

Sunday July 01, 2007

Rock River Area Group Service

Held at 326 College Avenue Rockford, Illinois

Hosted by: Westside Family

Business Minutes

ATTENDANCE: 18

Randy S., Rob K., Eric B., Eric D., James W., Teresa H., Linda F., Tara J., Saul L., Katrina K., Jimmy M., Gary T., Charles, Marla M., Chris K., Rich M., Laurie L., Mark B.

- a.) Eric B. 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. (10 of 17 GSRs reporting)
- f.) Recognized new groups.
- g.) Explained voting procedures.
- h.) Reviewed minutes from last month – accepted.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Chairperson: Eric B. (*present*) – Thank you all for allowing me to be of service. In order for us to accomplish everything we need during these Area meetings, it is imperative that we don't have everyone speaking out of turn whenever they wish. In an effort to maintain order during this and future ASC meetings, I would like to request that if anybody wishes to speak, please raise your hand and wait to be recognized by the Chairperson. If it looks like it may be some time before you can be recognized, then I will let you know that I have seen your hand up. Please wait to speak until after you have been recognized. If you have a question about something procedurally, please ask the Policy & Procedure Chairperson quietly off to the side. If you have a question about the topic, please raise your hand, state "point of information" and wait to be recognized by the Chairperson. If you feel that procedure is being violated, please raise your hand, state "point of order" and then wait to be recognized by the Chairperson. From time to time, I will make periodic rulings. Any member in attendance may appeal the ruling of the Chairperson by raising your hand, stating that they appeal the ruling of the Chairperson, and wait to be recognized. Only the person making the motion to appeal and the Chairperson may speak on the issue at this point, but the GSRs will make the final decision to either uphold the Chairperson's ruling or sustain the motion. I will do everything I can to ensure that every voice and viewpoint is heard on all discussions. If we could all strive to maintain order, I am sure that

we will accomplish all that needs to be accomplished. In loving service, Eric B.

Vice – Chairperson: (open) –

Secretary: Mark B. (present) – Thank you for having the faith in me to elect me as your Secretary for the next year. I have the hope that I can continue to perform the service that is expected of me and that I expect of myself to the best of my ability. 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 June’s Area Minutes was \$27.30. 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 going around the room so that I may get an accurate count and so that you will be included on this month’s attendance listing. Again, thank you for allowing me to be of service to Narcotics Anonymous. Your Secretary, Mark B. Peace!

Alternate Secretary: (open) –

Treasurer: Rich M. (present) – Handed out financial figures data packet gathered since the June business meeting. Explained financial report. A typo on the checkbook balance and the statement balance caused the working funds figure to be wrong. The report was amended with the correct figures and was accepted.

Alternate Treasurer: (open) –

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Beginning Balance From: June 03, 2007 **\$3,912.77**

INCOME

Groups 7 th Tradition.....	\$416.84
Literature sold.....	\$689.35
Area 7 th Tradition.....	\$27.01
Functions Money.....	\$0.00
RCM.....	\$0.00
RCMA.....	\$0.00
Individual Purchases.....	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,133.20

EXPENSES

3981 AT&T – phone bill.....	\$21.38
3982 Mark B. – Secretary copies.....	\$50.00
3983 Commercial Printing of Rockford – Meeting schedules.....	\$262.00
3984 WRSO – Literature Stockpile.....	\$765.25
3985 Randall S. – Newsletter printing	\$55.68
3986 90 in 90 – Area 7 th Tradition.....	\$317.14
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,159.88
CHECKBOOK BALANCE	\$3,886.09
STATEMENT BALANCE	\$3,886.09
PRUDENT RESERVE	\$3,041.20
WORKING FUNDS	\$844.89

TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS:

Regional Committee Member: Chris K. (*present*) – Hello everyone. I am looking forward to attending WRSC in a few weeks. Some of the things I will be working on at WRSC will be:

- 1) More information on the H&I inmate writing, please let me know of any questions you may have after the meeting or at the break. I will try to get the information for you.
- 2) After talking to Digital Information, I will try to talk to the webmaster and see about changing some of the links on their website to match up with the information we have. Thank you for letting me be a part of, in loving service, Chris K.

Regional Committee Member Alternate: Marla M. (*present*) – I look forward to attending WRSC this cycle. Due to the proximity of Madison, we plan to drive up on Saturday morning to reduce this Area’s expenses. Hotel cost is \$93.89, per diem for two (2) people is \$120.00, and projected gas is \$20.00 for a total of \$233.89 as the cost of our attendance. In loving service, Marla M.

Literature Stockpile: Jimmy M. (*acting / open*) – This month H&I’s order was \$37.26; P.R.’s order was \$56.18. There were \$550.25 in sales and there was a reorder of \$502.94. The total reorder including H&I’s and P.R.’s order is \$596.38.

Literature Stockpile Alternate: (*open*) –

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Functions: (*open*) –

Literature Review: (*open*) –

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

1) **Additional Subcommittee Meeting:** Held 6-16-07 at Freedom To Grow, a total of six (6) were in attendance. **Summary In Brief:** **A)** Area Website (www.rtagsna.org) PR inputs: **a)** “Information for Professionals” tab has been added. **b)** Spanish language, “Family Members” tabs are pending further actions. **B)** PSAs: Current status: airing on one station. A PR committee member met with Insight. It was determined that the quality issues are due to a bad master copy. A new copy is on the way from WSO. **C)** Schedule Updates: **a)** www.rtagsna.org : .pdf and listing are updated. **b)** www.wisconsinna.org and printed schedule: inputs given to Region;

website is updated. The RCM was present and took the action to request that Region simply link to the RRAGS website to eliminate duplication of efforts. **c)** www.na.org : inputs submitted to WSO; not yet correctly updated. This effort is ongoing. **D) Community Outreach:** requested from Freeport, Illinois – several actions to follow. **E) Potential Literature distribution opportunity:** Libraries. Update: The Rockford Library was contacted and was receptive; IPs and schedules from PR literature stockpile were distributed. **F) Literature distribution opportunity:** Probation Offices. (This had been being done by a former member.) Update: A committee member distributed schedules at Rockford and Belvidere Probation offices, plus PHASE Rockford. **G) Proposed new facility contacts:** Rock County Jail, Stephenson County Jail, and Monarch House. For all these, committee members took the actions to try to provide the PR committee with a contact name. **H) PHASE Belvidere:** An evening H&I presence has been requested in addition to H&I's daytime presence. The question is can H&I support this? PR has the action to investigate further. **I) Phonline Learning Day – July 14, 2007:** Chair distributed material from WSO "Phonline Service Handbook" proposed as handouts for learning day. Conclusion was that this material was acceptable. We had a brief discussion of the learning day agenda. Chair has the action to finalize the agenda.

2) RRAGS Phonline (answering service): As of June 01, 2007 RRAGS is using a new provider for the answering service. The Chair has exchanged e-mail with them on several occasions since the start-up; in order to "fine tune" the operation. The service delivers a daily report on the calls received to the pi.chair e-mail address at www.rragsna.org. The feeling is that everything seems to be going quite well and the provider has a very good working understanding of our needs and operation. **Note:** To clarify the current Phonline operation: Callers to 888-656-7329 hear a recorded message. Almost immediately in the message, they are prompted to press **0** if they wish to speak to someone; otherwise, they are directed to a menu system containing meeting information. If the caller presses **0**, the call automatically forwards to 815-964-5959. Our number, 815-964-5959, now connects to the new answering service. The operators there have instructions to determine the nature of the call: **a)** "meeting information" **b)** "immediate contact with a member of NA" **c)** "other". For "meeting information", the operator uses the www.rragsna.org "meetings" tab to provide information. For "immediate contact", the operator takes the callers phone number, goes to the Phonline volunteer list and calls volunteers until a member is reached. For "other", either a message is taken for return call, or the operator contacts the PR Chair directly for instruction as to how to respond to the call. In general, the PR Chair's conclusion is that we are now much closer to being able to say that "all is well" with the RRAGS Phonline.

3) P.R. Goals / Proposed Activities for the month of July 2007 (and going forward):

A) revise "Drug Problem" flier for 888# and website; need an estimate. Add local tear-offs. **B) PSAs:** Once new master is received from WSO, resume the process of adding local information and distribute to local media. **C) Belvidere Outreach:** need a phonebook. **D) Freeport Outreach:** need a phonebook. **E) WRSC:** write up user instructions for (888#) Phonline. **F) Literature Distribution:** Create and maintain list of sites (Libraries, PHASE, Crusader Clinic, Probation Offices, etc.). **G) Libraries:** Follow up on literature – other cities? **H) Website inputs:** **a)** Spanish language outreach. Pending support. **b)** For family members: Add "Families Anonymous"; "Al-anon"; etc. plus a disclaimer? (per ASC policy). **I) Proposed PR Outreach:** **a)** "That Place" **b)** Rock County Jail (contact information?) **c)** Stephenson County Jail (contact information?) **d)** PHASE Belvidere (evenings) – needs PR presentation. **Q.** Can H&I support? **e)** Monarch House (contact information) **J) Solidify PR to H&I handoffs:** continue to

work closely with H&I: **a)** PHASE Belvidere (days) **b)** Salvation Army – Rockford

4) Mid-month PR Subcommittee Monthly Meeting: A decision was reached, in agreement with the H&I Vice-Chair, for H&I to meet in a joint session with the PR Subcommittee. We will meet the third (3rd) Saturday of every month, at 11:00 am. The next combined H&I / PR Meeting is Saturday July 21, 2007 at Freedom To Grow @ 11:00 am.

5) PR Phonline Learning Day: Just a reminder that a learning day will be Saturday July 14, 2007, hosted by It Works group. We'd like to remind the GSRs to please take a flier for this event back to your groups if you have not already done so.

6) Committee Activity Prior to July ASC: July 01, 2007 @ Noon: **A)** Discussion of Spanish language outreach: got one (1) addict's contact information. **B)** Discussion of adding "Information for Family Members" tab to website. A motion should be coming from the Digital Information Subcommittee. **C)** Discussed priority of "Drug Problem" flier. Adding 888# and website information – action coming. ASC schedule (Spring 2007) has been posted on the site by Regional web coordinators.

Hospitals & Institutions: (*open*) **Vice-Chair:** Mike C. (*absent*) – Report turned in. I apologize for not being able to make the Area meeting this month. Every year during the first week of July, I attend a family reunion in Missouri. Starting July 01, 2007, H&I will begin speaking at Sojourn House in Freeport. Right now, I have a four (4) week rotation in place. On July 22, 2007, H&I will have a learning day at 90 IN 90 at 2:00 pm; Paul S. and Sterling M. will be the speakers. I am currently working on getting a subcommittee together and hope to have one in place at the next PR / H&I Subcommittee Meeting on July 21, 2007. Mike C. Vice-Chair H&I Subcommittee.

Policy & Procedure: Randy S. (*present*) – The September 2nd ASC Meeting that conflicted with Labor Day has been rescheduled. The new ASC meeting date is September 9, 2007. The meeting will still be held at The Home Group in Janesville, Wisconsin.

Convention Committee: Barney W. (*absent*) Report given by: **Convention Committee Treasurer:** Teresa H. (*present*) – **1)** Due to a breakdown in communications with the Holiday Inn (Rockford), the Convention will now be held at the Ramada Inn in South Beloit, Illinois. The date remains the same (April 11,12,13, 2008). Contract with the Ramada Inn to be signed this week. **2)** The Program chair has stepped down and this position is now open. **3)** The theme for RRCNA17 has been chosen – "Regardless Of". Also, the logo has been designed and chosen. **4)** The next convention Committee meeting will be held August 03, 2007 @ 7:00 pm. at The Group.

Newsletter Committee: Randy S. (*present*) – I have distributed this month's newsletter to the GSRs present. The newsletter is light on input, we would like more input from GSRs, groups, members, etc.

NOTE: *The Chairperson stepped down in order to give the Digital Information report and turned the Chairperson duties over to the RCM*

Digital Information: Eric B. (*present*) – We have created a page listing Area Trusted Servants and their e-mail addresses. We will in the near future be adding the GSRs and their e-mail

addresses too. We have placed a map online showing our Area's community coverage for helping out our Phoneline professionals. We have improvements for this planned. We would like to include a page for links to organizations that provide information for affected family members along with statements of non-endorsement and non-affiliation as per World services Guidelines. Rather than make a motion, can we have a vote of approval to make this happen? If not, we will bring this up in Open Forum for discussion and a motion in New Business. We have created an online Literature Stockpile catalog for the GSRs to pre-order literature from. I will pass along a sample of the report. It will not be available to the membership at large, but only to the member GSRs as it is password protected. The reports will be collected by the Digital Information Subcommittee and then provided to the Literature Stockpile Chairperson.

Q: (from D. I. Chair) Does anyone object to Digital Information moving forward with a link to Family Services? **A:** No one objects.

Q: Once I have signed in on the Literature Stockpile Catalog page, will it recognize my group automatically? **A:** Yes, and it will automatically total your order too. At the end of your order, it will ask you about method of payment, but does not take payments. This is for the Literature Stockpile Chairperson's information only.

Q: How about mid-month orders? **A:** It is up to the Literature Stockpile Chair.

Q: (From D. I. Chair) I'm asking for a vote of confidence to move forward with Literature orders on the website. **A:** No one objects.

Information: (From D. I. Chair) If Convention Committee decides to go forward with a catalog of their own, it would be separate from the RRAGS Literature catalog that is accessible to GSRs only and would be accessible to anyone viewing the website.

NOTE: *The RCM turned the Chairperson's duties back over to the Chairperson.*

Announcement: (From Treasurer) If anyone has any other receipts or expenditures, please see me during the break. 7th Tradition collected during the meeting totals \$20.00.

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

Open Forum Discussion: 15 Minutes – RCM opened: **Topics:** None. PR reminded everyone that schedules are available if you need them. **RCM closed Open Forum.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Continuing RRAGS Elections: positions remaining OPEN: Vice-Chairperson, Vice-Treasurer, Alternate Secretary, Literature Stockpile, Alternate Literature Stockpile, Functions, Literature Review, and Hospitals & Institutions.

Alternate Literature Stockpile: Katrina K. volunteers; stated qualifications; discussion; **Vote:** Katrina K. elected.

Convention Committee: open position: Program. GSRs please take this open position back to groups.

Concerning Motion that was proposed last month: "MOTION: That new Policy & Procedure 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." **Q:** Did Policy & Procedure bring back any suggestions on clean time requirements? **A:** No, I did not get a chance to look at clean time requirements this month.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE. *Q:* Do we as a group want to continue to list game night on schedules? **A:** (group) No, but leave on website calendar.

GROUP REPORTS:

90 In 90

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

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$72.25

Attendance: 10 – 15

Meeting changes: None

Functions: Policy review subcommittee July 8th – Dave E. and H&I learning day July 22nd – Paul S. & Sterling M.

Speaker Meetings: Speaker meeting, Friday July 6th – James W. (17 months) and Friday August 3rd – Rachel W. (17 + years).

Report: 90 In 90 business meeting to be held on the last Sunday of every month @ 2:00 pm. Next meeting on July 29th at 2:00 pm.

Anonymous Group

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

7th Tradition: \$10.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: 10 +

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: None

Speaker Meetings: Speaker meeting, Friday July 27th – An anonymous speaker is speaking. If you like surprises show up and be surprised at who is speaking.

Report: Rob K. spoke on Friday June 29th. We had a great turnout, and Rob K. delivered an inspiring message. Thanks Rob, from T. A .G. 7/27 is Eric B.

Awakening

Reporting member: GSR – Kim S. (*not present*).

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance:

Meeting changes:

Functions:

Speaker Meetings:

Report:

Clean

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

7th Tradition: \$100.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: T: 6-10; Th: 4-6; F: 6-12

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Report: None.

Dope to Hope

Reporting member: GSR – Jeff B. (*not present*).

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance:

Meeting changes:

Functions:

Speaker Meetings:

Report:

Freedom To Grow

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

7th Tradition: \$62.79

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: 542 for month, Avg. 9 per meeting.

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: 4th Tuesday @ 7:30 pm – Dave D. 4th Wednesday @ Noon – Phil C.

Report: Our 7:30 meetings are in need of support.

Home Group

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

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: 2 – 15

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: Speaker meeting last Friday of each month.

Report: Secretary position open.

It Works

Reporting member: GSR – Eric D. (*present*).

7th Tradition: \$80.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: 5-7 per meeting.

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: Sunday @ 6 pm every week – Dinosaurs. Dan M. tonight.

Report: None.

Just For Today

Reporting member: GSR – Paul B. (*not present*).

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance:

Meeting changes:

Functions:

Speaker Meetings:

Report:

Keep It Simple

Reporting member: GSR – Jane S. (**had to leave**).

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: 7

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: Friday July 20th – Paul B. from 8 to 9 pm.

Report: We need lots of support.

Monday Night Prime Time

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

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: 3 – 10

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Report: Nothing to report.

New You

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

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$8.00

Attendance: 3 – 15

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Report: Come play with us.

Reality Check

Reporting member: Acting GSR – Gary T. (*present*).

7th Tradition: \$50.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: 6 – 8

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: (?)

Speaker Meetings: (?)

Report: Nothing to report.

Road to Recovery

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

7th Tradition: \$100.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance:

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: None

Speaker Meetings: None

Report: We have some open positions at the group level, which will be elected at the next business meeting. In loving service, Laurie L.

The Group

Reporting member: GSR – Steve R. (*not present*).

7th Tradition: \$25.00

Literature: \$103.25

Attendance:

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: Cook out and game night 7/21/07 starting at 3:00 pm. Cook out from 3-5, meeting from 5:30-6:30, game night from 7:00-12:00 am.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Report: Nothing new to report.

There Is Hope

Reporting member: GSR – Bill N. (*not present*).

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance:

Meeting changes:

Functions:

Speaker Meetings:

Report:

Westside Family

Reporting member: GSR – Linda F. (*present*).

7th Tradition: \$20.00

Literature: \$77.50

Attendance: 8 – 14

Meeting changes: Sunday 6 pm meeting is non-smoking, Tuesday noon meeting is smoking, and Friday noon meeting is smoking.

Functions: July 4th – marathon meeting from 9 am until (?) July 15th – potluck at 6:00 pm.

Speaker Meetings: July 1st at 6:00 pm – Denise H. (8 years) and July 15th at 6:00 pm – Dominick C.

Report: We need continued support and we are looking for some handy men for plumbing, furnace repair, etc.

The next RRAGS business meeting will be on Sunday August 05, 2007 @ 12:00 pm at It Works, 2026 North State in Belvidere, Illinois.

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