

Sunday June 03, 2007

Rock River Area Group Service

Held at 7914 Scott Lane Rockford, Illinois

Hosted by: 90 IN 90

Business Minutes

ATTENDANCE: 24

Randy S., Rob K., Sterling M., Sandra A., Eric B., Marla M., Chris K., Earl P., Eric D., Steve R., Barney W., Paula T., James W., Teresa H., Jane S., Linda F., Jimmy M., Paul B., Bill B., Amy I., Mike C., Jeff B., Rich M., 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.) Chair read statement of purpose.
- d.) Welcomed Newcomers.
- e.) Roll call of Trusted Servants and GSRs. (12 of 17 GSRs reporting)
- f.) Recognized new groups.
- g.) Explained voting procedures.
- h.) Reviewed minutes from last month – accepted.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Chairperson: Paula T. (*present*) – Reminded everyone to be respectful when someone else has the floor as we have elections today.

Vice – Chairperson: Eric B. (*present*) – Nothing to report. Thanks for allowing me to be of service for the last year.

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 May's Area Minutes was \$28.56. I have turned in my receipt to the treasurer and I'm asking for reimbursement. Lastly, don't forget to sign in on one of the attendance sheets that are going around the room so that I may get an accurate count and so that you will be included in this month's Area Attendance listing. Thank you for having faith in me by allowing me to be your Alternate Secretary for the past six (6) months and for allowing me to be of service to Narcotics Anonymous.

Treasurer: Eric B. (*acting treasurer / present*) – Handed out financial figures data packet gathered since the May business meeting. Acting Chair explained financial report. There was not a check written to Wagner Communications this month as we are waiting for the final bill. The deposit was late this month, I’m sorry. – accepted.

Alternate Treasurer: (*open*)

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Beginning Balance From: May 05, 2007 **\$3,745.15**

INCOME:

Groups 7 th Tradition.....	\$536.69
Literature sold.....	\$542.95
Area 7 th Tradition.....	\$13.00
Functions Money.....	\$0.00
RCM.....	\$0.00
RCMA.....	\$0.00
Individual Purchases.....	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,092.64

EXPENSES

3975 Mark B. – copies/minutes.....	\$19.50
3976 Sterling M. – RCM travel.....	\$280.00
3977 Steven Y. – RCMA travel.....	\$60.00
3978 Randall S. – Newsletter printing.....	\$79.83
3979 WRSO – Literature stockpile	\$472.69
3980 Clean Group – 7 th Tradition	\$13.00
0	\$0.00
0	\$0.00

TOTAL EXPENSES..... **\$925.02**

CHECKBOOK BALANCE..... **\$3,912.77**

STATEMENT BALANCE..... **\$3,912.77**

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

WORKING FUNDS..... **\$871.57**

TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS:

Regional Committee Member: Sterling M. (*present*) – Hello everyone. Good afternoon. The \$500.00 donation to Project Hope was forwarded to Ray W. (WRSC Treasurer). Also, the 7th Tradition from RRAGS was forwarded to Ray W. The May/June literature monies were forwarded to Gene J. (WRSO Representative). The literature was given to Jimmy M. (RRAGS Literature Stockpile). The Vice-Facilitator (Dawn I.) officially resigned due to severe family

health issues. In addition, the Regional Delegate (Patti B.) officially resigned also due to severe family health issues. A member of WRSC, Deb W., was voted into the Regional Delegate position. The Vice-Facilitator position is open for election. The next WRSO meeting will be June 16, 2007 in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. The next Regional meeting directory will be printed soon and the deadline for all Areas to submit updated information will be June 10, 2007. The Regional H&I Committee is interested in a new concept called “writing steps to recovery”, which is designed to be implemented into D.O.C. (Department Of Corrections) to have addicts start to write steps and get a feel for recovery. Tony H. (H&I Chairperson) is fielding interest in this concept from all Areas. Therefore, is RRAGS interested in being a part of this new concept? Lastly, the World NAWS database is updated. The next WRSC will be in Madison, Wisconsin during July 20-22, 2007 and is being hosted by Badgerland Area. In closing, Steven and I would like to take a brief moment in thanking the Rock River Area for giving us the support and trust to carry out our positions. It has truly been an honor to serve this Area and its members for the last two (2) years as the RCMA and the RCM, and Steven as the RCMA and Literature Review Chairperson for the last year. We both wish the best to all the new members who become elected into officer positions. We hope that we have represented this Area well and again thank you for the privilege in serving. In loving service, Sterling M. (RCM) and Steven Y. (RCMA).

Regional Committee Member Alternate: Steven Y. (*absent*) – Steven has moved to Bloomington, Illinois in order to continue his schooling.

Literature Stockpile: Jimmy M. (*present*) – This month there were \$689.35 in sales and there was a reorder of \$702.09 (includes PR’s order of \$80.14). The check for last months order was short \$63.16 due to Keytags and Medallions being left off the reorder, so the check this month will be \$765.25. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Functions: Kisha M. (*absent*) –

Literature Review: Steven Y. (*absent*) – Steven has moved to Bloomington, Illinois in order to continue his schooling.

Hospitals & Institutions: Kim S. (*absent*) –

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

1) Mid-month Subcommittee Meeting: Held May 19, 2007 at Freedom To Grow. Attendance = two (2). Summary in brief: **A**) Schedule printing; finalized details for schedule revision and forwarded to the NA member who is handling updates and also acting as a liaison to the printer. **B**) PSAs; tape was distributed to a local television station for addition of local information (888 number and website) and copying for other stations. Copies were delivered to other stations, but they reported difficulties with the quality and determined it was insufficient for broadcast. PR continues to pursue several options to improve this situation.

C) Phonenumber; Sub-committee discussed the results of the visit to the proposed new provider. The conclusion was to proceed with the actions required to transfer service. An up to date status on this situation appears later in this report.

2) Digital Information Subcommittee: Two (2) members of PR subcommittee attended the Digital Subcommittee meeting on May 19, 2007. Saw a demonstration of the website's capabilities. We also discussed the addition of "information for professionals" and "information for family members" to the website.

3) Salvation Army – Rockford: PR took literature from stockpile (1 of each text, 25 of each IP, 25 white books and schedules) for use in this facility. Now serving this facility with an "institutional Meeting", every Wednesday at 6:00 pm. This meeting could use support from H&I approved NA members. Please contact PR/ H&I for details.

4) Regional / Toll free phonenumber (1-888-656-7329): PR worked with Regional contact (Larry D.) to get voice mailbox system set up. As of mid-May, callers to this number now hear a message directing them as to how to use the system to retrieve meeting time and location information for all RRAGS meetings. Very early in the message the caller is informed that personal help is available by pressing "0"; the system then dials 815-964-5959, which in turn is forwarded to the answering service.

5) RRAGS Phonenumber (answering service): On May 18, 2007, two (2) PR members visited the offices of the proposed new answering service. We were given a tour, including an explanation of their system capabilities and billing method, and we discussed our needs with their management. We directed them to the RRAGS website, which they agreed would be most effective to use as the source for the meeting information which they could give to callers. (Note that this reliance on the website further emphasizes the importance of keeping that information accurate). **a) Cost estimate:** The new providers' billing is as follows: \$70.00 per month for the basic service, including 100 "calls" + \$0.48 for each "call" over 100. Calls are defined as: calls received; attempts (whether successful or unsuccessful) to reach a phonenumber volunteer (if requested); and emails documenting call activity. The provider agreed that the emails reporting the messages could be consolidated into one (1) daily message tracking the previous days' total activity. RRAGS phonenumber receives 60-70 calls on average per month, with perhaps 5 of these requesting a volunteer contact. Thus, we could attempt to estimate the "worst case" cost as follows: \$70.00 base rate + (70 incoming calls + 30 emails to report daily activity = 100 calls). If 10 callers requested a volunteer and it took 5 attempts each time to reach a volunteer, this would total 50 more calls, for $50 \times \$0.48 = \24.00 ; resulting in a bill of $\$70.00 + \$24.00 = \$94.00$. If every caller requested a volunteer and it took 5 attempts each time to reach a volunteer, would total 350 more calls, for $350 \times \$0.48 = \168.00 ; resulting in a bill of $\$70.00 + \$168.00 = \$238.00$. This represents an increase over the past, but is still anticipated to be far less than the recent charges from the old provider. **b) Conclusion:** Based on this cost estimate and our very favorable impression of the proposed provider's understanding and willingness to accommodate our needs, our decision was to transfer service to the new company. Effective June 01, 2007, our calls are being handled by the new answering service.

6) Schedule updates: **a) Printing:** Summer 2007 schedules are available. **b) RRAGS website:** Forwarded schedule changes to the Digital Information Subcommittee to update the website. **c) WRSC:** The Region will go to the printer with the Regional Schedule on June 10, 2007. We will forward all known changes (as of June 3rd ASC) in time for them to meet this date. Regional Pr will update www.wisconsinna.org accordingly. **d) WSO:** We will attempt to forward all, known changes (as of June 3rd ASC) to WSO for update of the "meeting locator"

database. Hopefully they will be able to update that data as well.

7) PR goals / proposed activities for the month of June 2007 (and going forward):

a) Continue planning for Phonenumber Service Learning Day. **b)** Proposed outreach to “That Place” (needle exchange) in Rockford. **c)** Belvidere area members have requested outreach to that community. **d)** Continue to work with Digital Information to develop Spanish language and family member information for website. **e)** Revise and reprint “Drug Problem?” flyers to add the toll free 888 number and website. **f)** Write up user instructions for maintaining the RRAGS portion of the WRSC voicemail system.

8) Mid-month P.R. Subcommittee Monthly Meeting: Next meeting is Saturday June 16, 2007 at Freedom To Grow @ Noon. Other related subcommittees (H&I, Digital Information, Etc) are encouraged to attend in order to foster communication and sharing ideas.

9) PR Phonenumber Learning Day: Just a reminder that a Learning Day will be Saturday July 14, 2007, hosted by It Works. We’d like to remind the GSRs to please take a flyer for this event back to your groups if you have not already done so.

10) Committee activity prior to June ASC: No activity this month.

Policy & Procedure: Randy S. (*present*) – Nothing to report.

Convention Committee: Barney W. (*present*) – We met on June 01, 2007. We are still working with Holiday Inn to lock in hotel for April 11-13, 2008. We meet again on June 29, 2007 at The Group @ 7:00 pm. All is going well

Newsletter Committee: Randy S. (*present*) – This months newsletters are here, please help yourselves.

Digital Information: Eric B. (*acting / present*) – The website is moving forward. We now have a larger button on the front page to our meeting schedules. We also have a new link to a page containing information for professionals. The meeting changes have been updated to the website. Also, each group’s webpage now contains their individual meeting schedule. We have included in all these changes the addition of the new group from Rochelle (There Is Hope). On the Subcommittee and Convention Committee pages, we have included a general description of each respective committee’s duties. The newsletter did not get posted this month, nor did any of the flyers. We are still working on a way to make it faster and easier to get these posted to the website sooner. We have drafted an instruction sheet for how to check your RRAGS e-mail account as some individuals are having difficulty doing this. Please see me if you need an instruction sheet. After the elections today, we will begin posting RRAGS e-mail addresses to the website for members and visitors to contact the Trusted Servants. If you would like your RRAGS e-mail forwarded to your own personal account, please see me after today’s meeting. In loving service, Eric B.

SIDE NOTE: For Policy & Procedure – there is an ASC meeting scheduled for Labor Day weekend, please consider revising.

Open Forum Discussion: (15 Min) **Topics:** Following what has been done in Connecticut and other states, is this Area willing to support working with prisoners (Department Of Corrections) in getting them started on writing steps? Discussion – we are still waiting for a copy of the

guidelines. We could look at the possibility of an ad-hoc or a subcommittee to review said guidelines. World has already budgeted for this and there will be little financial impact. Just looking for interest at this point.

There is surveillance at a meeting, what should or can we do about it as our literature states that “we are under no surveillance at any time”. From World (NA), we do not use surveillance, cannot control outside sources, and therefore are not breaking any of the Traditions. Idea of being careful what you share at this meeting if it worries you.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

RRAGS Elections: (*10 of 17 GSRs present*):

OFFICERS / TRUSTED SERVANTS:

Chairperson: Eric B. volunteers; stated qualifications; discussion. *Vote:* Eric B. elected.

Vice-Chairperson: no one accepts nomination; **position remains open.**

Treasurer: nominee – Rich M. accepts; stated qualifications; discussion. *Vote:* Rich M. elected.

Vice-Treasurer: no one accepts nomination; **position remains open.**

Secretary: nominee – Mark B. accepts; stated qualifications; discussion. *Vote:* Mark B. elected.

Alternate Secretary: no one accepts nomination; **position remains open.**

Regional Committee Member: nominee Chris K. accepts; stated qualifications; discussion. *Vote:* Chris K. elected.

Alternate Regional Committee Member: nominee Marla M. accepts; stated qualifications; discussion. *Vote:* Marla M. elected.

Literature Stockpile: no one accepts nomination; **position remains open.**

Alternate Literature Stockpile: nominee willing, but short on clean time – discussed waiving policy on clean time requirements.

MOTION: To change policy on clean time requirements for Alt. Literature stockpile from one (1) year to six (6) months; discussion.

MOTION: To send previous motion back to groups. **VOTE: FAILS.**

Further discussion on original motion: To waive policy on clean time requirements for Alt. Literature Stockpile from 1 year to 6 months; **VOTE: FAILS.**

Alternate Literature Stockpile; position remains open.

SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Functions: no one accepts nomination; **position remains open.**

Literature Review: no one accepts nomination; **position remains open.**

Public Relations: nominee Rob K. accepts; stated qualifications; discussion; *Vote:* Rob K. elected.

Hospitals & Institutions: nominee willing, but short on clean time; **position remains open.**

MOTION: To suspend business to turn this into an H&I Subcommittee meeting briefly. NO one opposes = **PASSED.**

H&I Subcommittee meeting: MOTION: To make Mike C. Vice- Chair of H&I Subcommittee. **VOTE: PASSED.**

RETURN to Old Business – Elections:

Policy & Procedure: nominee Randy S. accepts; stated qualifications; discussion; **Vote:** Randy S. elected.

Newsletter: nominee Randy S. accepts; stated qualifications; discussion; **Vote:** Randy S. elected.

Digital Information: nominee Eric B. accepts; stated qualifications; discussion; **Vote:** Eric B. elected.

POSITIONS remaining OPEN: Vice-Chairperson, Vice-Treasurer, Alternate Secretary, Literature Stockpile, Alternate Literature Stockpile, Functions, Literature Review, and Hospitals & Institutions.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: That new policy committee take a look at policy and bring back suggestions on clean time requirements. Discussion – Policy & Procedure Chair stated that that was already on the list of to do items. Motion dropped.

GROUP REPORTS:

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Reporting member: GSR – James W. (**present**).

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: 10 – 15

Meeting changes: None

Functions/Speaker Meetings: Policy review June 10th @ 2:30 pm.

Report: Group is still in need of \$, still requesting literature donations. All support is appreciated.

Anonymous Group

Reporting member: GSR – Randy S. (**present**).

7th Tradition: \$10.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: 7 – 10

Meeting changes: None.

Functions/Speaker Meetings: Speaker – Rob K. June 29, 2007.

Report: Stop out and spend some time with us on Friday nights. Friday 8:30 – 10:00 pm. Each meeting is a literature study followed by a lead in speaker. See you there!

Awakening

Reporting member: GSR – Kim S. (*absent*).

7th Tradition:

Literature:

Attendance:

Meeting changes:

Functions/Speaker Meetings:

Report:

Clean

Reporting member: GSR – Teresa H. (*present*).

7th Tradition: \$134.00

Literature: \$70.00

Attendance: T: 8-10; Th: 6-8; F: 10-15

Meeting changes: None

Functions/Speaker Meetings: None

Report: None.

Dope to Hope

Reporting member: GSR – Jeff B. (*present*).

7th Tradition: \$73.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: Mon: 4-5; Fri: 3-7

Meeting changes: None.

Functions/Speaker Meetings: Planning a campout (one day) for late July / early August.

Report: Both meetings are going well. We could always use more members, but the NA message is being carried twice weekly in Oregon, Illinois. One of our group members celebrated 27 years clean in NA on May 08, 2007 (Mona B.) and the cheesecake she brought was consumed and appreciated by all.

Freedom to Grow

Reporting member: GSR – Rich M. (*present*).

7th Tradition: \$91.18

Literature: \$67.15

Attendance: Total – 453; Avg. = 7

Meeting changes: None.

Speaker Meetings: Tues June 26th @ 7:30 pm – Maggie I. from Loves Park. Wed June 27th @ Noon – Joe C. from Rockford.

Report: None.

Home Group

Reporting member: GSR – Tara J. (*had to leave*).

7th Tradition: \$28.66

Literature: \$0.00
Attendance: 3 – 20
Meeting changes: None.
Functions/Speaker Meetings: Function; 20th Anniversary campout September 11 – 13. Speaker meeting at the Home Group last Friday of the month @ 7 pm.
Report: Secretary position open.

It Works

Reporting member: GSR – Eric D. (*present*).
7th Tradition: \$0.00
Literature:
Attendance: Average 5 per meeting.
Meeting changes: Dropped all meetings except Tuesdays and Sundays @ 6:00 pm.
Functions/Speaker Meetings: Speaker meeting, dinosaurs every Sunday @ 6 pm.
Report: We have been struggling, but we are redoubling our efforts @ getting the message out in Belvidere, Illinois.

Just For Today

Reporting member: Paul B. (*present / had to leave*).
7th Tradition: \$0.00
Literature: \$0.00
Attendance: 60
Meeting changes: None.
Functions/Speaker Meetings: Last Saturday of the month is a speaker meeting.
Report: None

Keep It Simple

Reporting member: Jane S. (*present*).
7th Tradition: \$0.00
Literature: \$0.00
Attendance: 9
Meeting changes: None.
Functions/Speaker Meetings: Speaker meeting on Friday June 15, 2007; 8:00-9:00 pm; Janette T.
Report: None.

Monday Night Prime Time

Reporting member: Katrina K. (*absent*).
7th Tradition:
Literature:
Attendance:
Meeting changes:
Functions/Speaker Meetings:
Report:

New You

Reporting member: GSR – Chris K. (*present*).

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: 8 – 15

Meeting changes: None.

Functions/ Speaker Meetings: None.

Report: We meet in a Treatment center and are begging H&I to please help with the orientation before the Sunday meeting.

Reality Check

Reporting member: GSR – Sandra A. (*present*).

7th Tradition: \$50.00

Literature: \$99.50

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; Lauren J. will be our speaker.

Report: Nothing to report. Thank you for allowing me to serve! In loving service, Sandra A.

Road to Recovery

Reporting member: GSR – Laurie L. (*absent*).

7th Tradition:

Literature:

Attendance:

Meeting changes:

Functions/Speaker Meetings:

Report:

The Group

Reporting member: GSR – Steve R. (*present / had to leave*).

7th Tradition: \$30.00

Literature: \$76.50

Attendance: 20-22

Meeting changes: None.

Functions/Speaker Meetings: Teresa H. will speak on June 30th @ 8:00 pm.

Report: Rob K. spoke on May 26th, thanks Rob. Since going non-smoking, our 5:30 meetings have exploded. Our 8:00 pm meetings are growing too! We are going to start selling literature at The Group. In loving service, Steve R.

There Is Hope

Reporting member: GSR – Bill N. (*absent*).

7th Tradition:

Literature:

Attendance:

Meeting changes:

Functions/Speaker Meetings:

Report:

Westside Family

Reporting member: GSR – Linda F. (*present / had to leave*).

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$96.35

Attendance: 8 – 14

Meeting changes: None.

Functions/Speaker Meetings: June is men's month, a male speaker every Sunday @ 6:00 pm.

Potluck on the 3rd Sunday. Today (6-3) Sherril P. speaks.

Report: June 9, 2007 is a Speaker / Dance summer kickoff at the YMCA log cabin. No changes.

The next RRAGS business meeting will be on Sunday July 01, 2007 @ 12:00 pm at the Westside Family, 326 Morgan Street in Rockford, Illinois.

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