

Sunday April 01, 2007

Rock River Area Group Service

Held at 2300 W. LeFevre Rd. Sterling, Illinois

Hosted by: Reality Check

Business Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Randy S., Rob K., Sterling M., Nancy M., Kim S., Sandra A., Scott P., Gary T., Eric D., Earl P., Jimmy M., Correnna N., Eric B., Kisha M., Gary G., Steve R., Marla M., Steven Y., Barney W., Paula T., Mary F., Laurie L., Rich M., James W., Marvin W., Mary W., Judy C., Kim P., Kari H., Chris K., Jason B., Amy I., Angie P., Debby M., Teresa H., Greg W., Mark B.

- a.) Paula T. opened the meeting at 1:00 pm with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.
- b.) Volunteers read the Twelve Traditions of N.A. and the Service Workers Prayer.
- c.) Welcomed newcomers.
- d.) Roll call of trusted servants and GSR's.
- e.) Recognized new groups.
- f.) Explained voting procedures.
- g.) Minutes from last month were reviewed, and accepted.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Chairperson: Paula T. (*present*) – No notable information to report.

Vice – Chairperson: Eric B. (*present*) – Nothing to report.

Secretary: (*open*)

Alternate Secretary: Mark B. (*present*) – Please turn in your reports to me by the end of the meeting if you want your information to be included in the Area Minutes, as I want your information to be included. My cost for copying March's Area Minutes was \$41.65. I've turned my receipt in to the treasurer. I know that I went over my working reserve of \$30.00, but this month's minutes were 17 pages instead of the average 10 – 11 pages. That said, I motion for reimbursement of \$41.65 for copying. Again, thank you for allowing me to be of service to Narcotics Anonymous. No one opposes motion for \$41.65. *Passed.*

Treasurer: Eric B. (*acting treasurer / present*) – Handed out financial figures data packet gathered since the March business meeting. Accepted.

Alternate Treasurer: (*open*)

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Beginning Balance From: March 04, 2007 **\$3,016.04**

INCOME:

Groups 7 th Tradition.....	\$180.04
Literature sold.....	\$703.95
Area 7 th Tradition.....	\$40.00
Functions Money.....	\$370.50
RCM.....	\$0.00
RRCNA.....	\$5,558.81
Individual Purchases.....	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$6,853.30

EXPENSES:

3959 AT&T – phone bill.....	\$29.96
3960 U.S. Post office – PO box.....	\$50.00
3961 Mark B. – Secretary copies.....	\$18.00
3962 WRSO – Literature Stockpile/PI/H&.....	\$893.73
3963 Freedom To Grow – 7 th Tradition	\$40.00
3964 Sterling M – RCM travel	\$317.14
3965 Steven Y. – RCMA travel.....	\$60.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES:..... **\$1,408.83**

CHECKBOOK BALANCE..... **\$8,460.51**

STATEMENT BALANCE..... **\$8,460.51**

PRUDENT RESERVE..... **\$3,041.20**

WORKING FUNDS..... **\$5,419.31**

TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS:

Regional Committee Member: Sterling M. (*present*) Hello everyone at the Rock River Area. We attended the WRSC March cycle in Rice Lake from March 16 – 18, 2007. We gave Gene J. (WRSO) the check in the amount of \$893.73 for literature, which we passed on to Jimmy M. (RRAGS Literature). We also carried the Rock River Area group conscience regarding the motions / discussion from the last WRSC cycle. New Regional flyers were also brought back to the Area. The St. Croix area is no longer in existence, a new area has formed within the same geographical boundaries, and the new area is being called the Chippewa Valley Area. This new area also has an up and running web site called www.chippewavalley.com. The Regional delegate team would like to field interest from our area regarding a workshop for the C.A.R. review, which would include the involvement from all GSRs, RCMs, and RCMA's within our Region. The intent of this workshop is to help educate the trusted servants listed above in becoming more involved with overall review and voting procedures of the Conference Agenda

Report. The hope from doing a workshop such as this is to spark interest and participation in becoming more involved in the decision making process of Narcotics Anonymous. The new Public Relations Handbook, which has been approved by N.A.W.S., has sparked a name change in regards to the PI regional subcommittee. Thus, the PI subcommittee will now be known as the Public Relations subcommittee due to the fact that the world office has made the same change. The question is, would the Rock River Area like to adopt this change in order to keep uniformity? Perhaps, we could discuss this idea in the open forum discussion today. In Addition, the regional P.R. subcommittee is in need of a web servant for the Regional web site. The contact information for the current P.R. Regional Chairperson is available upon request. The H&I subcommittee chairperson, Tony H., has been given the contact information for our H&I subcommittee chairperson. He would like to see regular H&I reports from all areas. He would like these reports to include the number of facilities that we are going into, how things are going, and do we have any needs that region can help support. Frank W. has been elected as the new Activities Chairperson. He would like contact information from all the chairpersons from all the areas in order to coordinate events. We look forward to going to the next WRSC cycle in Oshkosh, which will take place May 18th – 20th 2007. In loving service, Sterling M & Steven Y.

Regional Committee Member Alternate: Steven Y. (*present*) – See report above, nothing else to report.

Functions: Kisha M. (*present*) – Nothing to report.

Literature Review: Steven Y. (*present*) – Nothing to report.

Hospitals & Institutions: Kim S. (*present*) – I have been passing out literature to all facilities. If anyone needs anything, please let me know. Focus House in Rochelle would like volunteers for Thursday evening. Please let me know if you are interested. I ordered \$33.75 in literature for Homebase. **Motion:** To pass out 2 books per facility per year. Intent, same facilities are getting books over and over. It would be more cost effective. Discussion. **Vote: Failed.** In loving service, Kim S.

Public Information: Rob K. (*present*) – P.I. activity for the month of March 2007:

1) Additional Subcommittee Meeting: Held 3-17-07 at Freedom To Grow. Attendance = 8. Summary in brief: **A)** Discussed status of open actions with facilities (Beloit, PHASE – Belvidere). **B)** A plan was finalized for procuring PSA videotape from WSO. Tape was ordered on 3/29/07. **C)** Committee adjusted the date for Phonline Learning Day due to a committee member vacation. New date: Saturday June 09, 2007, It Works to host. Committee members will review existing RRAGS Phonline materials and discuss next month. **D)** Committee members took action items to attempt to set appointments with various facilities: Rosecrance River District, Boone County Jail, and Salvation Army. **E)** A committee member took an action item to make local NA information available to local media if needed. **F)** A review of ASC policies relating to PI was conducted; specifically regarding schedule printing frequency and quantities. Discussion led to the following conclusions: **a)** Regarding frequency of printing: Policy as written appeared to instruct that PI maintain a stockpile quantity of 3500 schedules at all times. Committee will implement this policy by printing as deemed reasonable and prudent, in order to balance maintaining stockpile while minimizing extra outdated schedules. **b)** Regarding quantity

of printing: 3500 schedules, less 500 (H&I) and 250 (PI) equals 2750 for groups. 2750 divided by 16 groups equals 171 schedules per group. A proposal to allocate an equal number of schedules for each group did not lead to any action. (Instead, we will request that GSRs be mindful when taking schedules as they see fit). A motion was passed at the committee to change the ASC policy pertaining to schedule printing quantities. The motion is attached and will be presented to the ASC for disposition at the end of this report.

2) Focus House: PI and H&I delivered NA literature including (1) Basic Text, (1) It Works, (1) Just For Today, and (25) White Books to this facility. Thanks to H&I for assisting with this effort.

3) New NA group contact (“There is Hope”- Rochelle): Sent an email to the person who contacted the ASC about this group. The message informed them as to the date and location of the April ASC meeting and invited the group to send a representative.

4) Beloit Treatment Center: Still no response to repeated messages left with this facility. We will keep trying.

5) www.na.org website: Accurate information for RRAGS meetings is now returned when using the “NA Meeting Search” function at the website.

6) www.wisconsinna.org website: Accurate information for RRAGS meetings is now present at the website. In addition, a .pdf of the latest ASC schedule (Spring 2007) has been posted on the site by Regional web coordinators.

7) RRAGS Phonenumber (answering service): Chair has requested a teleconference with Wagner Communications to discuss ways to make improvements for the benefit of all parties involved. I also need to get them the latest updates. Among other issues, it appears the RRAGS website would help them in there process.

8) PI goals / proposed activities for the month of April 2007 (and forward):

a) Begin planning for Phonenumber Service Learning Day. **b)** Close open actions from March (proposed facility contacts, etc.). **c)** Continued follow up on work toward getting PSAs for air on local media.

9) Additional PI Subcommittee Monthly Meeting: Next meeting is 4/21/07 at Freedom To Grow at Noon.

10) Schedules: PI has schedules (“Spring 2007” edition). This time, the schedule changes and printing were made easier and cheaper due to the assistance of an NA member. The committee wishes to thank Eric B. for his service.

11) Committee activity prior to March ASC: **a)** Discussed the potential for outreach to the Hispanic community. Need bilingual addicts – start by posting Spanish language literature on the website. **b)** Discussed status of recent facility contacts, media contacts, etc.

Motion: To change meeting schedule quantity, per ASC Literature Stockpile (page 45 of ASC Policy package), *from 3500 to 5000*. Discussion. *Vote: Passed.*

Policy & Procedure: Randy S. (*present*) – We need to get ASC Meeting Rotation squared away. Groups that would like to be added or deleted from the rotation should contact me.

Literature Stockpile: Jimmy M. (*present*) – This month there were \$639.75 in sales and there was a reorder of \$627.80 (includes H&I’s order).

Literature Stockpile Alternate: Charley S. (*absent*) –

Convention Committee: Gary T. (*present*) – Nothing to report.

Newsletter Committee: Randy S. (*present*) – We would like more input from GSRs, groups, etc. **Motion:** For reimbursement of \$239.69, newsletter costs since its inception. *Vote: Passed.*

Digital Information: Eric B. (*acting / present*) – The Digital Information Subcommittee is proud to announce that the website is up and running. The website address is www.rragsna.org. You will also find this website address on the newest meeting schedule. This was accomplished through close cooperation with the PI subcommittee. The website is not complete nor is it fully functional, but there is a lot in place already.

The main page contains links to NA Literature, which in accordance with NA World Services directly links to pdf documents on the world website. Anyone can go there and view the Basic Text, a multitude of IPs, Booklets, and the Group Readings.

There is a link to a list of all NA Meetings in our Area sorted by date, with maps to all the groups linked to each meeting. Also, the entire meeting schedule is linked in pdf format for viewing and printing.

There is a link to the groups sub domain. The sub domain includes links to individual web pages assigned to each group at Area. Those group pages are not populated as of yet, however we expect by next Area to have each groups meeting listed and a group calendar of events. We encourage the groups to submit anything they would like to be placed on their respective home pages, assuming it falls in line with the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and NA World Guidelines.

There is a link to a calendar of events, including links to pdf documents of all flyers submitted at the ASC from groups, Region, and the ASC Subcommittees. If any subcommittee intends to have a separate meeting away from 1 hour prior to the ASC, we encourage you to get a flyer ready and we will post it to the calendar.

There is a link to a Functions page that as yet is unpopulated, but we intend to contain information about our Area's functions.

There is a link to the Newsletter page that shows the newsletter for easy viewing, or it is in pdf format for downloading and printing.

There is a link to the Subcommittee sub domain. From that sub domain, there are links to home pages for each subcommittee. These pages are as of yet unpopulated, but we fully intend to have information for members to get involved and learn more about the subcommittees.

There is a link to a page containing ASC rotation. There are only 2 dates following today (April 01, 2007) listed. We suggest to the Policy & Procedure Subcommittee to solicit groups that are able and willing to host Area for the next year and to create the next year's rotation.

There is a link to the Area Policy packet. It is readable in web format or in pdf format for downloading and printing. The Policy packet that is posted online contains all of the changes that have resulted from the creation of the Digital Information Subcommittee and the Newsletter Subcommittee.

There is a link to the Convention sub domain, which includes links to each subcommittee on the Convention Committee. As yet, these pages are unpopulated, but we fully intend to have information for members to get involved and learn more about the subcommittees.

There is a link to a Link page. This page is unpopulated as of yet, but we fully intend to have links to other Areas, Region, World, and any other groups, Areas, or Regions that would like to link to and from our website.

Finally, there is a link to Web mail. This takes us to a page for trusted servants to check their

e-mail. The Digital Information Subcommittee has assigned e-mail addresses to all trusted servant positions at Area, All Subcommittee positions, and all the GSRs. Anyone can check their e-mail from any computer attached to the internet by going to the website. Any trusted servant can use an e-mail program such as outlook, outlook express, Eudora, or several others. Each program has its own setup settings and there are tutorials linked to the web mail page. The Digital Information Subcommittee will be publishing a tutorial for the 2 most common programs that will be specific to our website settings. Additionally, any trusted servant that would like to have their Area e-mail address forwarded to the private e-mail address can do so by submitting a request to the Digital Information subcommittee. However, if one does this, if you respond to any incoming e-mail, you will be responding with your private e-mail address. This could confuse anyone sending you mail, and could potentially break your anonymity if your private e-mail address gives away your name. The Digital Information Subcommittee recommends using the web mail portal or setting up outlook or outlook express to check your mail.

The total cost for one year of hosting service and the purchase of the domain name was \$59.69. We are submitting an invoice for said amount.

Ten.....Minute.....Break

Open Forum Discussion: Topics: A request for copies of the ad-hoc concerning ASC frequency. Idea about changing Public Information to Public Relations so as to stay inline with Region and World. Idea of an ASC meeting being held outside in July. Concerns of Westside Family hosting ASC conflicting with a 2 pm Men’s Meeting. 90 In 90 open to hosting other special meetings.

OLD BUSINESS:

RRAGS Elections: positions open are – Secretary, Treasurer, Alternate Treasurer, and Digital Information. No volunteers or nominations accepted.

Regarding the motion postponed from March ASC; **Motion:** That RRAGS donate \$500.00 to Project Hope. Further discussion. **Vote: Passed.**

Regarding the motion sent back to groups from March ASC; **Motion:** That Area meets every other month (odd Months). **Vote: Failed.**

Convention Committee Elections: All positions open.

1) Chairperson: Nominations: Chris K. and Barney W. accept. Discussion. **Vote:** Barney W. was elected.

2) Vice – Chairperson: Nominations: Kim S., Angie P., and Paula T. accept. Discussion. **Vote:** Angie P. was elected.

3) Treasurer: Nominee Teresa H. accepts. Discussion. **Vote:** Teresa H. was elected. **Motion:** To extend business 30 minutes, seconded. No one opposes: **Passed.**

4) Vice – Treasurer: Nominee Judy C. accepts. Discussion. **Vote:** Judy C. was elected.

5) Secretary: Nominations: Marla M. and Earl P. accept. Discussion. **Vote: Tied:** Marla M. graciously declines. Earl P. was elected.

6) Registration: Nominee Laurie L. accepts. Discussion. **Vote:** Laurie L. was elected.

7) Merchandise: Nominations: Gary T. and Kim P. accept. Discussion. **Vote:** Gary T. was elected.

8) Arts & Graphics: Nominations: Paula T. and Rich M. accept. Discussion. **Vote:** Paula T. was elected.

Motion: To extend business until done, seconded. No one opposes: **Passed.**

9) Hotels & Hospitality: Nominee Kim P. accepts. Discussion. **Vote:** Kim P. was elected.

10) Program: Nominations: Ron C., Correnna N., and Kim S. accept. Discussion. **Vote:** **Tied:** Ron C. and Kim S. **Revote:** Kim S. was elected.

11) Convention Information: Nominations: Kisha M., George D., and Debby M. accept. Discussion. **Vote:** **No clear majority:** Kisha M. and George D. **Revote:** **Tied:** Chair broke tie. George D. was elected.

12) Funding & Entertainment: Nominations: Kisha M. and Debby M. accept. Discussion. **Vote:** Kisha M. was elected.

13) Serenity Keepers: Nominations: Correnna N. and Scott P. accept. Discussion. **Vote:** Correnna N. was elected.

NEW BUSINESS:

None! Because ASC ran over by one hour, a motion was presented; **Motion:** For GSRs to just turn in group reports this month. Discussion. **Vote:** **Tied:** Chairperson broke – **Passed.**

GROUP REPORTS:

90 In 90

Reporting member: GSRA – James W.

7th Tradition: \$10.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: 15 – 20

Meeting changes: None

Functions/Speaker Meetings: Speaker Bill B. April 6th.

Report: 90 In 90 has recently held a 12 concepts workshop. We would like to consider hosting any reasonable workshops at 90 In 90 that may bring better knowledge about service, or any other.

Anonymous Group

Reporting member: GSR – Randy S.

7th Tradition: \$10.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: 6 – 12

Meeting changes: None.

Functions/Speaker Meetings: Speaker – Randy S. April 27, 2007.

Report: Nothing to report.

Awakening

Reporting member: GSR – Kim S.

7th Tradition: \$46.65

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: Average 20

Meeting changes: Adding a Friday 6:30 pm to 8 pm closed format meeting starting April 6th.

Functions/Speaker Meetings: None

Report: Nothing to report.

Clean

Reporting member: GSR – Gary G.

7th Tradition: \$100.00

Literature: \$45.00

Attendance: T: 6-10; Th: 4-8; F: 10-20

Meeting changes: None

Functions/Speaker Meetings: None

Report: None.

Dope to Hope

Reporting member: (*not present*).

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance:

Meeting changes: None.

Functions/Speaker Meetings:

Report: None.

Freedom to Grow

Reporting member: GSR – Rich M. & GSRA – Mark B.

7th Tradition: \$231.46

Literature: \$135.90

Attendance: Avg. 14 & 13 newcomers.

Meeting changes: All 7:30 pm meetings changed to open meetings.

Speaker Meetings: Tues April 24th @ 7:30 pm – Kisha M. from Rockford. Wed April 25th @ Noon – Gary T. from Sterling, IL.

Report: Group for the \$500.00 donation to Project Hope. The group felt that a banquet should not be required for Convention. The group wanted more information about changing the RRAGS meeting frequency. Requested copy of committee report be made available to groups before they could adequately evaluate the change.

Home Group

Reporting member: GSRA – Jason B.

7th Tradition: \$42.32

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: 5 – 20

Meeting changes: None.

Functions/Speaker Meetings: Function; 20th Anniversary campout September 14 – 16. (More information on campout next month with flyers). Speaker meeting at the Home Group April 27th @ 7 pm.

Report: Nothing to report.

It Works

Reporting member: GSR – Eric D.

7th Tradition: \$25.84

Literature:

Attendance: Average 6

Meeting changes: None.

Functions/Speaker Meetings: Speaker meeting every Sunday @ 6 pm.

Report: Nothing to report.

Just For Today

Reporting member: (*not present*)

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance:

Meeting changes:

Functions/Speaker Meetings:

Report:

Keep It Simple

Reporting member: (*not present*)

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance:

Meeting changes:

Functions/Speaker Meetings:

Report:

Monday Night Prime Time

Reporting member: (*not present*)

7th Tradition:

Literature:

Attendance:

Meeting changes:

Functions/Speaker Meetings:
Report:

New You

Reporting member: GSR – Chris K.
7th Tradition: \$0.00
Literature: \$0.00
Attendance: 10 – 20
Meeting changes: None.
Functions/ Speaker Meetings:
Report: Nothing to report.

Reality Check

Reporting member: GSR – Sandra A.
7th Tradition: \$50.00
Literature: \$53.00
Attendance: 7 – 12
Meeting changes: None.
Functions/Speaker Meetings: Speaker Meetings; 4th Sunday of the month – speaker / potluck!
Doors open at 5 pm, speaker at 6 pm. Please bring a dish to pass. Saturday May 05, 2007 – 3rd
Annual Spring Fling & Dance. Doors open at 6 pm. Speaker meeting starts at 7 pm. – Denise H.
from Rockford. Dance at 9 pm. \$3.00 donation, but no addict turned away. Food: Fun:
Fellowship!
Report: Nothing to report.

Road to Recovery

Reporting member: GSR – Laurie L.
7th Tradition: \$0.00
Literature: \$0.00
Attendance:
Meeting changes:
Functions/Speaker Meetings:
Report: Didn't turn in.

The Group

Reporting member: GSR – Steve R.
7th Tradition: \$0.00
Literature: \$0.00
Attendance: Average 15
Meeting changes: None.
Functions/Speaker Meetings: None.
Report: Business meetings are the 1st Saturday of every month @ 6:45 pm. We haven't met for April.

Westside Family

Reporting member: GSR – Linda H.

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$87.75

Attendance: 14 – 25

Meeting changes: None.

Functions/Speaker Meetings: 1st & 3rd Sunday speaker meetings. 3rd Sunday potluck – speakers April TBA.

Report: Meeting growing with newcomers. Successful Spring dance held 3/31/07, great attendance!

Reporting member: GSR –

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance:

Meeting changes:

Functions/Speaker Meetings:

Report:

Announcement: The incoming Convention Committee Chair, Barney W., stated that the first RRCNA17 Committee Meeting will be held on April 13, 2007 @ 7:00 pm at the Clean Group in Rockford.

The next RRAGS business meeting will be on Sunday May 06, 2007 @ 12:00 pm at the Clean Group, 1111 South Alpine Road – Suite 303 in Rockford, Illinois.

Motion: To close, seconded.
The Area Service Meeting closed with a group hug and the 12th Tradition.