

Sunday December 02, 2007
Rock River Area Group Service
Held at 7914 Scott Lane in Machesney Park, Illinois
Hosted by: 90 IN 90
Business Minutes

ATTENDANCE: 24

Rob K., Eric B., Rich M., Teresa C., Linda F., Katrina K., Tara J., Bob D., Chris W., Mike C., Marla M., Chris K., Kerri M., Laurie L., Barney W., Allie H., Maggie I., Sterling M., Darrel L., Thomas H., Renardo W., Stefanie H., Eric D., 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. (12 of 17 GSRs reporting)
- f.) Recognized new groups. (Clean In The Park – Loves Park, Ill. & A New Beginning – Beloit, Wis.) **MOTION:** To accept Clean In The Park as a new group to RRAGS. Discussion, **VOTE: PASSED.** **MOTION:** To accept A New Beginning as a new group to RRAGS. Discussion, **VOTE: PASSED.**
- g.) Explained voting procedures.
- h.) Reviewed minutes from last month. **MOTION:** To accept as presented, seconded, no one opposes – 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 do not 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 addition, if anyone feels that I am out of control or out of line, I will step down as Chair for the remainder of this meeting. In loving service, Eric B.

Vice – Chairperson: (*open*) –

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. GSRs, Trusted Servants, and Subcommittee Chairs; please check the information on the contact listing to make sure it is correct. If it is not correct, please let me know so that I can correct it. In an effort to both save paper and save RRAGS some money, as you have already noticed, I have reworked the layout of the monthly minutes. The group reports section has been redesigned, and I’ve increased the printing width and length of each page. This has saved more than 4 pages per minute packet. Instead of getting the minutes copied where I usually do, this month I did them on my printer to save RRAGS a little money. I am normally charged \$0.07 per page. I am charging \$0.035 per page. The cost for copying November’s minutes is \$9.45. I have turned a receipt in to the treasurer and am asking for reimbursement. 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. Lastly, there are fliers over on the chair announcing the next Area Service Meeting. GSRs please take one back to your group. Again, thank you for allowing me to be of service to Narcotics Anonymous. Your Secretary, Mark B. Peace!

Alternate Secretary: Allie H. (*present*) – Allie H. had to resign this position due to her moving out of state. This is now an open position.

Treasurer: Rich M. (*present*) – Handed out financial figures data packet gathered since the November business meeting. Asked if there are any other group 7th Traditions to be turned in. Chair also explained that we are \$1621.74 into our \$3,041.20 Prudent Reserve as of the beginning of Area today. I made a \$0.06 deposit to correct the discrepancy between the amount deposited and bank credit. I am requesting reimbursement for postage stamps (\$16.40) + \$3.00 for printing report (\$0.05 per page X 60) = \$19.40. **MOTION:** To accept report as presented, seconded, no one opposes – accepted. We collected \$36.30 in 7th Tradition that will go to 90 IN 90.

Alternate Treasurer: (*open*) –

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Beginning Balance From: November 04, 2007 **\$1,404.61**

INCOME

TOTAL INCOME **\$1,215.16**

EXPENSES

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$1,200.31**

CHECKBOOK BALANCE **\$1,419.46**

STATEMENT BALANCE **\$1,419.46**

PRUDENT RESERVE **\$3,041.20**

WORKING FUNDS **-\$1,621.74**

TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS:

Regional Committee Member: Chris K. (*present*) – The WRSC was held in Racine, Wisconsin on November 17th & 18th. Many officers were not present due to the Multi-Zonal forum being held at the same time in Bloomington, Illinois. The RD resigned due to personal reasons, so the RD is now open if anyone is interested.

1) **Financial:** More money was spent last cycle than was brought in!

2) **Service Office:** A) Medallions will be changing due to the cost of nickel. Please go to www.naws.org/surveys to submit your preference for finish material and numeral style. B) Prices of several booklets, keytags, and medallions will be going up. C) Gold plated medallions will be discontinued. D) Group starter kits are available.

3) **H&I:** Tony needs a report from each AREA H&I Chair, PLEASE! He is having difficulty getting reports from ASCs.

4) **PR:** Meeting list updates are due 12/20/07. Specifically need to know if a meeting is smoking or not, is wheelchair accessible (including bathroom). Chair has noticed what he calls the Black Hole of recovery in the South West area of Wisconsin (specifically Monroe, Wis.).

5) **Policy:** Budgets are due in January for all committees. WSNAC ad-hoc was dissolved since WSNAC is over.

6) **Elections:** Open positions: WSNAC Rep (2), Literature, July Secretary, Facilitator, Vice - Treasurer, WSNAC pool, WRSO pool, & RD. Positions filled: Additional Needs – Chris K. elected. H&I – Tony H. elected. Treasurer – Deb W. elected. WSNAC Pool – Bits & Larry elected.

7) **Activities:** No plans. AREAs are not requesting any activities. Need direction.

8) **Discussion / Motions:** A) Improving Outreach. B) What is Region doing to better serve AREAs? C) Should AREAs use the Regional Calendar when scheduling events? D) Is it OK to post WRSC Guidelines online? Yes.

We requested \$238.44 and used \$262.41. We are returning \$21.03. Next region I will be ordering CAR's. The price has more than doubled, up from \$5.00 to \$11.00. On the CAR review, we need all of your groups *yes* and *no* votes. Region is trying to form a list of interpreters (sign, language, etc). In loving service, Chris K. and Marla M. (RCMA).

Regional Committee Member Alternate: Marla M. (*present*) – See the above report.

Literature Stockpile: Maggie I. (*present*) –

Literature Stockpile Alternate: Katrina K. (*present*) – This month's sales are \$554.40; the reorder amount is \$496.56 + \$29.79 S&H (6%) = \$526.35.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Functions: Maggie I. (*present*) – The Gratitude Dinner went well. Attendance was 15 – 20 people. We sold 3 waters (\$1.50), 9 pops (\$4.50) for a total of \$6.00. Thank you to everyone who helped with this function and donated food. This committee would like to know if this body has the funds to put on a function in February. As it states in policy, there is supposed to be a February function. In loving service, Maggie I.

Literature Review: (*open*) –

Hospitals & Institutions: Mike C. (*present*) – On November 9th, we did a presentation at Mercy

Options. They would like to have an H&I Panel every other month. On January 13, 2008, there will be an H&I Learning Day at 90 IN 90 @ 2:00 pm. Everything else is running smoothly.

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

1) Mid-Month Subcommittee Meeting: Held November 17, 2007 at Freedom To Grow; a total of six (6) attended. **Summary In Brief:** **A)** Reported to Committee on November's ASC activity.

B) Reviewed numerous open action items. **C)** Delegated some activities to PR members.

2) New Activity: **A) Rockford Housing Authority:** Chair was forwarded information for a contact request from this organization. Chair has action to follow up. **B) Rosecrance Adolescent:** Chair was given (yet again!) new staff contact information for this facility. Chair has action to follow up.

C) Rockford Register Star: Discussion continues regarding desire for a feature story. Committee has the action to follow up; we will continue carefully, exercising caution to preserve personal anonymity.

3) Facility Activities: **A) Rosecrance River District (Rockford, Ill.):** Working with H&I to follow up with facility and get panels set up. Sent an e-mail to the facility with information for proposed H&I Panel (tentatively Tuesday evenings, 7 pm, once per month). We have a panel coordinator; next action is with the facility to confirm time slot and we can begin. **B) Mercy Hospital (Beloit, Wis.):** We held a PR Presentation for staff at this facility on November 09, 2007. Four (4) committee members, including H&I Chair were present. The outcome was highly favorable toward an NA presence. Staff was very receptive, focused and able to express specific needs and times. Concluded they could accept as many panels as three (3) panels: **(1) Beloit (evening)** – Thursdays; 6 pm, every other month, mixed male/female is okay, one (1) year minimum cleantime. Staff (Tom) would prefer Q&A format, staff can supply topics if clients do not. **(2) Janesville (evening)** – Wednesdays; 5:30 pm, monthly or every other month, mixed male/female is okay, one (1) year minimum cleantime. Staff (Sally) is okay with Q&A format, personal stories, topics, etc. **(3) Janesville (daytime)** – Fridays; 10:30 or 11 am, every other month, Mixed male/female okay, one (1) year minimum cleantime. Staff (Bev) has same requirements as other groups. Chair will continue to work with H&I to put together panels to support this facility. In the meantime, Chair has sent an e-mail to keep facility informed of our continued efforts. **C) Sterling Area Facilities:** Sinnissippi Centers, Recovery Zone (Rock Falls) – Chair has contact information for several facilities and a favorable response from at least one. Sterling members have offered the use of the Reality Check meeting place as a site for simultaneous meeting with multiple facilities. Chair still has action to follow up.

4) P.R. Goals / Proposed Activities (“to do list”) for the Month of December 2007 and forward:

A) Meeting Directory updates: **a)** Forward updates to: Region (website and printed), WSO website. (Chair has received an e-mail request from Region for an update). **b)** Revise Region 888# recording (will get to this this month). **B) Revised “Drug Problem” Flier:** Follow up on idea to add local tear-offs (Belvidere and Freeport). **C) Community Outreach (Belvidere, Freeport):** Continue to explore ideas as to how to grow awareness of the fellowship in these communities. Any inputs would be welcome.

5) Mid-Month P.R. Subcommittee Monthly Meeting: The PR Subcommittee meets in conjunction with H&I on the third (3rd) Saturday of every month. The next combined PR / H&I meeting will be on Saturday December 15, 2007 at Freedom To Grow @ 11:00 am.

6) Committee Activity Prior to the December ASC: December 02, 2007 @ Noon (5 in attendance): Participated with H&I subcommittee to give orientation for two (2) new potential panel members.

Policy & Procedure: Chris K. (*present*) – If you need a policy packet, please see me. I will have something next month on last month's motion: Assuming that Convention Committee makes a donation following it's annual convention, that the ASC forward any excess funds to Region incrementally over 12 months, each month to be dispersed only if Prudent Reserve is met.

Convention Committee: Barney W. (*present*) – No report turned in / or the secretary lost it! RRCNA17 has a new location and date – Cliff Breakers, April 4-6, 2008. They have 40 rooms blocked for us. We

have met with them several times and they have dropped their room rates to \$89.00. Registration has gone up \$5.50. The next meeting will be at Cliff Breakers on December 21, 2007 @ 7 pm.

Newsletter Committee: (open) **Vice-Chair** Eric D. (present) – I attended an RRCNA17 Program subcommittee meeting. We discussed doing some pieces in the newsletter on topics that will be workshop topics as we approach RRCNA17. The hope is that this will stimulate discussion and interest in convention workshops and provide a conversational framework through which the issues can be addressed in the workshops. I will be doing some more groundwork over the next month. I will have a time/place/flyer for a subcommittee meeting and will distribute it to groups as best I can. Also, I have the access and the ability to post to the website myself, which should be helpful in getting committee information and the newsletter up. The Newsletter Subcommittee will meet at Clean In The Park on Tuesday December 18, 2007 @ 6 pm.

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) – Chair will have more time to spend on website, so more will get done. Nothing new to report. Always grateful to be of service, Eric B.

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

Youth Issues Ad-Hoc: Allie H. (present) – Allie H. had to resign this position due to her moving out of state. **Chair:** ruling to dissolve ad-hoc committee as Chair had to vacate and there is to my knowledge no vice-chair. No one opposed. Youth Issues Ad-Hoc is dissolved.

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

Open Forum Discussion: 15 Minutes – RCM opened: Topics: 1) Issues with lack of support at AREA Functions and events. Suggestion of promoting AREA Announcements at group meetings / quick blurb from an AREA Calendar. **2)** Digital Information has been thinking of mailing out information to those who want to be on an e-mail list. **3)** Possibility of making a flyer based on the recent RRCNA flyer with every event and subcommittee meeting on one flyer. Groups / members may be more apt to read quick information from one flyer as opposed to many flyers. Voice + eyesight!

RCM closed Open Forum.

OLD BUSINESS:

Continuing **RRAGS Elections:** positions remaining **OPEN: Vice-Chairperson, Vice-Treasurer, Newsletter, Alternate Secretary and Literature Review. None.** Elections closed.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: That we include newly recognized groups on the website schedule immediately with a notation that they are a new group. We then reduce the required time that they must be in existence to be included on the printed schedule from 90 days to 60 days. **Intent:** To support our new member groups in their growth as soon as we possibly can, while maintaining an accurate printed schedule, as this can not be changed as quickly or as easily as the website can. **Seconded;** discussion;

MOTION: To separate the previous motion into two (2) parts. No one opposed **PASSED** – removed until represented.

MOTION: To change AREA in April from April 6th to April 13th at It Works due to RRCNA's new date. **MOTION:** To table previous motion until next month. **Seconded;** no one opposed; **PASSED.**

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GROUP REPORTS:

90 In 90

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

7th Tradition: \$37.91

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance:

Meeting changes: Saturday noon meetings are now open topic from 12-1 pm, stepwriting from 1-2 pm.

Functions: christmas Eve and Christmas day – marathon meetings and games from 12 pm 12/24 to 4 am 12/26. News Years eve and News Years day – marathon meetings and games from 12 pm 12/31 to 4 am 1/2/08.

Speaker Meetings: John S. on 12/07/07.

Report: Newly elected: Bob D. – Alt Chair, Stefanie H. – GSR.

Anonymous Group

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

7th Tradition: \$10.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: 7 – 10

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Report: None.

Awakening

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

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance:

Meeting changes:

Functions:

Speaker Meetings:

Report:

Clean

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

7th Tradition: \$200.00

Literature: \$108.50

Attendance: 4 – 10

Meeting changes: The Friday inventory meeting has been merged with the Friday 5:30 pm meeting at The Group

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: None

Report: Nothing further to report.

Dope to Hope

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

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance:

Meeting changes:

Functions:

Speaker Meetings:

Report:

Footprints

Reporting member: GSR – Linda S. (**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**) & GSRA – Kevin M. (**not present**)

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: Avg. –

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: 4th

Tuesday @ 7:30 pm & 4th Wednesday @ Noon.

Report: Due to weather, we did not have our monthly business meeting yesterday. Nothing to report.

Home Group

Reporting member: GSR – Tara J. (**present**).

7th Tradition: \$7.25 (Oct + Nov)

Literature: \$69.60

Attendance: 2 – 15

Meeting changes: We are tobacco free (including chew) as of 12/07, no ten (10) minute break as of 12/07. We will be voting on 12/28/07 to close Wednesday meetings.

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: Last Friday of each month, 12/28/07 – Mike M.

Report: Open positions – GSRA, Alt Treasurer.

It Works

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

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance:

Meeting changes:

Functions:

Speaker Meetings:

Report: No report turned in.

Just For Today

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

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: 60

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: 4th Saturday

Report: We are in need of Trusted Servants!

Monday Night Prime Time

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

7th Tradition: \$30.00

Literature: \$36.25

Attendance: 10 – 30

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Report: Nothing else to report.

New You

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

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$16.00

Attendance: 20 – 45

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Report: Nothing else to report.

Reality Check

Reporting member: GSR – Amy I. (**not present**).

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance:

Meeting changes: **Functions:** **Speaker Meetings:** On the last Sunday of every month at 6:00 pm.

Report:

Road to Recovery

Reporting member: GSR – Laurie L. (**present**) & GSRA – Thomas H. (**present**).

7th Tradition: \$25.00

Literature: \$31.40

Attendance: 10 – 15

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: None.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Report: Group elections were held. Jennifer is Alt Secretary, and Thomas H. is our GSRA. Group participation is growing. In loving service, Laurie L.

The Group

Reporting member: GSR – Steve R. (**present**).

7th Tradition: \$83.00

Literature: \$60.60

Attendance: 14 – 16

Meeting changes: None. **Functions:** None. **Speaker Meetings:** Last Saturday @7:30 pm, non-smoking.

Report: Nothing 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**) & GSRA Renardo W. (**present**)

7th Tradition: \$0.00

Literature: \$0.00

Attendance: Avg. 14

Meeting changes: None.

Functions: Anniversary Celebration on 12/21/07 at YMCA Log Cabin from 6 pm – Midnight. New Years Eve party at the YMCA Log Cabin from 6 pm – 1 am. New Years Eve meeting from 1 am – 5 am. and 9 am – 9 pm.

Speaker Meetings: None.

Report: Humbly Submitted, Linda F.

The next RRAGS business meeting will be on Sunday January 06, 2008 @ 12:00 pm at *Clean*, 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.