line for comments via NAWs web site or mail is May 30 for those interested.
- 5) URMRS C – Again, even though our RCMs were not present, some thoughts were offered in regards to part of the RCM report and sharing session from last month. A member had submitted five items for discussion at the last regional meeting and they were passed on to this body for our thoughts on them. Essentially it seems that the central issue involves the creation and function of ad hoc committees to address separate, specific issues.

Regional guidelines have no provision for ad hoc committees like our area has. Specifically, Article 11 states "Adhoc Committees are formed to carry out a specific and limited purpose/task for the WBASC. Adhoc Committees are appointed by the WBASC Chairperson

and are subject to approval by the GSRs. The Chairperson, upon completion of their intended purpose, dissolves Adhoc Committees.”

Further our guidelines state in Article 6 “Administrative Committee members being assigned a chairship or membership on an Adhoc committee is done at the discretion of the WBASC Chair. However, this appointment can be overturned by a 2/3-majority vote of the GSRs.”

An ad hoc committee appointed by the Chair consisting of an RCM from each area and a chair could meet via the internet, conference call or in person to address a single issue such as editing guidelines or performing a service inventory. This way while there is a single point of accountability there is also input from several members to sort of act as spiritual checks and balances. With RCMs as members of the ad hoc committee, if an issue needed to be taken back to the areas, or even groups, then they would be in a position to do so.

What would a service inventory look like? A member shared that during the early years of the Clean & Serene group, minutes reflect that they did a monthly “group inventory” for a while by asking each other questions like if they were doing what they were supposed to be doing and if not what could they do to change, could it be improved? It seems like our area also did this for a while four or five years ago.

At least part of a review could be to look at the service body’s stated purpose and tradition five and determine if their actions are consistent with the stated purpose. While tradition five specifically addresses the group’s primary purpose, other related service bodies have this same purpose in mind only from the position of helping areas or groups achieve their goals by providing that which the individual areas or groups cannot.

As for the sharing session topic, it may be that the Region could help with some funding for participants to the regional workshop. Even though, in theory, groups donate funds directly to the Region, sometimes with small groups the amount donated would not be enough to reimburse a GSR for expenses to the event should the donation be held for expenses instead of passed on to the Region. In other instances, groups donate to the Area only with the understanding that the Area would pass along extra funds to the Region.

- 6) Skipping the April ASC meeting – Discussed any pending important issues and whether or not we can take the next month off so that the Cheyenne folks can focus on plans for the convention and have the opportunity to attend the regional workshop in Powell. Consensus is that we skip April and resume May 10th in Laramie.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Motions ~ None
Elections ~

Secretary – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled
Treasurer – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled

Disbursements:

Ck # ???? – Reimburse Craig H. LFL Campout res.	\$ 99.00
Ck # ???? – URMRS – cash in and check out	\$ 50.17
Bank service charge	\$ 6.00

Will postpone NAWS donation until treasury straightened out next month.

Closing Treasury balance: \$3,036.50 (Assuming the closing balance from last month is accurate and no other expenses have been incurred.)

Area 7th Tradition of **\$20.00** to C&S

Adjourned at 3:20 pm

Next mtg: May 10, 2009 – 1pm @ 1215 Gibbon St., Laramie, WY

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Date: May 10, 2009 Time: 1 pm Location: Laramie, WY

Ray B. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
Les F. read the 12 Traditions of N.A.
Scott M. read the 12 Concepts of N.A.
Not read read the 12 Values of the WBASC

Group Response to Concept Study from last meeting:

No concept study at last meeting.

Reading/Study/Discussion of Concept _7_ using chapter questions.

All members of a service body bear substantial responsibility for that body's decisions and should be allowed to fully participate in its decision-making processes.

Who should take part in our decision-making processes? The participation of all members of a service body provides the broadest group conscience and the soundest foundation for service decisions.

Study and discussion questions

1. Right now, who participates in your ASC meetings? Why?
GSRs & alternates, Executive committee members and visitors.
2. Who participates in your group's business meetings? Why?
GSRs -- take this question back to groups for input.
3. Do all the members of your ASC bear substantial responsibility for the NA services delivered in your area? Do all the members of a particular subcommittee bear substantial responsibility for that subcommittee's work? Are there any differences in the way members participate in area committee meetings and in a subcommittee meeting? Why, or why not?
Yes – if they participate or not.

Roll Call: Chair, Vice Chair, PR Chair,

GSR, Alternates and guests: Ray B. (GSR –Vision of Hope), Scott M. (GSR – Clean & Serene), John (GSR – Live from Laramie), Ray B. (Rep for – Free Bird), Rory G. (Rep for Clean and Free) & Ray B. (Rep for Saturday Nite Live), Tammy D. from Laramie.

Absent: Secretary (acting, w/report), Treasurer (vacant), RCM (vacant), RCM2 (vacant), Literature Chair (vacant), Activities Chair, UD Chair, Webservant (report e-mailed to PR chair) On Life's Terms, Staying Clean in Sidney.

NA Recovery Birthdays: None

Recognition of new groups: None.

Approval of last month's minutes:

No corrections – approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Beginning Balance: \$3,123.73 (approx.)

Serenity Break: Skipped

Officers Reports:

Chair: Given and filed as follows:

Hello fellow ASC members & friends

Glad you all could make it; there are a lot of things we need to take care of today so it is very important that we stay on track. I would like to say thanks for allowing me to be of service to this body & it has been an awesome experience for me. As before let me remind you to know your responsibilities & also know the guidelines for this Area. So remember this all works with unity. I have been busy the last 2 months & will be glad to be able to focus more on our area in the near future. The Chair's account balance stands at \$ 100.00.

In loving service
Ray B.

Vice-Chair: Given and will e-mail later for archives

In Love and service,
Les F.

Treasurer: Vacant, Ray B. acting – report given and filed as follows:

Ending balance March 31, 2009	\$3,112.10	[According to bank statement ???]
April Deposits	\$ 157.89	[Included in March report]
Literature sales	<u>\$ 233.67</u>	[Not reported in March minutes]
	\$3,503.66	

Disbursements

Ck # 1356 – Freedom Voice	\$ 25.48	\$3,503.66
Ck # 1357 – University of Wyoming	\$ 4.20	<u>\$ 379.93</u>
Ck # 1358 – Richard Mann (secretary supplies)	\$ 30.54	\$3,123.73
Ck # 1359 – Gail Walker (activities)	\$ 20.00	
Ck # 1360 – NAWS for literature order		\$ 18.35 [Reported in Feb. disbursement.]
Ck # 1361 – RCM travel to Regional meeting		\$120.00 [Reported in Feb. disbursement.]
Ck # 1362 – Quest	\$ 66.54	
Ck # 1363 – Freedom Voice	\$ 14.17	
Ck # 1364 – Craig H. (LFL campout res,)	\$ 99.00	
Ck # 1365 – VOID		
Ck # 1366 – Mac B. ????	\$108.00	
Service Charge – April & May	<u>\$ 12.00</u>	
	\$379.93	

Ending Balance March 8, 2009 \$3,123.73 [Adjusted balance???

Beginning Balance May 10, 2009 \$3,123.73

Secretary: Report given by Ray B.

Acting secretary Richard M. unable to attend today. Reported via e-mail to chair that March minutes were e-mailed and posted on web site several weeks ago. Everything else is thought to be up to date. Budget remains at \$94.46.

ILS
Richard

RCM: Report given by Ray B. and filed as follows:

Hello A.S.C. members and friends,
Not a lot to report. I did act as the RCM for our area at the regional assembly in April in Powell, WY. It was a great opportunity to be of service & I had a chance to build friendships with other people in recovery. While I was there we worked on a couple of things. One of them was a new I.P. which focuses on the need for larger 7th

Tradition donations titled *Giving it Away*. I will be passing the draft around & will tell you that it was a great insight to find out how much is needed to support our service structure.

The other topic we went over was idea for the *Living Clean* booklet or book, which deals with situations after getting clean. I feel it is a great book for members looking for deeper recovery. I will be passing this draft around so you can take a look. Our region delegate also passed out the revised I.P. *An Introduction to NA Meetings* & what I am guessing is a new one *Principals and Leadership in NA*.

Also there was some confusion as to whether trusted servants should be reimburse for travel expenses to the regional assembly & this area will need to have a voice in that decision. If the region did not cover my expenses I would not have been able to afford the trip. It cost right at \$175.00 for the expenses incurred from traveling such a great distance so there we go again – the importance of the 7th Tradition to help support our service structure.

In Loving Service
Ray B.

RCM 2: Vacant – no report.

Group Reports:

On Life's Terms: Absent with no report.

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

Clean & Free: Rory G. reports.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$50.00 Other: None

Vision of Hope: Given by Ray B.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$10.00 Other: None

Saturday Nite Live:

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: \$20.00 Other:

Clean & Serene: Given by Scott M.

Concerns: None.

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$30.00 Other: None

Live from Laramie: Given by John S.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$78.98 Other: \$63.18 to URMRSR ???

Free Bird: Given by Ray B.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$10.00 Other:

Staying Clean in Sidney: Absent no report

Concerns:.

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition:

Other:

Sub-Committee reports:

Activities: Absent, no report.

UD: Absent with no report.

However, e-mail received from Craig H.

As of this date we have 3 pre-registered for the Live from Laramie campout. I am enclosing \$20.00 in checks. This brings us to a total of 3 paid.

I would also like to request \$125.00 advance for the purchase of food for the meals.

Campout committee chair

Craig H.

PR: Given and will e-mail to follow

: Rory's PR Report 5-10-09

I have been asked to do a PI panel at Peak Wellness in Laramie for the adolescent outpatient group. The panel will be on Wednesday the 20th of May. I have ordered pamphlets to be available for that panel (10 – *By Young Addicts, For Young Addicts*, 10 – *Who, What, How, and Why*).

I have also ordered 4 of the hardback 5th edition *Basic Texts* for libraries: Albany County Public Library, Gering Public Library, Scottsbluff Public Library, and Western Nebraska Community College library.

The Phonenumber is current.

The classified ad that had been running in the University of Wyoming newspaper, *The Branding Iron*, will be suspended until classes resume in the fall.

The current PR budget is \$774.46

Thank y'all.

Rory

H&I component: See above.

PI component: See above.

Phonenumber: See above.

Web site: Report was e-mailed to chair on Saturday but not received until Monday.

Hey Rory,

I'm not going to be able to make the meeting tomorrow – fighting an upper respiratory thing. So I thought I'd let ya know that Tara T. in Sidney let me know that both the college and city libraries will take a Basic Text. So that's two more ya can add to you list.

As for the webservant report, I think everything is caught up except the Unity Days flier.

jft

Richard

Literature: Given by acting lit chair Ray B. and filed as follows:

Hello A.S.C. members and friends,

As you all know, or at least will know, our literature chair has had to step down because of other responsibilities. I have done the best I could to fill her shoes & hope that we are able to fill the vacancy soon. Over the last month I have made available my time to groups in our area that needed to restock their literature. I hope this went smooth. I deposited \$233.67 into the area's checking account on 4-24-09 from previous sales & made a couple other sales to 2 more groups this month for a total of \$37.52 in sales so far this month. I made an order to NAWS, by credit card for the amount of \$220.70 & will be asking for reimbursement of the amount today. Just so that we are aware, shipping charges have increased. If this body wants to keep charging the 10% to groups we will have to wait until we have \$500.00 in total (in) order to avoid the (new) 12% shipping charge.

In Loving Service,
Ray B.

Break: ????????

Sharing Session:

- 1) Discussed waiting until (literature) order reaches \$500.01 to make order to avoid 12% shipping fee.
- 2) Talked about the importance of getting people involved with service.
- 3) Ray B. Gave back \$75.00 of the \$250.00 money used to travel to (regional) assembly in Powell. Ray only used \$175.00 of the \$250.00. Ray is donating \$75.00 to Area.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Motions ~ 1) Les F. made motion that the WBASC give \$250 to URMRS to reimburse our acting RCM travel to regional assembly. Scott M. 2nd the motion. Carries unanimously.

Elections ~

Secretary – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled

Treasurer – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled

Literature Rep. – Rory G. was nominated – approved unanimously.

At the next meeting we need to hold elections for the above tabled positions as well as RCM and RCM2.

Disbursements:

Ck # 1367 – Rory G. for balance of meal costs (\$12.34) and UofW classified ad for PI (\$12.60)	\$ 24.94
Ck # 1368 – Craig H. for LFL Campout food.	\$ 125.00
Ck # 1369 – Ray B. literature order reimbursement	\$ 220.70
Ck # ???? – URMRS donation???	\$ 250.00
Ck # ???? – Church for meeting room rent ???	\$ 20.00

Will postpone NAWS donation until treasury straightened out next month.

Closing Treasury balance: Unavailable

Area 7th Tradition of **\$15.00** to Live from Laramie

Adjourned at ??? pm

Next mtg: June 21, 2009 – 1pm @ LCCC, rm 336, Cheyenne, WY

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Date: June 20, 2009 Time: 1:07 pm Location: Cheyenne, WY

Ray B. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
Deb B. read the 12 Traditions of N.A.
Rory G. read the 12 Concepts of N.A.
Gail W. read the 12 Values of the WBASC

Group Response to Concept Study from last meeting: Concept 7, Q 2

All members of a service body bear substantial responsibility for that body's decisions and should be allowed to fully participate in its decision-making processes.

Who should take part in our decision-making processes? The participation of all members of a service body provides the broadest group conscience and the soundest foundation for service decisions.

Study and discussion questions

2. Who participates in your group's business meetings? Why?

C&S – Those who are grounded enough in recovery & willing to take it to service & want to see NA flourish.

LFL – Anyone who shows up, albeit few, to make sure meetings are open.

VoH – Difficulty getting the same members to show up for more than one or two consecutive meetings so participating members vary.

OLT – Three or four who show up and who want to see the meetings continue.

Reading/Study/Discussion of Concept _8_ using chapter questions.

Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications.

Regular communication is essential to the fulfillment of all these concepts, and to the integrity and effectiveness of our services themselves.

Study and discussion questions

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

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

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

Through miscommunication, non-communication, misunderstandings all leading to uniformed and disharmony. Wasted resources and unnecessary duplication of actions.

3. 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, service boards, and committees? How has this communication—or lack of communication—affected your group? The service structure?

See above answer and note that one of the GSRs' duties is to listen to what is presented here today, make notes and pass along the information back to the groups.

Also, LFL GSR would like an updated copy of the contact list. Via consensus we decided that as soon as it could be updated it would be e-mailed to all participants – password protected if possible.

Roll Call: Chair, Secretary (acting), PR Chair (acting), Literature Chair, Activities Chair, Webservant

GSR, Alternates and guests: Deb B. (GSR – On Life’s Terms) Ray B. (GSR –Vision of Hope), Richard M. (Rep. – Clean & Serene), John S. (GSR – Live from Laramie), Ray B. (Rep for – Free Bird), & Wayne W. (GSR – Saturday Nite Live).

Absent: Vice Chair(w/report), Treasurer (vacant), RCM (vacant), RCM2 (vacant), UD Chair(w/report), Clean and Free, Staying Clean in Sidney.

NA Recovery Birthdays: Ray B. – 5 yrs. Congratulations!!!

Recognition of new groups: None.

Approval of last month’s minutes:

Minutes corrected as follows:

No Vice-chair report ever received.

No second break was taken between literature report and sharing session.

Missing check numbers were as follows:

Ck # 1370 – Church for meeting room rent \$ 20.00

Ck # 1371 – URMRS donation \$ 250.00

Lastly, item #1 under sharing session discussion on holding off on literature order until \$500,01 is reached to avoid the new 12% S&H fee and maintain the 10% charged groups should indicate that this policy has been adopted by consensus.

Gail W. moved to accept the minutes as amended, John S. seconded the motion and it carries unanimously.

Treasurer’s Beginning Balance: \$2,722.80 (according to current ledger)

Serenity Break: 1:55 – 2:12 PM

Officers Reports:

Chair: Given and filed as follows:

Hello ASC members & friends

Good to see you all again. I am a little concerned about our unity [or continuity] at this level of service & will address that in the sharing session. Not much else to report at this time. The Chair’s account balance stands at \$ 100.00. I would like to remind everyone to understand the importance of taking care of the committee you are elected to represent – know your responsibilities.

In loving service
Ray B.

Vice-Chair: Given by Ray B. and filed as follows:

Hello Everyone,

Sorry I am not able to attend today. I hope you are all well and that there are lots of you today who can fill the positions we desperately need. Thank you all for your very appreciated help with our tenth convention here in Wyo-Braska this past year. It was a great success thanks to each of you!

I can’t express our need enough to concentrate now on bringing our area service committee together with the same intensity and unity. I will be here in spirit and if you need anything don’t hesitate to call now or any time.

In Love and service,
Les F.

Treasurer: Vacant, Ray B. acting – report given and filed as follows:

June 20, 2009

Just to let you all know, I did the best I could with the information I have. I think a total overhaul of our books is in order. I have found checks written & never cashed so I think it may be a good idea to have someone audit our

system. As close as I can figure our ledger says we have \$2,722.80. Our last bank statement says we have \$3,312.78. I have not received the current statement so like I said before, this account really needs to be audited so that we know where we are financially.

In Loving Service
Ray B.

[Note: Richard M. has compiled a list of all credits and debits according to our area minutes going back to November of 2008. While there are several discrepancies the ending balance for the May 10th meeting figured out to be \$2,834.59. This report will be given to the next Treasurer. Also, while we were meeting, Gail W. checked with the bank and the balance as of today, June 20, 2009, is \$2,824.43 with the \$250 check having cleared. This would seem to indicate that if all checks written have cleared and all deposits have been made then the difference between the balance Richard calculated and amount Gail got from the bank is only \$10.16 – pretty close. The procedure of reporting all credits and debits in our minutes seems to be a good backup for tracking our total finances. Time will tell.]

Secretary: Report given verbally except for attached resignations as follows:

For the record the following resignations read into and/or included in the minutes.

Received e-mail March 16, 2009 from Willy O,

“The purpose of this Email is to inform you all that I am resigning from the RCM position. I will also be resigning from the GSR at my home group. The one position I will keep is Hotels and Hospitality for the Convention. My job had me now taking on Colorado and Southern Wyoming. I was already strapped for time with Wyoming and Colorado will be a lot of work. I don’t have time to do a lot of service work at this time. I apologize for not being able to fulfill my service positions. I will drop the treasury items with Gail if she is OK with it.”

Willy O.

Received e-mail March 22, 2009 from Mistie W.

Dear Fellow ASC Members,

I am writing this letter to let you all know that I am resigning from my position as the Area Literature Chair. I have held this position for over a year now. I wanted to fulfill my duties until the end of my term, but due to the fact that as you all know, I am pregnant and at the point of being too uncomfortable to travel for long distances and having to carry around all of the literature that I have on hand. I have not yet placed another literature order since I last attended the area meeting here in Cheyenne in February. I can do that if needed.

Unfortunately, I have not had the time to shop for that larger suitcase that I had asked for permission to purchase for this position. I can still do that, if needed, and pass it on to whomever will be handling my duties until a new Literature Chair is elected. Please let me know.

I will also be discussing with my home group, Saturday Night Live, who will take over my duties as the GSR and attend the Area Meetings.

I am sorry for putting and burdens on anybody, but I do have to think of my health during the last couple months of my pregnancy. I want to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve the Area and maybe later in the future, I will be able to serve you again.

In Loving Service,

Mistie W.

Received e-mail April 11, 2009 from Mac B.

Dear Friends – I am sorry to say that I need to step down from the RCM2 position. Between a stressed work situation and some personal challenges including a move and graduate school, I can't commit the energy and time to such an amazing service position. I am grateful again for the vote of confidence that you all had in me and am sure that you will find a suitable replacement.

I will still retain the Unity Days Chair service position and my service position with Laramie NA.

With love,
Mac B.

Received e-mail June 18, 2009 from Mac B.

Richard and Ray, hope you guys are well. . . .

Re: Unity Days, the camp spot in Pole Creek Campground is reserved for Friday August 7th and Saturday, August 8th. It is site 1. The reservation number for the first day is XXXXXXXX. The reservation number for the second day is XXXXXXXX.

Re: the speaker, a nice gentleman recommended by Misty (Leonard "Cowboy" from Longmont, CO) has accepted to be our speaker if we would like him. Willy had said that we could pay for his ticket. A question for you guys to consider – will the Committee also pay for his partner to come up? Please let me know after this week's meeting so I can get back to him. Or if you want to e-mail him yourself, his e-mail is XXXXXX Please copy me if you do so I don't double dip here.

Re: the flyer, I am asking the designer to make some changes on it and will get it to you as soon as it is ready.

Two things re: logistics. Since I will not be in Laramie until early August – and moving into a new place (hopefully) I can no longer be NA Unity Days Chair. I am effectively resigning from the position. I can not fulfill my duties while I am . . .

Second, we will need cooks for the camp out. Please ask among the committee members if there is any interest in this,

Thank you. Hope you are enjoying the summer.

All the best.,
Mac B.

Richard also reported that the contact list has not been updated due to all of the recent resignations and pending any notification of changes today, they will be revised ASAP after the meeting today and as mentioned earlier, e-mailed to all.

The meeting lists are updated until some changes from today's meeting and the guidelines are current as there have been no policy changes since the last update.

Also read and passed around was a product update from NAWA mainly for the new gift edition of the 6th edition of the Basic Text and the new Basic Journal design which are due out in September.

Budget remains at \$94.46.

ILS
Richard

RCM: Report given by Ray B. for Les F. and filed as follows:
Hello Everyone,

Chapters One and Two, and a working outline for *Living Clean* are out for fellowship review and input until 15 September 2009. You can find the drafts from the link on the project page at http://www.na.org/?ID=Living_Clean_Project and access with the password and user name of WSC2010. You can also submit your input online. In addition you can help contribute to the ongoing writing by sharing your experience with any of the material in the outline as source material for the chapters. You can find this at www.naws.org/lc/

The world is re-evaluating reporting and production costs for *NAWS News*, *The NA Way*, and *Reaching Out*. Anyone may contact the World with suggestions and/or ideas. worldboard@na.org

There is a big celebration in Cheyenne at Lions park on the 4th of July to celebrate 25 years of NA here in Cheyenne. Gail W. has a flyer out so please attend if you can.

The 11th convention [URMRCNA] committee is well underway and will be in Rock Springs next year and they are having a contest for the theme and logo so get involved and submit your ideas.

Once again, I apologize for not being here today, and my # is on the contact list. Don't hesitate to contact me so I can let you know how little I know.

In Loving Service
Les F.

RCM 2: Vacant – no report.

Group Reports:

On Life's Terms: Deb B.

Concerns: Getting time [meeting] change to 7:30 pm [on meeting list].

Needs: Literature

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$44.63 ?? Other: None

Clean & Free: Absent – no report.

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

Vision of Hope: Ray B.

Concerns: None

Needs: Trusted Servants

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$20.00 Other: None

Saturday Nite Live:

Concerns: None

Needs: Key tags

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$70.99 Other: None

Clean & Serene: Given by Richard M.

Concerns: None.

Needs: Trusted Servants and participation.

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: 0 Other: None

Live from Laramie: Given by John S.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: 0 Other: 0

Free Bird: Given by Ray B.
Concerns: None
Needs: Trusted Servants
Votes and /or motions: None
7th Tradition: \$10.00 Other: None

Staying Clean in Sidney: Absent no report
Concerns:
Needs:
Votes and /or motions:
7th Tradition: Other:

Sub-Committee reports:

Activities: Given and filed as follows:

Live From Laramie Campout Committee

We would like to thank the Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee for sponsoring the campout again this year. We had a good turnout with 18 paid. We believe this was low because of the weather. The totals are on the attached spreadsheet. We took in a total of \$180.00 for reservations. There was also \$30.00 in Seventh Tradition for a total of \$210.00 (\$20.00 of which was forwarded earlier). Enclosed is \$190.00 in checks and cash. We are returning \$11.11 from the seed money for food and receipts totaling \$212.89. See attached spreadsheet for a breakdown of these expenses.

We are looking forward to campout #6 sometime next June.

Craig H. Committee Chair

[Note: If figures are accurate this reflects a net loss of \$2.98]

Gail W. further reports –

This committee is planning a 4th of July and 25 year anniversary of NA in Cheyenne picnic. Flyers are being distributed and the announcement is on the web site.

The committee needs volunteers to bring grills, cook and someone to go to the park very early in the morning to reserve the area we would like to be at.

The plan is to serve hot dogs, hamburgers and potato chips, if any one wants to bring other side dishes they can, but it's not required. The committee will be requesting \$200.00 from the area to secure the food and supplies needed for the event.

This committee will also be inventorying the activities totes to see what will be needed to support this event and Unity Days, and will if needed be requesting funds to replenish the totes after inventory. It is expected that the \$200.00 requested today should fulfill the needs of the totes for both events.

JFT -
Gail W.
WBASC Activities Chair

UD: See Secretary's report.

Gail will be seeing to this event in lieu of Mac's resignation.
Ray said he will verify arrangements with speaker.

PR: Given verbally by acting chair Rory G.,
Acting PR chair, Rory, reported that books were received and distributed to libraries in Scottsbluff/Gering and one soft cover was given to Richard to convey to the Staying Clean in Sidney [NE] folks so it can be donated to the library there.

Some inaccuracies in the phonenumber info and Rory will get with Tommy O. to update.

The current PR budget is ??????

H&I component: See above.

PI component: See above.

Phonenumber: See above.

Web site: Report given verbally by Richard M.

Has been updating events on home and events pages and posting flyers when available. Minutes are all posted. Meeting list will need to be updated after this meeting. Nothing done on training cd. Total hits recorded are 1272. Not sure when this is changed or even how because as of March 8, 2009 there were 3803 total hits. However, historically we have had around 500 hits a month. All fees paid for through Sept. 9 and 20th.

jft
Richard

Literature: Given by Rory G. as follows:

\$131.56 sales this month. Placing an order for \$584.36.

Break: 3 – 3:10 pm

Sharing Session:

- 1) Area continuity and participation: We discussed the lack of volunteers for service as well as general participation with many of the same thoughts being just as applicable to our groups as to our area. And the situations are very similar to those encountered in the early years of NA and at almost regular times since.

Attraction – how can we, as service bodies, become more attractive to our members so they will want to get involved? In the past, some attendees have found controversy, animosity and long, drawn out meetings very unattractive. So injecting light banter, humor and faster paced and shorter meetings may help.

Why do we, as trusted servants, stay or keep coming back? This is a question with as many answers as members giving the answer. Something we can each ask ourselves and then perhaps influence our sponsors and sponsees with.

One answer that was echoed more than once, but with varying levels of passion, was that NA has given back life where addiction had taken it away. People felt in debt and found that by taking recovery into service and being of service was one way to begin paying back that which was so freely given.

Another view suggested that we may be able to enlist, encourage and enlighten those who come to our meetings as a result of the judicial system either while incarcerated or after or those temporarily clients of one institution or another. It isn't unheard of to find a dedicated member in service who first came to NA through the courts so this may be an untapped resource. One in which we may often pass over because of preconceived judgements that place "paper holders" or "card carriers" in a class of member unlikely to continue after probation. Members not really worthy of our experience, strength and hope – our time, energy or effort?

- 2) Meeting lists: It was thought that spreading meeting lists around all manner of facilities may inform more people of our presence and consequently attract more potential members. Meeting lists could be distributed to substance abuse facilities, mental health establishments and social service agencies.

3) Jail meetings: We discussed the situation with having such strict guidelines if not actual refusal of allowing NA meetings in the Laramie County jail. This policy may be overcome by contacting state officials, in particularly the governor, to see if he could influence a lessening of restrictions.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Motions ~ 1) Motion – To remit \$200.00 to Activities for 4th of July event.
Intent – To celebrate 25 years of NA in Cheyenne
5 in favor, 1 abstain – motion carries.

Elections ~ Read qualifications and duties for each.

Secretary – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled

Treasurer – Deb B. nominated Gail Walker who accepted the nomination. Gail qualified herself and was voted in unanimously. Thank you Gail. She will now take steps to have her signature added to the bank account signature card.

RCM – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled

RCM2 – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled

PR Chair – John S. volunteered and qualified himself. He has worked with area level PI subcommittees in Utah and offers new ideas and experiences. 4 in favor and 1 abstained. Thank you John.

At the next meeting we need to hold elections for the above tabled positions so GSRs let your groups know we are looking for volunteers.

Disbursements:

Ck # 1372 – URMRS – cash in , check out	\$113.75
Ck # 1373 – Freedom Voice	\$ 29.96
Ck # 1374 – Activities	\$200.00
Ck # 1375– NAWS for literature order	\$584.36
Bank service charge ???	\$ 6.00 (May not have been reflected in closing balance)

Will postpone NAWS donation until treasury straightened out.

Transferred \$12.10 & \$55.35 from PR account to literature for a Basic Text for Sidney library and other books and pamphlets.

Closing Treasury balance: \$2,517.74

Area 7th Tradition of 0 for meal and meeting room as it was all donated potluck. Thanx much for a great feed!!!

Adjourned at 4:55 pm

Next mtg: July 12, 2009 – 1pm @ 14 W. 17th St., Scottsbluff, NE

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Date: July 12, 2009 Time: 1:00 pm Location: Scottsbluff, NE

Ray B. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
Rory G. read the 12 Traditions of N.A.
Larry S. read the 12 Concepts of N.A.
Gail W. read the 12 Values of the WBASC

Group Response to Concept Study from last meeting: Concept 8, Q 1

Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications.

Regular communication is essential to the fulfillment of all these concepts, and to the integrity and effectiveness of our services themselves.

Study and discussion questions

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

Comments included: Without communication we don't know who is doing what and if it is getting done at all. Without communication we are limited in the ability to adequately carry the message. Since the mentioned concepts all pertain to groups the study of these concepts is not necessarily for the benefit of our area committee members as much as it is a tool for groups to use to determine if the area committee is doing what it needs to be doing. With minimum communication we do not know what the groups think about what we are doing and if we could do something better or different.

Reading/Study/Discussion of Concept _9_ using chapter questions.

All elements of our service structure have the responsibility to carefully consider all viewpoints in their decision-making processes.

To check judgment, to guard against hasty or misinformed decisions, and to invite the sharing of new ideas, our services must consider all viewpoints when making plans. This is essential to the development of a fair, wise, balanced group conscience.

Study and discussion questions

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?
Just in case a very important aspect has been overlooked and additional viewpoints can provide a kind of checks and balances. It also helps the most important person, the newcomer, at our meetings feel a part of the fellowship. And so everyone can hear all info that may be important to making a choice.
2. In your group, area, or region, how can an individual member voice his or her viewpoint on a service decision at hand?
Attend meetings and speak up. If meetings can't be attended then e-mail or snail mail the next person in the chain of command, i.e., GSR, RCM, RD or even the service body's chairperson.
3. Do NA services make the effort they should to seek out new, different viewpoints? Do NA services stifle opposing viewpoints?
Most of the time our different service bodies are asking what they can do to help other arms of the service structure especially the groups. Once in a while a member's concerns seem stifled when his or her concerns are belittled or made difficult to express by insistence that there is a different method for presenting the issue. As for the former, in many instances, our RDs have made a concentrated effort in gathering input and passing it along to World Services and then bringing back resultant information.

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?

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

Roll Call: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary (acting), Treasurer, Literature Chair, Activities Chair/UD Chair, Webservant

GSR, Alternates and guests: Deb B. (GSR – On Life's Terms) Ray B. (GSR – Vision of Hope), Dan G. (GSR – Clean & Serene), Rory G. (Rep – Live from Laramie), Ray B. (Rep for – Free Bird), & Wayne W. (GSR – Saturday Nite Live), Sharon S., Larry S. and Frankie Z. all of Scottsbluff.

Absent: RCM (vacant), RCM2 (vacant), PR Chair (W/O report), Clean and Free, Staying Clean in Sidney.

NA Recovery Birthdays: Larry S. – 2 mths & Les F. – 12 yrs. on May 29th – Congratulations!!!

Recognition of new groups: None.

Approval of last month's minutes:

Minutes corrected as follows:

Ck # 1372 – URMRS – cash in , check out should read \$113.35 and not \$113.75.

This would then make the closing balance \$2,517.34. Then subtract the \$6 bank fee for \$2,511.34

Out-going PR [Rory] report received after minutes posted and sent out. Filed as follows:

Howdy,

Since we last met I have delivered 2 *An Introductory Guide to Narcotics Anonymous, Revised*, 1 JFT, 1 5th ed. *Basic Text*, 1 *It Works: How and Why*, and 10 each of the following pamphlets: *Welcome to NA*, *One Addicts Experience*, *Recovery and Relapse* and *Am I an Addict?* to the Ivins Memorial Hospital in Laramie.

And to Peak Wellness in Laramie 15 of each of the following pamphlets were delivered: *By Young Addicts*, *Youth and Recovery*, *For the Newcomer*, *Am I an Addict* and *For the Parents of Addicts*. The PI panel that was done there last month for the adolescent group went well and we've been asked to come back for another, possibly in July.

Laramie meetings are now listed in the online calendar of the Laramie Boomerang.

Phoneline: It was brought to my attention by another member that the Laramie meeting does not list the time. Tommy has assured me through email that he will update the phoneline.

A Basic Text was delivered to the Albany County library. Richard delivered BTs to the Gering and Scottsbluff libraries and will deliver one to the Scottsbluff College [WNCC] next month. Another BT was ordered for the library of Sydney [sic].

The PR budget is \$677.05

Les F. moved to accept the minutes as amended, Rory G. seconded the motion and it carries unanimously.

Treasurer's Beginning Balance: \$2,512.54 (reflects a \$1.20 adjustment after corrections from last month)

Serenity Break: 1:45 – 1:55 PM

Officers Reports:

Chair: Given and filed as follows:

Hello ASC members & friends

I at this time don't have a lot to report. I would like to say thank you to our secretary for getting the minutes out in such a timely manner & from what I have heard the rest of the committee chairs have done a great job with

the activities & literature. I am looking forward to working with our new [PR] chair to get the word out that there is a solution to our disease. If there is anything I can do please let me know?

It looks like for the first time in a while our bank account is correct so I think everything is good in the Wyo-Braska Area. Still need to elect the RCM & RCM2, but as you know our willing and able Vice-chair is very capable of filling in when needed. I would like to encourage you to attend the Region's workshop & business meeting August 1st in Laramie. Also, our neighboring area, Wyoming Western is having a "Learning Days" next week in Saratoga, WY. I think Big Steve had been asked to speak on the 18th. The chair's budget stands at \$100.

In loving service
Ray B.

Vice-Chair: Given and filed as follows:

Missing last month's meeting I don't have a lot to report. I do appreciate the minutes being sent out [so] timely so those of us not able to attend [the] meeting can see what went on.

The Rocky Mountain Forum [is] being held July 25th in Idaho Falls, Idaho. A flier came out this morning so I brought a copy of that and if it is possible would like to have [this] regional supported function discussed in sharing as a form of our area's communication with other regions, and wonder what part this service body plays in our communication with areas, groups and NAWS.

ILS
Les F.

Treasurer: Report given and filed as follows:

**Scottsbluff NE
July 12 2009**

The opening balance according to the telephone banking as of today is 2512.54. The last transactions were as follows:

Deposit:	508.34	
Check 1372	113.35	cleared
Check 1373	29.96	cleared
Check 1374	200.00	cleared
Check 1375	584.36	cleared
Bank Fee	6.00	

I have formatted the next year's fiscal spreadsheets and sent them to the committee members to finalize the prepared budgets for the next year. Also done is a preliminary audit, using the figures from the secretary. I went to the bank to get the signature card changed and found that I am still listed as a signer in my maiden name. The account had multiple signers now as the old signers were never actually removed. The bank representative will be working with me to remove those signers and make a new signature card that will reflect real time signers on this account. The online account had been suspended due to lack of use, however, there is a new program the bank had for business accounts and I will be registering our account for this. The new program offers bill pay and other benefits that will enhance the way the account is handled giving us the opportunity to keep more accurate records. I am including a print out of the current spreadsheets

I will be requesting 25.00 for ink today so that I may print out future reports and spreadsheets for the review of the committee and area members

JFT
Gail W
WBASC Treasurer

Question: Who should currently be on the account?

Answer: The Chair – Ray B., the Vice-Chair – Les F. and the Treasurer Gail W.

Secretary: Report given and filed as follows:

Hey all,

The contact and meeting lists were updated and e-mailed to everyone on June 24 as per consensus at the June 20th meeting. Info is taken from the sign-in sheet and group report forms so if any of these are unreadable the lists will be inaccurate. Everyone please check your information to make sure it is correct and up to date.

In lieu of an e-mail address, a copy of the *Group Booklet*, the minutes and updated contact list were snail mailed to the new GSR in Cheyenne.

As a reminder, because the contact list has personal information on it, it is intended for internal use only. It will not be posted on the web site or anywhere else. Its purpose is for ease of communication among members of the area.

Copies of the guidelines, values, contact lists, meeting lists, order of annual elections and all other forms have been printed out and available here today. There are also the Saratoga, WY Learning Days fliers and registrations available as well as the new Wyo-Braska Unity Days flier/registrations. Be sure to grab some and pass them out to your groups.

Again, thank you for typing up your reports. I'm sure the next secretary will appreciate it too. It does really make it handy to scan the reports and then insert them into the minutes.

The out-going PR chair's report was received after the minutes were mailed and posted on the web site so it will be added as a correction to this month's minutes.

I am submitting receipts for copy paper and printer ink, for reimbursement, totaling \$30.55. Budget is \$63.91.

ILS

Richard

RCM: Vacant – no regional meeting to report on since last area meeting

RCM 2: Vacant – no report.

Group Reports:

On Life's Terms: Deb B.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: Other: None

Clean & Free: Absent – no report.

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

Vision of Hope: Ray B.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$20.00 Other: None

Saturday Nite Live :Wayne W.

Concerns: That for the campout [Unity Days] need a banner up. (Something to point to the spot)

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$5.00 Other: None

Clean & Serene: Dan G.

Concerns: None.

Needs: None.

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: New treasurer working on balance Other: None

Live from Laramie: Given by Rory G.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: 0 Other: 0

Free Bird: Given by Ray B.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$20.00 Other: None

Staying Clean in Sidney: Absent no report

Concerns:.

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

Sub-Committee reports:

Activities: Given and filed as follows:

Scottsbluff NE

July 12, 2009

The July 4th celebration went well, with many in attendance. All the food purchased was eaten and no one went hungry! Ray was gracious enough to bring his grill and do the cooking, a newcomer saved us a good spot and I believe everyone had a good time eating and fellowshiping. A member from Rock Springs came to help us celebrate 25 years of NA in Cheyenne as he was returning the favor of Cheyenne coming to Rock Springs 25 years ago to help them celebrate their one year anniversary.

The activities totes were inventoried and found to contain enough supplies for both the 4th of July and Unity Days. The committee approved 200.00 to spend on the activity and replenish the totes, activities is turning in 82.68 as the remaining amount from that with receipts

Sam's Club:	98.33
Cake:	<u>18.99</u>
	117.32

Unity Days planning is coming together with Ray volunteering to transport the totes to the campsite, Deb B. has volunteered to oversee the Sunday breakfast and help with Saturday dinner. I will be in attendance on Saturday to oversee the dinner and hopefully we will have a speaker. I contacted the planned speaker via email and have attached that correspondence with this report, but have had no response. The revised flier had been sent out and is posted on our web site. The planned dinner will be a taco bar, as there are plenty of taco supplies left over from the Live from Laramie Campout, and the breakfast is going to be a Deb B special. I have not received any registrations as of the writing of this report.

JFT-

Gail W

WBASC Activities Chair

UD: See above report.

PR: Absent with no report

H&I component: See above.

PI component: See above.

Phoneline: See above.

Web site: Report given and filed as follows:

Hey All,

General – The quarterly review of the printable meeting list has been verified and updated for the Summer 2009 quarter. The on-line meeting list has also been updated. Information is taken from the group report forms so if these are inaccurate the web site will not be right. Please check them to make sure they are correct. The latest minutes are also available on the “Archives” page. Fliers and registrations are available for the Saratoga, WY Learning Days as well as the new Wyo-Braska Unity Days flier/registrations on the *Upcoming Events* page.

Remember, GSRs can download motion, disbursement and report forms from the “Archives” page.

NOTE: In order to open these PDF files the free Adobe Reader 5.0 or greater is needed.

Technical – We recorded a total of 1674 hits (up from 1272) on the web site for the last month. Keep in mind that because the last meeting was later in the month than usual these hits reflect only about three weeks as opposed to a full month. Nonetheless, they represent 402 hits for the partial month. Still a significant and usual amount of hits.

Training aid on how to update our web site is being compiled. So far screen shots and a basic outline have been put together leading step by step from logging on to the host, to publishing and then saving a current copy of the updated web site pages. Instructional text needs to be finished and edited, a glossary built and the screen shots need touched up then everything can be put together in an PDF e-book format – hopefully.

Financial: All fees paid for through Sept. 9 (domain name registration) and 20th (annual hosting).

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: Given by Rory G. as follows:

\$160.01 sales for this month. Last month Rory placed an order for \$584.36 using his personal credit card and then the area gave him a check for the same amount. However, there was an additional discount from NAWS that Rory hadn't figured into the order for \$16.80. So he owes the area this amount.

He has been looking for some kind of inexpensive roll-around carrier for the literature inventory and hasn't had any luck with the search yet. It was suggested that maybe a “Polar Roller” cooler would be large enough and inexpensive enough to do the job. He will check into it.

We had previously approved up to \$30.00 for the purchase of a lit carrier and the treasurer authorized him to use the \$16.80 he owes towards the purchase of the "Polar Roller" type carrier if he can find one.

Thanx Rory.

Break: 2:25 – 2:40 pm

Sharing Session:

1) Replenishing the General Fund – Coming up on the new fiscal year we discussed where we are with the finances and possible ways to bring the account up to the projected budgets. First off, after reviewing the ledger for the past year, the treasurer pointed out that at the beginning of the current year budget the general fund had only around \$60 in it. So in that respect we will be going into the next year with about \$600 depending on the next two months receipts and debits.

Secondly, a review of the individual subcommittee budgets and accounts reveals that it appears little adjustment can or needs done. However, if absolutely necessary some paring down could be done, but could mean diminished services. So the bottom line is that we are doing fair for the time being. In the future we may have to ask the groups to dig a little deeper if at all possible so we can maintain services.

Other suggestions to increase funds were using fund raisers for ourselves. In the last year several fund raisers were held to help with the URMRCNA-X convention to the tune of around \$1000. If we were to hold events for ourselves funds would likely be available for our use.

2) Fiscal year 2009-2010 budgets – While current budgets seem in line for continuing into next year, all chairs are asked to review their budgets to prepare an overall budget for next year.

3) Input sought on mishandling of funds at group level – One GSR asked for input on how to deal with a former treasurer who had somehow mishandled the treasury funds and seems to have cost the group a considerable amount of money. The question was asked if the funds should just be written off or if the authorities could be brought in. It turns out that both members involved were present today and there appears to be a misunderstanding that requires more research into the group's minutes and treasury records. More will to be revealed – or not.

4) Event markers or signs – A member asked about somehow marking our events so people could easily find them. No one here today knows where our signs are that we have used in the past and it was thought that a banner, while nice, might be too expensive especially if it too was to come up missing too. Les is going to research costs of making some simple directional signs and Ray is going to check on prices for 16 gauge plate. Thanx guys.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

1) Unity Days 2010 – Even though UD 2009 hasn't quite matured yet, we probably should begin researching for the UD 2010 especially if we should decide to hold it at the Trails West YMCA Camp like last year. Reservations for this facility are often booked up to a year in advance. Richard M. was asked and agreed to check into the cost and availability of the Camp. We also are encouraging all GSRs to asks their groups for ideas of where to hold UD 2010 and what form the event could take, i.e. campout at facility or lake or something completely different. What do you think???

Motions ~

- 1) Motion – To waive the restraints [term limits] on election of Secretary.
Intent – To fill the position with a seasoned committee member.
Motion carries unanimously.

Motion – To pay the treasurer, Gail W., \$25 for printing supplies from general fund.
Carries unanimously

(Since the treasurer has no budget this appropriation was necessary for her to help fulfil her duties in making available regular reports and spreadsheets.)

Elections ~

Secretary – Les F. nominated Richard M. who accepted the nomination.
Carries unanimously with no qualification or comments as he has been the secretary for at least two full terms already.

Motion 1 to waive the term limits for the secretary was made in part because we have been asking all GSRs and groups for a volunteer since the regular election last November. Since no one else has come forth the committee felt this appropriate and in accordance with the area guidelines. Richard M. will serve out the rest of this term until November plus one full year term as per the guidelines.

RCM – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled

RCM2 – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled

At the next meeting we need to hold elections for the above tabled positions so GSRs, please be sure to let your groups know we are looking for volunteers.

Disbursements:

Ck # 1376 – Treasurer for printing supplies	\$ 25.00
Ck # 1377 – Secretary for printing supplies	\$ 30.55
Ck # 1378 – URMRS	\$ 63.18

Will postpone NAWS donation until treasury straightened out. Hmmm – seems like maybe it is??

Closing Treasury balance: \$2,681.50

Area 7th Tradition of **18.00** to Clean & Serene

Adjourned at 3:50 pm

Next mtg: August 16, 2009 – 1pm @ 1215 E. Gibbon St., rm 203, Laramie, WY

NOTE: This is the 3rd Sunday of the month rather than the 2nd to allow for the Unity Days Campout which is scheduled for the 2nd Sunday.

WBASC/rlm

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Date: August 16, 2009 Time: 1:00 pm Location: Laramie, WY

Ray B. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
Bob M. read the 12 Traditions of N.A.
Gail W. read the 12 Concepts of N.A.
Les F. read the 12 Values of the WBASC

Group Response to Concept Study from last meeting: Concept 9, Q 4

All elements of our service structure have the responsibility to carefully consider all viewpoints in their decision-making processes.

To check judgment, to guard against hasty or misinformed decisions, and to invite the sharing of new ideas, our services must consider all viewpoints when making plans. This is essential to the development of a fair, wise, balanced group conscience.

Study and discussion question

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's time to speak up after most others have spoken and you have something new to offer. Also, it's one of the leader's responsibilities to see to it that a few don't take up all of the time and the shyer people are called on so all have an opportunity to share. It may also be time to speak up on the rare occasion when a motion to reconsider is in order due to new, important information being uncovered. After all important information has been presented and everyone else is voting opposite of you it is probably time to accept the will of the rest – the time when me becomes we.

Reading/Study/Discussion of Concept _10_ using chapter questions.

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

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

There have been a couple of instances and the "wrongs" were mostly made right. In at least one case it was felt that it was not handled as well as it could have been.

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?

A couple of participants spoke of an individual that felt so wronged that he has made it known that he feels like he was pushed out of the area. It was acknowledged that sometimes we may say something not intending to hurt another but due to perceptions and differences may in fact have hurt a person. Others of us have no knowledge of this and would like the opportunity to set things straight if possible.

Not sure why anyone would be afraid to speak up except words can be very powerful and with some people it may just be his or her personality to not speak out. If this be the case that person could be encouraged by another caring member to speak up. At other times there may be too much anger and resentment and in such a case it is probably better to not say anything rather than make things worse.

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

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

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

GSR, Alternates and guests: Deb B. (GSR – On Life’s Terms) Ray B. (GSR –Vision of Hope), Richard M. (GSRA – Clean & Serene), Rory G. (Rep – Live from Laramie), Bob M. (GSR – Free Bird), & Wayne W. (GSR – Saturday Nite Live) & Todd M. from Laramie.

Absent: RCM (vacant), RCM2 (vacant), PR Chair (W/ email to secretary), Clean and Free, Staying Clean in Sidney.

NA Recovery Birthdays: None

Recognition of new groups: None.

Approval of last month’s minutes:

Gail W. moved to accept the minutes as presented, Les F. seconded the motion and it carries unanimously.

Treasurer’s Beginning Balance: \$2,693.68 (as of Aug. 15 via phone)

Serenity Break: 1:45 – 1:55 PM

Officers Reports:

Chair: Given and filed as follows:

Hello ASC members & friends,

Over the last month I attended a couple of events, one in Saratoga & the one in our area. They were both very good & had representation from our area at both events. I did not get prices on the 16 gauge plate for not other reason than I forgot to ask for prices. I can get that done & have those figures ready for our next meeting in Cheyenne next month. I have not found the need to ask this body for any expenses for the cost of printing over the last couple of years. I am guessing it does cost somewhere in the area of \$50 to \$75 per year for that expense. The chair’s account balance stands at \$100.00. I would like to remind us all to remember our purpose for being here \$ always remember we are all on the same side so let us practice always the principles before personalities tradition.

In loving service
Ray B.

Vice-Chair: Given and filed as follows:

Hello Family,

I went to the Aug. 1st RSC meeting as your RCM since that office and RC M2 are both vacant at this time, so I hope that was taken to groups and we can fill those vacancies today. I noticed that the treasurer had a very thorough report out last night including a fiscal budget for all positions. And the secretary had the minutes out very soon after our last ASC meeting. So other than giving a report for the RCM all that I have to report is Wyo-Braska area **rocks** and is running very efficiently. I will be asking for \$90.00 from the RCMs budget for travel to that RSC meeting as round trip from Scottsbluff to Laramie is a little over three hundred mules.

Thank you, Love you, NEED you!!!
Les F.

Treasurer: Report given and filed as follows:

**Laramie, WY
August 16, 2009**

The opening balance according to the telephone banking as of last night is 2693.68. The last transactions were as follows:

Deposit:	286.69	
Check 1376	25.00	cleared
Check 1377	30.55	cleared
Check 1381	50.00	cleared

There are still outstanding checks from the last meeting of 63.18 to URMRS check number 1378. Three more checks were written by the chair and I — those checks were as follows:

Check 1379	120.00	Freedom Voice
Check 1380	18.90	Branding Iron

I am waiting for the chair's documents to go to the bank with to change the signature card, when I do that I will initiate the online banking. The bank representative changed our account to not having a 6 dollar bank fee, as we were a grand fathered account and when the online banking is completed we will have a 10 dollar bank fee that includes bill pay and other features.

Once all checks clear the account we should have 2491.60. It is my proposal that we assume we will at end of business today have at least 2500.00 and that is the starting point of the fiscal year. I have divided the amount of 2500.00 into the committee budgets and would like to propose that any amount over the 2500.00 be deposited into the general account.

I also did an accounting of the lit inventory Rory submitted in July and found that literature had an inventory approximately worth 1272.42. I submit that we use this amount as a guide to keep the inventory at that amount. It has always been said that literature pays for itself, so it should be easy to only replenish what is sold and keep the worth of the literature at that amount. I am sure that the worth has changed since the submission of this inventory, but hopefully not too much. I am asking that the lit chair give a final accounting before end of business today so that my figures are more accurate.

I would like to take the literature column out of the main budget spreadsheet and keep track of it on the side, by doing this it will not affect our overall budget for the year. I do understand that the general account funds the shipping costs for literature and with the help of the lit chair this should be an easy transaction. I am including an example of what this would look like on the budget spreadsheet.

JFT
Gail W
WBASC Treasurer

Secretary: Report given and filed as follows:
Hey all,

Not a whole lot to report this month. The contact list has been updated and the minutes posted on our web site. The minutes were e-mailed to everyone last month except for the one group which were snail mailed to them.

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Again, thank you for typing up your reports. It sure makes it easier to prepare the minutes. Budget remains at \$63.91.

ILS
Richard

RCM: Vacant – In lieu of another report, Les F. in his capacity as Vice-Chairperson presented the first 6 main pages of the URMRS minutes. Once they are posted to the regional web site they can be downloaded and viewed from there without taking up extra paper in these minutes. Important points for our consideration are discussed in the sharing session below.

RCM 2: Vacant – no report.

Group Reports:

On Life's Terms: Deb B.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition:\$87.15 Other: None

Clean & Free: Absent – no report.

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

Vision of Hope: Ray B.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$10.00 Other: None

Saturday Nite Live :Wayne W.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$30.60 Other: None

Clean & Serene: Richard M.

Concerns: None.

Needs: None.

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$75.00 Other: None

Live from Laramie: Given by Todd M.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$19.26 Other: None

Free Bird: Given by Bob M.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$10.00 Other: None

Staying Clean in Sidney: Absent no report

Concerns:.

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

Sub-Committee reports:

Activities: Given and filed as follows:

Laramie, WY
August 16, 2009

Unity Days 2009

I had a family emergency was not able to attend this year's campout, however, with the help of a few addicts the event went on. The communication of certain details pertaining to the gate code from the previous UD chair was left out, but addicts being ever so resourceful, found a way to legally get in the camp area and were able to proceed.

The turnout was less than anticipated, I do not have the actual numbers at this time but will ask Deb B. for those numbers.

I would like to thank Deb B., Ray B. and Shaun very much for their assistance with Unity Days 2009.

Costs:

Facility	108.00
Food	<u>50.00</u>
Total	158.00

Regs	40.00	[Only \$20.00 on Treasurer's spreadsheet???
Loss	118.00	

This is the second year that UD has failed to show a profit, it may be in our best interest to plan the next year's function at a place where there is not a reservation fee. There was a time that UD funded the area's fiscal budget, I believe that we can once again make UD a profitable event or at least an event where we do not loose money.

There are no other activities to report this month.

JFT-
Gail W
WBASC Activities Chair

Deb added that there were 8 people at the campout on Saturday and 6 for Sunday. Cost was as above, but registrations were **\$48.00???**

Unity Days 2010

Richard M. reported that he had met with the Trails West manager Kyle, to check on the facility as requested at the last ASC meeting. The optimal weekend for Unity Days is the weekend after Sturgis and before many schools start back up and it just so happens that that was the only weekend available. Due to the rapport established at UD 2008 he volunteered to pencil us in for that date until we can get back to him after today's meeting. He said that we should be able to come up with pricing comparable to the last time.

In the intervening year there have been some nice improvements made in the area notably a new expansive community youth park between Trails West and the camp ground. Anyway, we can probably get a very similar deal as last time if we want to go with a large type event.

Alternate locations were considered but most convention centers and area lakes were either too expensive, too primitive or too difficult to reserve in advance for large parties. For our purposes Trails West is about the best of both worlds and could be promoted as not only a campout but in the event of inclement weather, indoor facilities available.

UD: See above report.

PR: Absent with e-mail as follows:

Hello Folks,

I regret I will not be able to attend tomorrow's Area Service. Todd from Laramie will be taking my place. My last summer course is completing tomorrow, I am required to attend an archaeological dig near Veedavoo. My final grade is dependent on my attending. Please forgive my absence.

As PR Chair, I have a few items I would bring to Area. First is this: can you give me an email address for someone in Wyoming who might distribute a printed announcement. I am calling a meeting of any members who want to be involved in PR H&I or Help Line, date and place to be announced. I will send an attachment with the flier and I request it be distributed in Cheyenne and Scottsbluff.

Second is a discussion that I wanted to take place at Area that you may choose to hold in my absence. I wanted to discuss the situation with Help Line and the possibility of expanding it. Still suffering addicts need contact when they reach out for help, and there are possible ways for them to be connected with a live recovering addict. Costs will need to be examined, volunteers found to alternate in receiving these calls, but it is our primary purpose to help the still sick and suffering

I will be in touch very soon with all members of Area and group reps. Thank you

In loving service;
John S.

H&I component: See above.

PI component: See above.

Phoneline: See above.

Web site: Report given and filed as follows:

Hey All,

General – Our web site is mostly updated – the Unity Days stuff needs to come off of it. The latest minutes are available on the "Archives" page. Received an e-mail from an interested person in Hillsdale. Replied and suggested Cheyenne meetings and NAWS web site for information.

In the process of developing the training aid, it was discovered that our *Web Site Policy and Guidelines* needs a little updating so this was done and will be presented at the next meeting or whenever appropriate.

Remember, GSRs can download motion, disbursement and report forms from the "Archives" page.

NOTE: In order to open these PDF files the free Adobe Reader 5.0 or greater is needed.

Technical – We registered a total of 2400 hits on the web site for the last month, plus 4 days, as of mid-afternoon yesterday. This is up from 1674 for a total of 726 hits. This increase in traffic was noted last year at about this same time. This higher than usual count is still thought to be attributable to the summer and Unity Days.

Still working on the training aid on how to update our web site. It's really looking good. It is, however, more involved than first thought primarily due to the need to provide more information so the non web site initiate will have enough easy to follow information to learn the process from log on to log off.

Financial: All fees paid for through Sept. 9 (domain name registration) and 20th (annual hosting). If the fees are the same as last year they will be \$8.30 and \$97.04 respectively and will be automatically deducted from our bank account on or about the same dates.

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In Loving Service,
Richard M.

Literature: Given by Rory G. as follows:

There were \$156.31 in sales for this month and a new larger roll around suitcase was purchased to transport all of the literature committee products.

Thanx Rory.

Break: 2:55 – 3:05 pm

Sharing Session:

1) Unity Days – First of all the UD 2009 Chair apologized for not being able to give it her 100%. Then we discussed the future of Unity Days in particular UD 2010. Due to finances, we ought to seriously consider something a lot cheaper than the last two years and keep it simple. It was thought that timing was a large factor in UD 2009's small turnout so the optimal weekend still seems to be the weekend after Sturgis and before schools start and in 2010 it will be August 13 thru 15. As for venue, maybe something like the Saratoga Learning Days. Something simple with low cost, a little fundraiser, maybe a hog roast and lost of fun.

Alternates discussed were Granite Lake, Crystal Reservoir and Trails West. Crystal is 16 miles west of Cheyenne at the base of the mountains on Happy Jack Road. Deb B. volunteered to check out all three of these sites and anything else that may look good.

2) Regional Assembly Rotation/location – The area that has been hosting the Regional Assembly is no longer able to. Another area wants to host it every year. Our Area believes it better to rotate the Regional Assembly like the regional committee meeting. It was suggested that the same area hosting the regional convention would be a good choice for the assembly. Not having to travel for the assembly would allow the hosting area more time to put in on the convention.

So we would like each GSR to take this back to their groups for discussion and input.

For reference, Regional Assemblies are held once a year and coincide with the World Service Conference. On years of the conference the Regional Assembly is where GSRs get together with other area and regional officers and members to discuss and vote on matters contained in the Conference Agenda Report (CAR). On odd years the assembly is an informational workshop on fellowship concerns.

3) Area and/or Regional Phone Lines – Our new PR Chairperson would like to expand the telephone info line into an actual help or hot line. If costs are acceptable and enough volunteers can answer calls it should be a doable endeavor. The main reason for a live person to talk to is that sometimes a still suffering addict needs someone to talk to and not just a list of meetings. A hot line would better enable use to fulfil our primary purpose – to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.

One suggestion was to hire an answering service to field calls to local numbers of volunteers, i.e. if a caller is in the Cheyenne vicinity the service would give out Cheyenne numbers and if in Nebraska the service would give out Scottsbluff numbers.

Also, it has come to the Region's attention that most of the other regions in our Zone have phone lines and they are wondering if this is something areas in the URMW would like to do. In other words – do we, as an area, feel a regional phonenumber is something we would want and support. **So GSRs, see what your groups think – expand our area info line into a help line or put our resources into helping with a regional phone line.**

Old Business:

1) Directional NA signs – We may have a lead on the missing signs, but in the mean time Les F. has volunteered to make some out of plywood and get them all painted up. Thanx much Les.

New Business: 1) Check out Unity Days 2010 locations as per sharing session.

Motions ~

1) Motion – To accept the fiscal year budget as outlined by the Treasurer.
Intent – To begin the next fiscal year. [see attached]
Motion carries unanimously.

2) Motion – To have the Treasurer keep track of the literature account separate from the committee budgets.
Intent – So as to not confuse the lit inventory w/ actual money.
Motion carries unanimously

Elections ~

RCM – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled

RCM2 – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled

At the next meeting we need to hold elections for the above tabled positions and the Chairperson position and we will be electing a Vice-Chairperson in October so

GSRs, please be sure to let your groups know we are looking for volunteers – Pleeease??

Disbursements:

Ck # 1382 – Literature merchandise carrier.	\$ 45.74
Ck # 1383 – Room rent to the Church	\$ 20.00
Ck # 1384 – RCM for travel to URMRS meeting	\$ 90.00

Closing Treasury balance: \$2,429.86

Area 7th Tradition of **18.00** to Live From Laramie grp

Adjourned at 4:20 pm

Next mtg: September 13, 2009 – 1pm @ LCCC, rm 336 Cheyenne, WY

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Date: September 13, 2009 Time: 1:07 pm Location: Cheyenne, WY

Ray B. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
Bob M. read the 12 Traditions of N.A.
Gail W. read the 12 Concepts of N.A.
Les F. read the 12 Values of the WBASC

Group Response to Concept Study from last meeting: Concept 10, Q 3
*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 question:

3. When is it appropriate to apply the Tenth Concept? When is it not appropriate?
It is appropriate when after due consideration it is determined that an actionable wrong has been committed. It is not appropriate when the wrong is between individuals that have little or nothing to do with NA.

Reading/Study/Discussion of Concept _11_ 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?
In general, all funds are used to further our primary purpose via a plethora of means and methods, mainly through development and distribution of literature. Group funds are used to provide an atmosphere of recovery. Area funds are used in furthering services such as phonelines and web sites. Regional funds are mostly used in paying for travel to send representatives to meetings throughout our large region, zonal forums and to World Service Conferences. World services funds are used for the development and dissemination of literature and other informational services throughout the world wide fellowship.
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 -- take this question back to groups for 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?
Several conventions at all levels have lost money that could have been spent on other services or literature.

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?

For the most part group, area, region and world funds are accounted for and treasurer reports and minutes detail all credits and debits. NAWs reports could be detailed more, but given the budget current reports are usually adequate. Once in a while small group reports may not have the detail and on occasion large areas are so large that funds are easily lost track of especially with unscrupulous or forgetful persons.

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?

At one time our area found that an annual Unity Days celebration generated enough funds to support an entire year's generous budget. Whether or not this was depended on remains to be seen. At the point when the receipts did not amount to enough for a full budget, the budget was trimmed somewhat and groups stepped up with enough in donations to support the area with only an occasional fundraiser. However, most fundraisers are not fundraisers per se, but celebrations often have generate a little extra funding.

Roll Call: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Literature Chair, Activities Chair/UD Chair, PR Chair, Webservant

GSR, Alternates and guests: Gail W. (For Deb B. – On Life's Terms), Gail W. w/ report for (Clean and Free), Ray B. (GSR –Vision of Hope), Wayne W. (GSR – Saturday Nite Live), Richard M. (GSRA – Clean & Serene), John S. (GSR – Live from Laramie), Bob M. (GSR – Free Bird), & Rick M. from Laramie.

Absent: Vice-Chair, RCM (vacant), RCM2 (vacant), & Staying Clean in Sidney.

NA Recovery Birthdays: John S. – 9 yrs.!! Congrats!!!

Recognition of new groups: None.

Approval of last month's minutes:

Closing balance amended to read \$2,483.86.

Gail W. moved to accept the minutes as amended , John S. seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Beginning Balance: \$2,462.82 – Reflects two payments between meetings,

Auto debit	GoDaddy domain name registration	\$ 8.88
Ck # 1385	Freedom Voice	\$12.16

Serenity Break: 1:50 – 2:00 PM

Officers Reports:

Chair: Given and filed as follows:

Hello A.S.C. members & friends

I really don't have anything to report on at this time. I will say that I am very grateful to have been able to work with such an awesome group over the last couple of years I think we still have the best Area in the World & we are only going to get better. As the outgoing Chair I have a few suggestions to the incoming Chair start & stop meetings on time, keep the meeting flowing & don't be afraid of ending a discussion if it is going on & on with no new input, always keep on open line of communication. Something I have learned over my term is to plan meetings around Mothers & Fathers day as when I didn't attendance was way down Have fun don't take to much on & keep an open mind. The Chairs budget stands at \$100.00

In Loving Service

Ray B.

Vice-Chair: Absent – may e-mail report.

Treasurer: Report given and filed as follows:

**Cheyenne WY
September 13 2009**

The opening balance according to the telephone banking as of this morning is 2800.48. The last transactions were as follows:

Deposit:	410.32
Check 1379	120.00 cleared
Check 1380	18.90 cleared
Check 1381	50.00 cleared
Check 1382	45.74 cleared
Check 1383	20.00 cleared
Check 1384	90.00 cleared
Auto Debit	8.88 cleared

There is still an outstanding check of 63.18 to URMRSR check number 1378. One check was written by the chair and I to Qwest:

Check 1385	12.16	Freedom Voice
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I have the new signature card to be signed at today's meeting, and am waiting for the bank to email me the information for the on-line accounting. The final paperwork was initiated at the time of procuring the signature card.

After much support from the secretary I was able to get a grasp of the actual balance from the last meeting and we ended with 2483.86. After the check to Qwest our opening balance is 2462.82, this is minus the banked funds for literature and the outstanding Region donation. I cannot believe that for once in my entire time of ever being the treasurer, now and before that I actually balance, so don't bust my bubble guys, I think I may have it!

JFT-Gail W
WBASC Treasurer

Secretary: Report given and filed as follows:

Hey all,

Not a whole lot to report this month. However, part of the Secretary's duties is to have available any documents that help the groups or subcommittees do their thing. In particular, besides stuff on the web site, I have copies of the *Group Booklet* which guides new group formation. These have been downloaded from the NAWS web site and hard copies are available for anyone wishing one.

The contact list has been updated and the minutes posted on our web site. The minutes were e-mailed to everyone last month except for the one group which were snail mailed to them.

Info is taken from the sign-in sheet and group report forms so if any of these are unreadable the lists will be inaccurate. Everyone please check your information to make sure it is correct and up to date.

Please remember that because the contact list has personal information on it, it is intended for internal use only. It will not be posted on the web site or anywhere else. Its purpose is for ease of communication among members of the area. Copies of the guidelines, values, contact lists, meeting lists, order of annual elections and all other forms have been printed out and available here today.

Again, thank you for typing up your reports or even better – e-mailing the files to me. It sure makes it easier to prepare the minutes. Budget starts at \$125.00.

ILS
Richard

RCM: Vacant – no report.

RCM 2: Vacant – no report.

Group Reports:

On Life’s Terms: Gail W. reports for Deb B.

Concerns: None

Needs: Literature

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: 0 Other: None

Clean & Free: Absent – with report via Gail W. For Tommy O.

Concerns: The group has no GSR, no GSRA, and no group secretary. We have a group opener, Mike, and a group treasurer, myself.

I just put in a lit order (of over \$100) with NA World Services because we have no group representation at Area. We once again re-did our formats using the *Group Booklet's* sample format as a guide so we can be and sound more inclusive; but also to not relinquish our identity as a strong NA group with no affiliations to any other outside organizations, including other fellowships or other fellowship language.

While our attendance has been outstanding, averaging over twenty members at each of our two meeting nights, all the members that attend are unwilling to serve, instead only willing to take and not give back which is in my opinion stealing from NA. We continue to welcome any interested members, directing non-members to "open" NA meetings in town.

Needs: GSR / GSRA / Secretary Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: 0 Other: None

Vision of Hope: Ray B.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: **\$10.00** Other: None

Saturday Nite Live :Wayne W.

Concerns: None

Needs: Literature

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: 0 Other: None

\$10.00

\$15.00

\$33.96

Clean & Serene: Richard M.

Concerns: Lack of participation in service.

Needs: None.

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: **\$15.00** Other: None

\$10.00

\$68.96

Live from Laramie: John S.

Concerns: All is well one day at a time.

Needs: All T.S. positions are filled

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: **\$33.96** Other: \$27.17 for URMRS

Free Bird: Given by Bob M.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: **\$10.00** Other: None

Staying Clean in Sidney: Absent no report

Concerns:.

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

Sub-Committee reports:

Activities: Given as follows:

Nothing much to report. Probably won't do anything for Halloween or Thanksgiving, but will concentrate on maybe doing something for New Year's.

JFT-

Gail W

WBASC Activities Chair

UD: Absent w/ no report, however **\$31.00** was turned in from UD 2009 receipts.

PR: Given as follows:

John S. reported that the Wyoming Governor's office was contacted about being allowed to take NA meetings into the jails, in particularly the Laramie County Corrections facility. John said that county jails were under the purview of the county sheriff and not the state. Each sheriff would need to be met with individually.

Richard reported about the status with the Scotts Bluff County Corrections in Nebraska. Since the new jail had been built several new procedures and policies had gone into affect greatly enhancing the ability of NA to have a presence in the unit.

First off, with the help of fellowship members on the staff, a new program had been started called "Introduction to Twelve Step Fellowships." This program is essentially non-fellowship specific and utilizes literature and guest speakers from both locally represented fellowships. There are weekly handouts, assignments, meetings and about once a month a guest speaker shares his or her story with the participants.

As for literature, the hard cover restriction has been lifted and the library system revamped. Now it is far more difficult to "leave" with the books. About a year ago the Scottsbluff Clean & Serene group was able to donate 20 Basic Text 5th editions. Since there is a large Spanish population represented in the jail five of the books were the Spanish version. Also, every month or so, some of the *Introductory Guides to NA* or JFTs are donated. So they have lots of NA literature.

Volunteers need only apply for clearance and pass a complete background check. The only real restrictions are that the volunteer cannot have been in that jail within the past year nor have a relative currently in that jail. And of course it probably isn't wise to apply if there are any outstanding warrants.

Both men and women from the Clean & Serene group go in once or twice a week to hold meetings. There is a need for more volunteers so attendance is more regular, but mostly the meetings are going ok.

H&I component: See above.

PI component: See above.

Phoneline: The PR Chair is looking into developing an expanded phoneline from the current info line to an actual help line. More in the sharing session.

Web site: Report given and filed as follows:

Hey All,

General – Our web site is mostly updated. The latest minutes are available on the “Archives” page. No new e-mails received except on a Florida convention.

Still working on developing the training aid. A similar document from 2004 was discovered and it is substantially simpler than the one being drawn up. After reassessing the two, the new one will be toned down a little and made less expansive.

Remember, GSRs can download motion, disbursement and report forms from the “Archives” page.

NOTE: In order to open these PDF files the free Adobe Reader 5.0 or greater is needed.

Technical – We registered a total of 2999 hits on the web site for the last month. This is up from 2400 for a total of 599 hits. This traffic is consistent with normal usage.

Financial: The domain name registration was automatically deducted from the area bank account on September 3rd for \$8.88. The hosting fee will be automatically deducted sometime around the 20th for approximately \$97.00. We pay annually to qualify for a 10% discount.

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: Given by Rory G. as follows:

There were \$229.90 [~~\$229.89???~~] in sales for this month of which \$176. 43 was a transfer from the PR budget. A total of **\$53.46** was turned in and an order will be figured and placed after this meeting.

Thanx Rory.

Break: 2:35 – 2:50 pm

Sharing Session:

1) Activities – As mentioned above, resources will be kept in reserve for a New Year’s party of some kind. Good chance that there will be something going on in Colorado for Halloween so a road trip might do the trick (or treat??). See Chapter 10!

2) Phoneline – John, our PR Chair, would like to explore the feasibility of enhancing the phoneline by making it a true help line so that a suffering addict who calls in can speak to another addict for some immediate relief. This in lieu of joining up with the Region since we already have the infrastructure in place, i.e. a phone line, listings in several phone books, a contact list and hopefully enough volunteers to answer calls when needed. If the Region’s situation should change we can always reassess our position and adapt accordingly.

Currently we are getting on average 10 to 12 calls per month. Some of these may be repeat callers attempting to push the right buttons to get to the meeting list section they want. This issue may be helped by redoing the menu selections to somehow make it easier to get to the right list. Along these lines it was pointed out to the PR chair that our policy and guidelines permit him, as Chair, to make any changes needed to improve this service. It was thought that since the volunteer currently making changes to the phoneline rarely attends ASC meetings that it may improve communication and changes response time if this duty could be assumed by someone else who does regularly attend the meetings. John will check into this.

He is also going to check with our provider, Freedom Voice, to see if they offer any kind of answering and call forwarding service and how much it will cost. Right now he would like us to ask around and see if some of our members who aren't otherwise involved with Area activities will volunteer to answer calls on occasion.

One member shared how a group had at one time had a help line which was forwarded to a volunteer's house and that person reported that maybe one or two calls every couple of months was all they received. Another member mentioned how little involvement we currently have with area business and wonders if there would be enough people willing to answer any calls. It seems the adage that "90% of the work is done by 10% of the people" holds pretty true within our area at the group level and area. Once again though, it was pointed out that our primary purpose and means to accomplish it are of paramount importance.

So, we would like each GSR to take this back to their groups for discussion and input.

Old Business:

- 1) Directional NA signs – Les is absent and nothing has been heard of on any signs.

- 2) Regional meeting & assembly rotation – Most feel that the fairest and best thing to do with hosting the assembly meetings is to rotate all of the regional meetings. In this way members would not always have to drive extreme distances to attend and each area who wanted to host these meetings would have the opportunity. Those who are unable to host such a meeting can always opt out of the rotation one time or more often as needed.

- 3) Phonenumber – See sharing #2

New Business: None

Motions ~ None

Elections ~

- RCM – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled
- RCM2 – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled
- Chair – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled

At the next meeting we need to hold elections for the above tabled positions and the Vice-Chairperson position so

GSRs, please be sure to let your groups know we are looking for volunteers – Pleeease??

Disbursements:

Ck # 1386 – Cash in, ck out for LFL to URMRS	[\$ 27.17] doesn't affect balance
Ck # 1387 – Quest	\$ 12.96
Ck # 1388 – Annual NAWS donation	\$ 63.18
Ck # 1389 – LCCC for meeting room rent	\$ 10.00
	(\$ 86.14)

Closing Treasury balance: \$2,300.21

Area 7th Tradition of **8.00** to the SNL grp.

Adjourned at 3:50 pm

Next mtg: October 11, 2009 – 1pm @ 14 W. 17th St., Scottsbluff, NE

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Date: October 11, 2009 Time: 1:15 pm Location: Scottsbluff, NE

Ray B. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
Les F. read the 12 Traditions of N.A.
Deb B. read the 12 Concepts of N.A.
Trudy S. read the 12 Values of the WBASC

Group Response to Concept Study from last meeting: Concept 11, Q 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.

Study and discussion question:

2. Rank the following group budget priorities:

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

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?

The one responding group discussed the importance of each and rent and literature were always thought to be of primary importance in fulfilling our primary purpose taking up the first and second spots respectively. Without a place to meet there can be no meetings and literature helps teach us how to overcome the disease of addiction (It is rather difficult for two sick people to heal each other without some form of guidance). The other three items were ranked differently as discussion went on. Finally it was thought that out of all five refreshments would be the first expense to be cut back on, or out, if donations dropped off. So in this light an operating reserve was felt to be very important and service donations ranked fourth simply because, by extension, other service bodies help carry out our primary purpose.

Reading/Study/Discussion of Concept _12_ using chapter questions.

Study and discussion questions:

1. What is the difference between service and government?

Service asks what can we do for you while government tells us what to do. Service follows spiritual principles not edicts of law which promotes sharing rather than being dictated to.

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"?

We share our experiences, strengths and hopes with others so that we may keep what has been so freely given to us while at the same time offering the same opportunity to other addicts that they may learn how to live free.

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.

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

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

Other 11 concepts deal a lot with groups and group consciences in making decisions. Spiritual motivation, rather than selfishness, fosters collectiveness (unity) for all.

Roll Call: Acting Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Literature Chair, UD Chair, & Webservant.

GSR, Alternates and guests: Deb B. (GSR – On Life’s Terms), Wayne W. (GSR – Saturday Nite Live), Richard M. (GSRA – Clean & Serene), Rory G. (Treasurer – Live from Laramie), Ray B. (Rep. for – Free Bird), Sharon S., Larry S., Trudy S., Ed P., & Cory from Scottsbluff and Rick M. from Laramie.

Absent: RCM (vacant), RCM2 (vacant), Treasurer, Activities Chair, PR Chair, Clean and Free, & Staying Clean in Sidney.

NA Recovery Birthdays: None

Recognition of new groups: None.

Approval of last month’s minutes:

Closing balance amended to read **\$2,530.11**.

While preparing the minutes the bank account balances were not coming out right. On closer inspection, after consulting with the treasurer and reviewing the spreadsheet structure, it became clearer.

When the literature column was separated from the rest of the budgeted items all figures involving literature sales, transfers or purchases were excluded from the automatic calculations made with the rest of the spreadsheet even though they were still a part of the total bank account balances. So if sales were added to literature the amount would not be automatically added to the total bank account balance even though the funds were brought in and ultimately deposited.

In the case where funds were transferred from the PR column to literature, the amount subtracted from the PR column was automatically deducted from the total bank account balance, but when it was added to the literature column it was not automatically added back into the total bank account balance. The money was still in the bank – nothing had happened to it – it had just been moved from one column to another, but the spreadsheet did not reflect it in that manner.

After adding the literature sales back into the total, both the cash brought in and transferred, the new balance was recalculated to \$2,530.10. Then Rory reported that instead of turning in \$53.46 he had actually turned in \$53.47 so adding in the extra cent the correct closing balance and therefore the new opening balance for this month should be \$2,530.11.

To help distinguish between money credits, debits and amounts that have no affect on the total bank account, figures are now being printed in colors. Red for debits (expenses), blue for credits (money received) and black for amounts that have no affect on total bank account balances. Examples of amounts that have no affect would be the cash in and check out for LFL donations to the region or 7th Tradition donations collected for the hosting group and recorded in the minutes.

Les F. moved to accept the minutes as amended , Rory G. seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Beginning Balance: \$2,530.11 – Does not reflect any transactions since last month’s closing balance.

Serenity Break: 2:05 – 2:15 PM

Officers Reports:

Chair: Given and filed as follows:

Hello A.S.C. members & guests,

Glad to see you all again. Seems we are having a problem with getting people involved in service. So now is the time to get into the solution before it gets too far out of hand. We need to work together to get people involved or we are going to end up in the same situation as the Freedom Seekers Area. They have not had an area meeting for two years. I, as the representative from the Wyo-Braska area gave an oral report to the region. It is important that we work together & get things done. Being responsible is part of the recovery process. I will do my best & I still believe we have the best area in the world. The Chair's account stands at \$100.00

In Loving Service
Ray B.

Vice-Chair: Given and filed as follows:

Hello everyone,

First and foremost I need to apologize for not being at the last area meeting and it was my responsibility to be at the last regional service committee meeting last Saturday to represent our area and failed to do that as well.

I checked my in box and NA folder and received no RCM reports to offer a report from region at this time, however I'm confident that our very competent chair who was there brought back some information for us and if he would allow me that info. Or I will get the regional contact list and prepare a thorough report before next month's ASC meeting.

I want to remind everyone especially the PR chair that the new prison in Torrington is finished and hiring personnel so we will need to make contact and start work on a subcommittee to take meetings and literature there.

Despite my lack of communication I want you all to know I've missed you all tremendously and realize I need you now more than ever.

In Loving Service,
Les F.

Treasurer: Report given by Richard from e-mail and filed as follows:

Hey Richard,

I will not be at area today, could you read the opening balance and keep track of the money today? Deb B. will collect and write the receipts [or Les F. as the vice-chair] but I told her you usually keep track of the transactions for the minutes. Just use last month's closing balance, there have been no other transactions since then. I appreciate it, thanks!

JFT-Gail W
WBASC Treasurer

Secretary: Report given and filed as follows:

Hey all,

Not a whole lot to report this month. As far as I know everything is updated and the minutes were posted on our web site. Minutes were also e-mailed to everyone last month except for the one group and the minutes were snail mailed to them. Info is taken from the sign-in sheet and group report forms so if any of these are unreadable the lists will be inaccurate. Everyone please check your information to make sure it is correct and up to date.

Please remember that because the contact list has personal information on it, it is intended for internal use only. It will not be posted on the web site or anywhere else. Its purpose is for ease of communication among members of the area.

Copies of the guidelines, values, contact lists, meeting lists, order of annual elections and all other forms have been printed out and available here today.

Again, thank you for typing up your reports. It sure makes it easier to prepare the minutes.

I am asking to be reimbursed \$35.06 for printing supplies including ink and paper leaving \$89.94 in the secretary's budget.

ILS
Richard

RCM: Vacant – no report.

RCM 2: Vacant – no report.

Group Reports:

On Life's Terms: Deb B.

Concerns: [Vision of Hope group has merged with On Life's Terms so the Thursday meeting will be at the same location and starts at 7 pm but listed under On Life's Terms.]

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: **\$37.65** Other: None

Clean & Free: Absent – no report.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: 0 Other: None

Saturday Nite Live : Wayne W.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: **\$5.00** Other: None

\$37.65

\$ 5.00

\$15.00

Clean & Serene: Richard M.

Concerns: Lack of participation in service.

Needs: None.

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: **\$15.00** Other: None

\$10.00

\$67.65

Live from Laramie: Rory G.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: 0 Other: None

Free Bird: Ray B.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: **\$10.00** Other: None

Staying Clean in Sidney: Absent no report

Concerns:.

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

Sub-Committee reports:

Activities: Absent w/ no report. Nothing much to report until Nov. or Dec.

UD: Deb B. reports she checked out Crystal and Granite lakes and they both require reservation fees. However, the North Crow Reservoir has no reservation fee since it is on BLM land. All we would need to do is pick a spot and stake our claim. This lake is located west and north of Cheyenne at the base of the mountains so it's at a lower altitude than Pole Creek. She's going to do a bit more checking on overnight camping fees, whether or not boats and jet skies are permitted, fishing, etc and get back to us.

PR: Absent w/ no report.

H&I component: See above.

PI component: See above.

Phoneline: See above.

Web site: Report given and filed as follows:

Hey All,

General – As far as I know our web site is all updated. The latest minutes are available on the “Archives” page.

Remember, GSRs can download motion, disbursement and report forms from the “Archives” page.

NOTE: In order to open these PDF files the free Adobe Reader 5.0 or greater is needed.

Technical – We registered a total of only 1433 hits and yet last month our counter was at 2999. Going back over the last year and a half or so I discovered what may be a pattern. Suffice it to say that it has happened before and I'm still not positive why. It may reset when we renew or reach a predetermined number.

2009	September =	1433
	August =	2999
	July =	2400
	June =	1674
	May =	1272
	February =	3803
	January =	3250
2008	December =	2740
	November =	2208
	October =	1646
	September =	1192
	August =	1861

I'm still working on the training aid as time allows.

Financial: All fees automatically deducted from our bank account and paid for through Sept. 2010 (\$8.88 for the domain name registration on about Sept. 3rd & \$97.04 on about Sept. 20th for the annual hosting). We pay for the hosting by the year to qualify for a 10% discount.

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: Given by Rory G. as follows:

Rory placed an order for **\$557.79** and is asking for reimbursement for same. Sales of **\$30.69** were made and is being turned in today.
Thanx Rory.

Break: 3:05 – 3:15 pm

Sharing Session:

1) Regional meeting & assembly rotation – There was no vote taken on this yet. The Wyoming Western Area would like to permanently host the Regional Assembly in either Rock Springs, Rawlins or somewhere in that locality. We are still of the opinion that it would serve the entire region if it were either rotated with the regional business meeting or somehow held in or near Casper as that is closer to the middle of the region and more likely to attract participation from all areas.

2) Torrington, WY state correctional facility – The building is almost complete and they are hiring personnel so it is probably time to make contact with the warden or whoever will be in charge of permitting NA meetings or literature in there. See vice-chairperson's report. Our PR chair needs to be apprised of this situation for possible action in the near future.

Old Business:

1) Directional NA signs – Les F. hasn't done anything on this yet but reaffirmed his intention to make us up a set of signs from scraps and left overs he has before the next time they are needed at least. Thanx Les.

2) Phonenumber – PR chair absent w/o report.

New Business: See item #2 in sharing.

Motions ~ None

Elections ~

RCM – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled

RCM2 – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled

Chair – Rick M. nominated Les F. Les accepted the nomination, qualified himself and was voted in unanimously. Thanx Les.

Vice-Chair – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled

At the next meeting we need to hold elections for the above tabled positions so

GSRs, please be sure to let your groups know we are looking for volunteers – Pleeese??

Disbursements:

Ck # XXXX – Richard M. for printing supplies	\$ 35.06
Ck # XXXX – Literature order	<u>\$557.79</u>
	(\$592.85)

Closing Treasury balance: \$2,035.60

Area 7th Tradition of **\$11.35** to the C&S grp.

Adjourned at 3:34 pm

Next mtg: November 8, 2009 – 1pm @ 1215 Gibbon St. in Laramie, WY

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Date: November 8, 2009 Time: 1:42 pm Location: Laramie, WY

Les F. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
Rory G. read the 12 Traditions of N.A.
Trudy S. read the 12 Concepts of N.A.
Ray B. read the 12 Values of the WBASC

Group Response to Concept Study from last meeting: Concept 12, Q 3

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

Within the context of the Twelve Concepts, as a body, this concept serves much the same function as Tradition Twelve does in the context of the other traditions. The Twelfth Concept brings our consideration of concepts for NA service back to the spiritual root of selfless service. A structure based on that foundation could only be one of service, never of government.

Study and discussion question:

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.

Reading/Study/Discussion of Concept _1_ 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.)

Yes most are small meetings – Scottsbluff's is bigger with a lot of participants.

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

Groups are small and focus mostly on what the groups need.

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?

On Life's Terms is doing very well, Live from Laramie is getting by. Free Bird doesn't have enough to conduct on own. Varies in Scottsbluff sometimes struggles other times does very well.

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

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

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

Yes all groups do and they all contribute.

Roll Call: Chair, Vice-Chair, Literature Chair, & UD Chair.

GSR, Alternates and guests: Deb B. (GSR – On Life’s Terms), Wayne W. (GSR – Saturday Nite Live), Les F. (Rep for, report e-mailed – Clean & Serene), Rory G. (Treasurer – Live from Laramie), Ray B. (Rep. for – Free Bird).

Absent: Secretary w/ report, RCM (vacant), RCM2 (vacant), Treasurer w/ report, Activities Chair w/ report, PR Chair, Webservant w/ report, Mark will be Rep for – Clean and Free perhaps next month,.

NA Recovery Birthdays: Deb B. – 6 yrs. Congrats!!!

Recognition of new groups: None.

Approval of last month’s minutes:

No corrections.

Treasurer’s Beginning Balance: **\$2,035.60** – Does not reflect any transactions since last month’s closing balance.

Serenity Break: 2:25 – PM

Officers Reports:

Chair: Les will mail:

Vice-Chair: vacant

Treasurer: Report e-mailed and filed as follows:

November 6, 2009

I am unable to attend this month due to personal reasons. I am sending the cash box and receipt book with Deb B along with the check book. I have written checks for the bills due that just need another signature and someone to mail them off. The checks written are as follows:

Check # 1309	10.00	Branding Iron
Check # 1391	56.00	Post Box
Check #1392	12.96	Qwest
	78.96	

I am including the bills and the statement from Freedom voice for review.

Last month the deposit was 98.24 and checks were written for Lit for 557.79 and for 35.06 to the area secretary. I have not adjusted the spreadsheet to reflect any of the changes, but will have that done by next area. I am including the bank statements from the last two months for review and will reconcile the account at a later date. You may use the ending balance from last month as the beginning balance for this month.

I am still working with the bank for the online access, it has been a long and painful process but I have faith that it will be resolved soon.

Thanks for understanding that sometimes family just has to come first.

JFT-Gail W

WBASC Treasurer

Secretary: Report given and filed as follows:

Hey all,

I am unable to attend this month's meeting in Laramie, but I am sure minutes and what not will be taken care of.

There's not a whole lot to report this month anyway. As far as I know everything is updated and the minutes were posted on our web site. Minutes were also e-mailed to everyone last month except for the one group and the minutes were snail mailed to them.

As a reminder, info is taken from the sign-in sheet and group report forms so if any if these are unreadable the contact and meeting lists will be inaccurate. Everyone please check your information to make sure it is correct and up to date.

Please remember that because the contact list has personal information on it, it is intended for internal use only. It will not be posted on the web site or anywhere else. Its purpose is for ease of communication among members of the area.

Again, thank you for typing up your reports. It sure makes it easier to prepare the minutes. The secretary's account is \$89.94. And I hope to see all at the next meeting in Cheyenne if not the workshop.

ILS

Richard M.

RCM: Vacant – no report.

RCM 2: Vacant – no report.

Group Reports:

On Life's Terms: Deb B.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: **\$64.77** Other: None

Clean & Free: Absent – no report but will likely be represented by Mark next month.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: 0 Other: None

Saturday Nite Live : Wayne W.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: 0 Other: None

\$64.77

\$17.49

\$10.00

\$92.26

Clean & Serene: e-mailed to Chair by Richard M.

Concerns: Continued lack of participation mainly in service.

Needs: None.

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: 0 Other: None

Live from Laramie: Rory G.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: **\$17.49** Other: None

Free Bird: Ray B.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: **\$10.00** Other: None

Staying Clean in Sidney:

Removed from agenda (but not meeting lists)

Sub-Committee reports:

Activities: Absent w/ report e-mailed to the secretary and filed as follows:

There are two items that need to be addressed this month, one being New Year's Eve and the other C.A.R.

The New Year 's Eve party has been reserved at LCCC in the cafeteria, we have access from 4 pm to 1 am. I will be working on the fliers and will have them out before the next committee meeting. The actual planning of this activity is still in progress and will be finalized soon.

C.A.R. the following is the email requesting area to host an event:

Activities Chair, WBASC

It is typical when having an World Services NA event that the local area host a function on Saturday night. I am writing to see if the WBASC Activities committee would be willing to put on an activity prior to the Saturday Nite Live meeting in Cheyenne on December 5th. I was thinking something along the lines of a pot-luck dinner.

The Upper Rocky Mountain Region will be hosting the C.A.R. Workshop for the Rocky Mountain Zonal Forum that day, with members attending from NAWS and from the Colorado, Montana, Utah and Idaho Regions.

In fellowship and service,
Tommy O'Reilly (TommyO)
Delegate - Upper Rocky Mountain Region
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I will email the flier to the area committee members. My thought on this was to have maybe Tortilla Factory cater this event, they are usually pretty cheap and very good. I am still trying to get the numbers down for how many is expected to participate once I have a general idea I can get a cost from TF. Please put this in sharing and let me know what the committee thinks. I also have a tentative spot at LCCC for the dinner before SNL but need to know the numbers before I confirm.

JFT-

Gail W

WBASC Activities Chair

UD: As received via e-mail from Deb B. after the meeting.

Here is my report on the available locations to hold this event. I finally made it up to North Crow and was very surprised to see that it is now day use only. I presented this information at the Area Meeting

in Laramie. Glendo was brought up again as a possible sight, as it does not require reservations and also allows internal combustion engines on reservoir. If this sight is chosen, I would be willing to set up signs early the day before and begin to set up camp. I am hoping to have items for raffle at this event and possibly a fundraiser or two before hand, as there is still plenty of time to do this... I am hoping to get the word out early enough for all to plan ahead of time, therefore making our Unity Days a success once again.

ILS Deb B

PR: Absent w/o report.

H&I component: As received via e-mail from Deb B. after the meeting:

Hello Richard! Wanted to let you know that I also gave info on prison meetings (Torrington and WWC Lusk). There are currently 2 women that took meeting in to Lusk in Oct. Not sure what Area they are from. I did here from WWC and received applications and guidelines. There was no number listed for Torrington. I will continue to gather as much info on this before next Area. I hope my notes were sufficient enough to help with Nov.'s minutes. I am still learning and hope to become more efficient in the future!

ILS Deb B

PI component: See above.

Phoneline: See above.

Web site: Report e-mailed to chair & given and filed as follows:

Hey All,

General – As far as I know our web site is all updated. The latest minutes are available on the “Archives” page. I updated both the on-line and printable fall meeting lists so be sure to check them for changes.

Remember, GSRs can download motion, disbursement and report forms from the “Archives” page.

NOTE: In order to open these PDF files the free Adobe Reader 5.0 or greater is needed.

Technical – We registered a total of 1886 hits since last month up from 1433 hits for a total of 453 for the month. I'm still working on the training aid as time allows.

Financial: All fees automatically deducted from our bank account and paid for through Sept. 2010 (\$8.88 for the domain name registration on about Sept. 3rd & \$97.04 on about Sept. 20th for the annual hosting).

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: Given by Rory G. as follows:

Rory reported sales of **\$122.18** and is being turned in today.
Thanx Rory.

Break: 3:25 – 3:40 pm

Sharing Session:

- 1) GSA assembly in Cheyenne in April. Position discussed at area Wayne will do speaker meeting Saturday night before CAR. .

Old Business:

1)Phoneline – PR chair absent w/o report. – Tabled

New Business: See item #2 in sharing.

Motions ~ Activities will coordinate groups for food motion passed w/ one abstention.

Elections ~

- RCM – RCM Deb B. elected
- RCM2 – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled
- Vice-Chair – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled

At the next meeting we need to hold elections for the above tabled positions so

GSRs, please be sure to let your groups know we are looking for volunteers – Pleeease??

Disbursements:

Ck # XXXX – Rory G. for meeting room **\$ 37.17**

Closing Treasury balance: \$2135.22 (as reported by Deb B., however the figures don't quite add up – see below)

Beginning Balance:		\$2,035.60	
Check # 1309	Branding Iron	\$10.00	\$2,035.60
Check # 1391	Post Box	\$56.00	- \$78.96
Check #1392	Qwest	\$12.96	\$1,956.64
		\$78.96	+ \$92.26
			\$2,048.90
			+ \$122.18
On Life's Terms		\$64.77	\$2,171.08
Live from Laramie		\$17.49	- \$ 37.17
Free Bird		\$10.00	\$2,133.91
		\$92.26	
Literature sales		\$122.18	
Ck # XXXX – Rory G.		\$ 37.17	

Area 7th Tradition of **\$12.85** to the LFL grp.

Adjourned at 4:30 p.m.
 Closed with serenity prayer
 Next mtg: Dec.13, 2009 – 1pm @ LCCC in Cheyenne , WY

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Date: December 13, 2009 Time: 1:10 pm Location: Cheyenne, WY

Ray B. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
Rory G. read the 12 Traditions of N.A.
Deb B. read the 12 Concepts of N.A.
Gail W. read the 12 Values of the WBASC

Group Response to Concept Study from last meeting: Concept 1, Q 4

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 question:

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

Deb B. reports group does well to take care of own needs and still contribute to Area.
Ray B. not something [his] group can do at this time.

On Life's terms sent back this question. Does Area donate to Region and World a part of 7th traditions donated by groups? Discussed Guidelines, Articles 9 & 10 were read by Ray B. Donate to Region Quarterly and [to] World annually.

Reading/Study/Discussion of Concept _2_ 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?

Deb B. Yes through representation at [the] area.

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?

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

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?

Ray B. In this day of computers, information for most part is easily accessible.

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?

Deb B. Make sure groups are aware of web-sites.

Roll Call: RCM, Treasurer, Literature Chair, Activities Chair & UD Chair.

GSR, Alternates and guests: Deb B. (GSR – On Life’s Terms), Wayne W. (GSR – Saturday Nite Live), Deb B. (Read e-mailed report – Clean & Serene), Rory G. (Treasurer – Live from Laramie), Ray B. (Rep. for – Free Bird), Rick M. from Laramie and Karen L. from Cheyenne.

Absent: Chair (w/ good reason), Vice-Chair (vacant), Secretary w/ report, RCM2 (vacant), PR Chair (vacant), Webservant w/ report, Clean and Free.

NA Recovery Birthdays: None.

Recognition of new groups: None.

Approval of last month’s minutes:

Ray B. moved to accept as presented, Rory G. seconded the motion, carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Beginning Balance: **\$2,180.72** – (\$7.10 error) see report.

Serenity Break: 1:50 – 2pm

Officers Reports:

Chair: Les F. is in the hospital, oral report given by Gail W.

Vice-Chair: Report given verbally by acting vice-chair Ray B.

Treasurer: Report given and filed as follows:

December 13, 2009

I have been working on the spreadsheet and according to the figures there the balance is 2187.82, according to the bank the balance is 2180.72, which would make a 7.10 error. However after reviewing the bank statements I find that we have been getting charged for Web Direct the online banking service that we have not been able to access yet. I will go to the bank on Monday to get this credited to our account, so far, the auto withdrawals have been 20.00, 22.00 and 23.00 which is a total of 65.00, this of course was not in the contract, of which I have, the contract states a 10.00 monthly fee. I have been trying since August to get the online banking up and running, the service originally said they would email me the log on and password information, after waiting several weeks for that, I contacted the bank, they put in another order for the service, and then I waited several more weeks. When I still did not receive the info I contacted the bank again. The service then said they would FedEx the info to my home; again that process did not happen. The banker I have been working with then asked the info to be FedEx’ed to the branch, of which did not happen, finally I asked for it to be shipped to my work, I finally received the first part of the info however the letter gives only the log on info and the password is supposed to come next. However the charges for the service are incorrect and I will insist that the charges be credited to our account immediately and when we can access the online services I will make sure that we are only charged the contractual amount every month. So in conclusion, although the books and the bank may look like there is a 7.10 error; it is actually 72.10 that is in error. This of course is to be expected since I have been absent from the past two meetings and have not kept up with the books. This will be rectified before the next meeting. After making the last deposit I found that an envelope of money was still in the bottom of the cash box, 64.77 from On Life’s terms. I will add that to this month’s deposit.

JFT-Gail W

WBASC Treasurer

Secretary: Report e-mailed, given and filed as follows:

Hey all,

Once again I find myself unable to attend this month’s meeting in Cheyenne. If it isn’t one thing it’s another. About the time my stomach problems are taken care of and my breathing difficulties stabilized I slipped on the stupid snow and pulled or strained some muscles in my back. The cold and snow and I

just don't get along very well, but I am not even considering moving to warmer parts of the US – if there are any. Needless to say I haven't had a lot of time I can devote to Area duties. However, I used Deb's notes and prepared the minutes and got those all e-mailed out. I also have updated the notes template and contact list and I've compressed and converted most of our files into easily e-mailed PDF files.

Deb called and we talked about what we could do if I couldn't make it this month. She is prepared to take notes for me and with the revised template she should have a much easier time of it. I am e-mailing her all of the documents I can think of including the latest minutes and guidelines; disbursement, group report, and motion forms; the WBASC values; an updated contact list and of course the sign-in sheet.

As a reminder, info is taken from the sign-in sheet and group report forms so if any of these are unreadable I can't accurately update the contact and meeting lists very well. Everyone please check your information and make sure it is correct and up to date, make corrections and see to it that I get the changes.

Please remember that because the contact list has personal information on it, it is intended for internal use only. It will not be posted on the web site or anywhere else. Its purpose is for ease of communication among members of the area.

Again, thank you for typing up your reports. It sure makes it easier to prepare the minutes. The secretary's account is still at \$89.94. And I hope to see all at the next meeting.

ILS
Richard M.

RCM: Report given by Ray B. as follows:

Attended RMZF. Discussed were these matters: Group names no longer in existence to be removed. Discussed new groups register yrly. Also, how long should literature remain in committee (180 days instead of 90) before sending to groups for approval. This would give Region more time to get that to World. Discussed purple and granite key tags for 10 yrs. And 20 yrs. Given by groups and purchased thru E-Bay. World will continue to let this happen. There is a survey at www.na.org. Conference Agenda Report. There were 4 or 5 people representing our Area from Cheyenne. More questions contact Tommy O. RD . Thank you Ray from Deb B., I did not make it to workshop, as I was cooking for CAR dinner.

RCM 2: Vacant – no report.

Group Reports:

On Life's Terms: Deb B.

Concerns: Deb B. has stepped down as GSR so as to better serve as chair for ad-hoc UD sub-committee and RCM

Needs: Representation at area meetings.

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: **\$75.30** Other: None

Clean & Free: Absent – no report.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: 0 Other: None

Saturday Nite Live : Wayne W.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: **\$19.93** Other: None

\$ 75.30

\$ 19.93

\$ 10.00

\$105.23

Clean & Serene: e-mailed to Deb B. by Richard M.
Concerns: Continued lack of participation mainly in service.
Needs: None.
Votes and /or motions: None
7th Tradition: 0 Other: None

Live from Laramie: Rory G.
Concerns: None
Needs: None
Votes and /or motions: None
7th Tradition: 0 Other: None

Free Bird: Ray B.
Concerns: None
Needs: None
Votes and /or motions: None
7th Tradition: **\$10.00** Other: None

Sub-Committee reports:
Activities: Given and filed as follows:

December 13, 2009

The CAR workshop dinner was a great success, there was plenty of food and the attendees were very grateful for the welcome to our area.

Many thanks go out to those who volunteered their time and resources to put this gig on. There however were not many actual members of our groups in attendance, which was a little disappointing.

The next event is New Year's Eve, of which I asking for a volunteer to bring a stereo system so that we can have music, the idea being that if there is a stereo w/ speakers, members can bring their favorite music to dance to.

We have some leftovers from the CAR dinner frozen for the potluck; others have pledged to bring food. I have yet to go thru the totes, but feel as though we may have enough decorations for the event. I would however like to be able to buy the party favors, which I think I can get for about 50.00. We still have plenty of plates, plastic ware and napkins, and I am pretty sure there are cups, just that they are more than likely in Ray's garage.

JFT-
Gail W
WBASC Activities Chair

UD: Oral report given by Deb B.
As stated in last report, North Crow is no longer an option but Glendo and Granite are still good possibilities for UD sites. Granite charges \$35.00 for group shelter and an additional \$10.00 per nite for camp sites in group area. These can be reserved in early Feb. and group shelter can be reserved now. This is also true for Glendo. My thoughts on this after meeting with State Parks Official on 12-18-09 is that the Granite location available is not close to water and boat ramps. Also the elevation is 7200 ft., so much cooler then Glendo in Aug. Glendo possible site (Sandy Beach) however is close to water and much warmer due to it's elevation in Aug. The price is the same so I would like feedback as to which site is preferred so that a site can be secured ASAP. There will also be an event to help raise funds for meals, raffle items, etc. to be announced at a later date. Hope to hear from all soon. Contact Deb B. at debbigs55@yahoo.com ILS Deb B.

PR: Letter of Resignation e-mailed to Ray B. and read by Ray B.

H&I component: See old business #1

PI component: See sharing session #3.

Phoneline: See sharing session #3.

Web site: Report e-mailed to Deb B., given and filed as follows:

Hey All,

General – Nothing has been updated this last month because our web host, GoDaddy, has finally phased out the version of on-line web site designing and maintaining software I've been using for the past few years. Now I have to completely relearn the process and redesign the entire web site. I've fiddled around a little with it, but haven't felt up to the intense concentration needed to do it right.

Even though I can import what we already have, the new templates, and what have you, are not designed the same so I will be doing some changing around. I hope to have it redone soon.

Remember though, all of the minutes, guidelines and forms can still be downloaded as needed from the "Archives" page.

NOTE: In order to open these PDF files the free Adobe Reader 5.0 or greater is needed.

Technical – Because of the new on-line web site designing software, after I get the web site revamped, I will have to rewrite the guide to updating our site. Oh well, all when the time is right.

Financial: All fees automatically deducted from our bank account and paid for through Sept. 2010 (\$8.88 for the domain name registration on about Sept. 3rd & \$97.04 on about Sept. 20th for the annual hosting).

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: Given by Rory G. as follows:

Rory reported total sales of **\$55.39**. (Sold **\$45.32** in Lit. since last area meeting Nov.8th. Money transferred = **\$10.07** from PR account to literature account.)

Thanx Rory.

Break: No break.

Sharing Session:

- 1) Gail W. suggests paying all bills at beginning of fiscal year since PR position is vacant at this time, therefore setting round # to pay bills ahead so there will be a clean slate. \$906.54 in account. Freedom Voice would have some credit towards future ads. See motion #1.
- 2) Again UD site brought up in sharing. Also Hawk Springs as possible site. Not sure at this time the cost and availability.
- 3) Rory G. suggests up-dating phone lines, including adding to announcement, men for men, women for women, phone numbers to speak with calling addicts. There would be no additional cost for this. Ray B. suggests these calls be treated as a 12 step call with 2 people if meeting anyone. Gail W. suggests we take this back to groups to check commitment levels. Also check Guidelines for PR for min. clean times, etc. Ray B. and Rory G. discussed meeting list to be updated and who is doing this now. PR sub- committee responsible for this (pg.10 in by-laws) although Richard M. is currently up-dating meeting list. H&I has been converged with PR but still open. Rory G. will help with PR as interim. Changes to meeting list can be made as soon as Tommy O. gets password to him. Perhaps Richard M. will make these changes to meeting list to

include: Noon meeting on Thursday Live From Laramie, Scottsbluff meetings now open, there will be a room # change for SNL due to construction and remodeling (new rm. #147 after Jan.15,09 [2010?]) waiting for update.

- 4) Karen L. brings up that one of her favorite groups in Cheyenne (no name group at the Anchor Club) has no representation at Area.
- 5) Gail W. reports that the CAR dinner was a success. Many spoke of the great food and feeling at home. Good meeting followed by SNL and chaired by Tommy O. Great fellowship and a good time had by all! Thanking those for their contributions.
- 6) Deb B. asks committee if baked foods with NA logo sticker on them ok for raffle items. Ray B. says they are okay.
- 7) CAR dinner 7th Tradition to hosting group SNL (Richard, approximate amount \$100.00)

Old Business:

- 1) Deb B. will try to contact DOC for number listed to new Torrington Facility for apps., guidelines, etc. to bring NA meetings behind the walls. I do have that information for the Lusk prison. Last report shows NA meetings were brought to WWC in Oct.09

New Business:

Motions ~ 1) Motion – by Gail W. To pay up to the end of the fiscal year the PR bills of the Qwest and Branding Iron
Intent: To create a credit balance and to ensure the bills are paid
Votes for – 4, against – 0, abstentions – 0. Motion carries unanimously.

Elections ~

RCM2 – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled
Vice-Chair – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled
PR chair, was decided to pull together , " A village will raise PR" quote by Gail W. (????)

At the next meeting we need to hold elections for the above tabled positions so

GSRs, please be sure to let your groups know we are looking for volunteers – Pleeese??

Disbursements:

Ck # 1399 to Deb B. (RCM, acting Secretary) for ink	\$ 25.00
Ck # 1400 to Gail W.(Activities)	\$ 50.00
Ck # 1401 to Karen L.(PR)	\$ 50.00
Transfers: 1) To literature from PR	Amount \$10.07
2) To Rory G. from PR	Amount \$14.69 (??)

Deposit of **\$215.32**

Closing Treasury Balance: \$1978.46

Area 7th Tradition of **\$11.00** to the SNL grp.

Adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Next mtg: Jan. 10, 2010 – 1pm @ 14 W. 17th St., Scottsbluff, NE

WBASC/rlm