

**Sunday October 05, 2008**  
**Rock River Area Group Service**  
**Held at 2300 West LeFevre Road Sterling, Illinois**  
**Hosted by – Reality Check**  
**Business Minutes**

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## **ATTENDANCE: 27**

Eric B., Chris K., Marla M., Mike C., Sterling M., Stefanie H., Scott A., Jeff A., Nancy M., Rich M., Debbie H., Lauren J., Rich H., Mark R., Laurie L., Correnna N., Paula J., Yvette M., Brett L., Jake R., Renardo W., Bernard N., Barney W., Mike J.C., David P., Jake S., & Mark B.

- a.) Co-Facilitator 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.) Co-Facilitator read statement of purpose.
- d.) Welcomed Newcomers. (1)
- e.) Roll call of Trusted Servants and GSRs. (13 of 14 GSRs reporting)
- f.) Recognized new groups. Ultimate Weapon in Dekalb, Illinois. We are trying to resurrect a meeting at NIU on campus. Still looking for a meeting place. Time undecided.  
***Ruling from Co-Facilitator:*** Until you have a location and set time, we can not recognize Ultimate Weapon as a group.
- g.) Explained voting procedures.
- h.) Reviewed minutes from last month.

**MOTION:** To accept as presented, seconded, no one opposed – accepted.

## **OFFICER REPORTS:**

**Facilitator:** (*open*) –

**Co – Facilitator:** Eric B. (**present**) – 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 Co-Facilitator. 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 Co-Facilitator. If you feel that procedure is being violated, please raise your hand, state “point of order” and then wait to be recognized by the Co-Facilitator. From time to time, I will make periodic

rulings. Any member in attendance may appeal the ruling of the Co-Facilitator by raising your hand, stating that they appeal the ruling, and wait to be recognized. Only the person making the motion to appeal and the Co-Facilitator may speak on the issue at this point, but the GSRs will make the final decision to either uphold the Co-Facilitator'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, you can always make a motion of no confidence to remove me for the remainder of this meeting. In addition, as we have many people here today, please stick to the topic at hand so that we can accomplish all that needs to be accomplished in a timely fashion and please do it in a loving and caring way. In loving service, Eric B.

**Secretary: Mark B. (present)** – Please turn in your reports to me by the end of the meeting if you want your information and your group's 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 may get your information corrected. In an effort to save RRAGS some money, this month I did the minutes on my printer, instead of getting the minutes done where I usually do. I am normally charged \$0.08 per page. I am charging \$0.05 per page black & white and \$0.08 per page for colored fliers. The cost for copying September's Minutes and fliers is \$22.60. The cost to produce the minutes is up this month due to the minutes being 3 pages longer than normal. 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 that are going around the room. The attendance sheets assist me in: **1)** getting an accurate count, **2)** being able to double check contact information, **3)** establishing new contact information, and **4)** ensure that you will be included in the monthly attendance listing. Subcommittee Chairs, as I have been putting information about your monthly Subcommittee Meetings on the monthly announcement flier, please let me know by October 26th of any planned subcommittee meetings for the month of November! As I stated last month, I will not be chasing down Subcommittee Meeting information anymore, I am leaving it up to the individual Subcommittee Chairs to get this information to me! Lastly, there are fliers over on the table announcing all planned Subcommittee Meetings and the next Area Service Committee Meeting. GSRs, please take one back to your group. Thankyou for allowing me to be of service to NA. **Your Secretary, Mark B. Peace!**

**Alternate Secretary: Stefanie H. (present)** – Nothing to report.

**Treasurer: Debbie H. (present)** – Handed out financial figures data packet gathered since the September ASC. GSRs, if your receipt has the wrong date on it (09/05 instead of 10/05) I apologize. All checks cleared, so no reconciliation was necessary. **From an addict:** Please remember to block out the account number from the statement. **From Treasurer:** I'm sorry; I just tried a new program and did not realize the account number was still there. Everyone, please cross out the account number. In grateful service, Debbie H.

**MOTION:** To accept report as amended, seconded, no one opposes – accepted.  
Treasurer passed the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition.

**Alternate Treasurer: (open)** –

## FINANCIAL REPORT:

*Beginning Balance From: September 07, 2008*..... \$3,358.57

### INCOME

**TOTAL INCOME**..... **\$1,078.91**

### EXPENSES

**TOTAL EXPENSES**..... **\$1,410.12**

**CHECKBOOK BALANCE**..... **\$3,027.36**

**STATEMENT BALANCE**..... **\$3,027.36**

**PRUDENT RESERVE**..... **\$2,941.20**

**WORKING FUNDS**..... **\$86.16**

## TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS:

**Regional Committee Member: Marla M. (present)** – WRSC (Region) was held September 20-21, 2008 in Lacrosse, Wisconsin. Region is \$2,201.12 into its general reserve (equivalent to our prudent reserve). The RD (Regional Delegate) requested \$612.00 to attend the Multi-Zonal Forum in Minneapolis in October. There he will attend workshops on leadership and Communication. Literature Chair and PR Chair gave minimal reports as this is their first meeting as committee chairs. H&I Chair was absent. Other Chair positions are open. Elections: Facilitator – Kerry nominated, Co-Facilitator – Greg nominated, Treasurer – Debbie nominated, Vice-Treasurer – open, WSNAC Rep1 – open, Activities – open, Policy – open, WSNAC Pool – no nominations and, WRSO Pool – no nominations. There was a motion to approve additional funding of \$115.00 for an additional person to attend the Corrections Conference, and it was approved. A lengthy discussion was held following the WRSO report stating that the office would produce and sell granite (colored) key tags and purple multiple decade key tags. There was discussion on the validity of our production / sale of these tags. I am returning \$48.13 unused funds for gas. In loving service, Marla M.

**Regional Committee Member Alternate: Nancy M. (present)** – Received \$200.00 for hotel cost. The hotel came to \$181.58. I am returning \$18.42 in unused funds. In loving service, Nancy M.

P.S. I forgot about keeping the receipts for the cost of food. Sorry for that. But hey look at me; I can spend \$10.00 a meal or more. I will in the future keep all receipts. Thanks for letting me serve.

**Literature Stockpile: Scott A. (present)** – Report given at the end of New Business.

**Literature Stockpile Alternate: (present)** – Yvette M. elected at September ASC.

## SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Functions: Marla M. (present)** – The Gratitude Dinner will be in December. It will be at West Side Family on December 13, 2008 @ 2 pm. We will be asking for funds for that event in December. Nothing else to report. In loving service, Marla M.

**Literature Review:** Rich M. (present) – We put a flyer out last month. Still do not have anyone interested in reviewing literature when it comes out. If you are interested, please contact either myself (Rich M.) or Nancy M. In loving service, Rich M.

**Hospitals & Institutions:** Mike C. (present) – I was contacted by Dale White who works at Rosecrance about them needing volunteers. Dale’s phone number is 608-921-9360 for anyone interested. Everything else in H&I is going very well. In loving service, Mike C.

**Public Relations:** Eric D. (absent) Mark R. (Secretary) (present) – Nothing to report. All is well. Will have a report next month.

**Policy & Procedure:** Mark B. (present) – Not a lot has gone on with policy this last month. Only 2 attended. One thing that I am working on is the condensing of the Subcommittee Guidelines (all of the same) into one general heading. It will save approximately 2 pages of paper per subcommittee, 14 pages per policy packet. No update yet on when I will have the replacement literature pages for your policy packets. I hope that I will have them next month. I still need to verify literature prices. If you are a GSR or Trusted Servant of RRAGS, and did not receive a revised Policy packet in July, I have a few on hand and you can get one during the ten-minute break or after the meeting. Like wise, anyone may request a copy and it is available for downloading from the website, [www.rragsna.org](http://www.rragsna.org). The next Policy & Procedure Subcommittee meeting probably won’t be until after the first of the year, unless someone requests it. However, Policy & Procedure will have time available @ noon at each ASC for subcommittee. Thank you for allowing me to be of service to Narcotics Anonymous, Mark B.

**Convention Committee:** Correnna N. (present) – Things are moving along smoothly. We met on this past Friday (October 03, 2008). At the meeting, I passed out the position responsibilities so that there will be no confusion about who does what. RRCNA is holding the Halloween Dance on November 1<sup>st</sup> @ the Alano Club. It starts at 7 pm and goes until 12 am. Doors open at 6 pm. **1)** Funding & Entertainment is meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at Freedom To Grow @ 7:15 pm. **2)** Program and Arts & Graphics is still meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month @ 6:30 at Awakening. **3)** Because Halloween falls on the Friday before AREA, we moved the Convention Committee meeting up a week to the 24<sup>th</sup> of October. **4)** The back page of the Treasurer’s report shows what the expenses were in August (the highlighted area). In loving service, Correnna N.

*From Convention Treasurer:* Beginning Balance (09/05/08) \$6,513.76; Income - \$8.32; Expenses - \$420.00; Ending Balance - \$6,102.08.

**NOTE:** *The Co-Facilitator stepped down in order to give the Digital Information report and turned the Co-Facilitator duties over to the RCM.*

**Digital Information:** Eric B. (present) – 5 attended subcommittee today. We met today and selected “RRAGS To Recovery” as the title of the newsletter. We have delegated out responsibilities for gathering content. We expect the first edition to be ready for distribution in December. That’s it for the newsletter. We contacted NA World and had the link updated on World’s website. Now the link goes directly to our website, rather than the Wisconsin Regional Website list of our meetings. Also, we expect that by tomorrow online ordering of registrations will be available on the website. As it goes live e-mails will be sent out. In loving service, Eric B.

**NOTE:** *The RCM turned the Co-Facilitator’s duties back over to the Co-Facilitator.*

## **Ten.....Minute.....Break**

Meeting reconvened with the Co-Facilitator asking for a moment of silence.

**Open Forum Discussion: 15 Minutes – RCM opened: Topics:** **1)** Idea – groups would have a function representative to report to Functions Chair and Area. Comment – It takes a large group to support group liaisons, too many positions to fill. **2)** Possibility of Area sending out a flyer to groups to look at who would support Functions. **3)** Groups formed an Area Service Committee (Functions) so groups could carry the message to addicts. It is crazy for groups to have functions when they formed ASC Functions to do just that! Maybe look at no Area Functions. **4)** Area used to have a spiritual retreat, Area members no longer supported it and it went away. People are so *unwilling* to get involved! **5)** Comment – Due to Reality Check being so far away, we have our own functions and try not to interfere with Area or RRCNA functions. **6)** Been to other Areas and groups that are in a stones throw, they do not act the way we do – they actually socialize. It is really disheartening! Comment – we need to be of service to others! **7)** As someone who was new to NA, I was overwhelmed at the amount of things / activities that were happening each week then dry. I did not know what to do, where to go – can I help in some way with functions?

**From Co-Facilitator:** anyone opposed to extending Open Forum to here the last 3 – No one opposed. Open Forum extended.

**8)** As a previous Functions Chair, I had problems getting help – but help was offered at the function – not when I needed it! Suggestion – Go see Function Chair before scheduling events at your group so as not to overlap. **9)** The motion from Monday Night Prime Time opened lots of discussion at our group. Maybe we need to change the way we do things – not compete as we seem to be doing. Maybe we need an Ad-Hoc to look at Functions again. Comment – Why would we look down on or belittle groups that hold their own functions? **10)** Is there some way we could form a group of addicts and GSRs, etc. to compromise on joint ASC / Group functions? I need something to do, was always looking for same as a newcomer.

**RCM closed Open Forum.**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**On-going RRAGS Elections:** Positions open: Facilitator, and Vice-Treasurer.

*(13 GSRs present)* None.

**Elections closed.**

**MOTION:** [2008-09-02-1]: **That went back to groups:**

That neither the RRASC (Rock River Area Service Committee) nor its resources be used to promote group entertainment activities, group fundraising activities, and illegal activities. This shall include: **1)** Distribution of Area Group Flyers at RRAGS promoting such activities. **2)** Distribution of Regional Group Flyers at RRAGS promoting such activities. **3)** Posting of Area or Regional Flyers promoting such activities anywhere on the website – [www.rragsna.org](http://www.rragsna.org). **4)** Use of RRAGS e-mail accounts for broadcasting such activities.

**MOTION:** of no consideration.

**Ruling from Co-Facilitator:** “No Consideration” is out of order. Should have been done at presentation of motion last month.

**Co-Facilitator read from WSC Rules of Order:** Objection to Consideration of the Question

means the mover believes that the issue is so sensitive it should not even come before the assembly for consideration or discussion. This must be moved prior to any debate or the making of any subsidiary motions. The motion when stated by the chair is phrased so that members are asked to vote for or against consideration. Therefore, those who wish to prevent consideration of the question vote in the negative. If the mover merely disagrees with the motion, the proper action is to vote against the original pending motion. If the objection is sustained, the main motion cannot be renewed during the same session except by unanimous consent or by reconsideration of the vote on the objection; however, the same main motion can be introduced at any succeeding session. In addition, explained how “Motion of No Consideration” works.

All in favor of ending this discussion – **VOTE: PASSED.**

***Back to Motion (2008-09-02-1): VOTE: FAILED.***

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Main MOTION #1 [2008-10-01-1]:** To disband the AREA Functions Subcommittee effective December 15, 2008. Seconded.

**Secondary Motion:** Motion of No Consideration. **VOTE: FAILED.**

**Main MOTION #2 [2008-10-02-1]:** To create a Functions Ad-Hoc Subcommittee.

**From Co-Facilitator:** Ruled out of order at this point as you do not have an idea of what you need – we can take a brief break to draft a plan if you like.

**Main MOTION #3 [2008-10-03-1]:** To have a New Years Eve function. Discussion – pros and cons.

**Secondary Motion:** To table for 5 – 10 minutes while we find out whether or not Convention Committee is going to have a New Years Eve function or not this year. Anyone opposed – no one opposed. **PASSED.**

***- Meeting reconvened-***

**Information from Convention Committee** – not currently planning a New Years Eve event.

**Back to Main Motion #3 – VOTE: PASSED.**

**Main MOTION #4 [2008-10-04-1]:** As a group that we read AREA Subcommittee meeting times at their meetings.

**Ruled Out of Order** – we can not dictate how groups conduct their meetings.

**Main MOTION #5 [2008-10-05-1]:** That this body asks GSRs to ask their groups to send back suggestions on how we may improve our Function Subcommittee. **Intent:** To improve ASC Function Subcommittee and promote unity. Seconded, Discussion – pros and cons. **VOTE: PASSED.**

**Main MOTION #6 [2008-10-06-1]:** To have an Area sponsored marathon meeting to run in conjunction with New Years Eve function. **Intent:** Trying to create unity and not have other groups doing marathon meetings at the same time. Seconded. Discussion – pros and cons.

**Secondary Motion:** Maker rescinds motion and will take it to Functions Subcommittee.

***New Business closed***

**Literature Stockpile:** New pricing starts and we will have new order sheets next month. I would like to thank Rich M. The new price list will be available on-line in about 2 weeks. This month’s sales - \$784.85; Reorder - \$860.36 (includes new price increases); no H&I or PR order this month. Chair stated new prices and they are as follows: Basic Text (hardcover, soft cover, and Spanish) - \$12.00; Just For Today (gift edition) - \$17.00; Step Writing Guide - \$8.00; Sponsorship Book - \$8.00; The Twelve

Concepts of NA Service - \$2.00; Na White Book - \$0.75; In Times of Illness - \$1.00; The Group Booklet - \$1.00; Behind The walls - \$1.00; Fourth Step Guide - \$0.75; and NA – A Resource In Your Community - \$0.40. Thanks for allowing me to serve, Scott A.

## **GROUP REPORTS:**

### ***90 In 90***

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

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** \$20.00

**Literature:** \$161.75

**Attendance:** 5 – 35

**Meeting changes:** None.

**Speaker Meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in November @ 7:30 pm. Male

speaker TBA.

**Functions:** None.

**Report:** Nothing else to report.

### ***Awakening***

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

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** \$0.00

**Literature:** \$0.00

**Attendance:** 20-ish.

**Meeting changes:** None.

**Speaker Meetings:** None.

**Functions:** None.

**Report:** recovery is happening here.

### ***A Way Out***

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

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** \$5.00

**Literature:** \$40.00

**Attendance:** 8 – 13

**Meeting changes:** We will be adding a Thursday 6 pm to our Saturday 10 am. More will be revealed.

**Speaker Meetings:** None.

**Functions:** None.

**Report:**

### ***Clean***

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

### ***Dope To Hope***

**Reporting member:** GSRA – Jim. **Non-Reporting**.

### ***Freedom To Grow***

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

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** \$59.75

**Literature:** \$217.00

**Attendance:** Noon's – 19,

2:30's – 10, & 6 pm's – 11. B

**Meeting changes:** None.

**Functions:** None.

**Speaker Meetings:** Eric B. on 10/28 @ 6:00 pm & Mary W. on 10/29 @ Noon.

**Report:** Nothing else to report.

### *Home Group*

**Reporting member:** Acting GSR – Marcie M. (**not present**).

### *It Works*

**Reporting member:** GSR – Bernard N. (**present**). No report turned in!

### *Just For Today*

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

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** \$75.00                      **Literature:** \$77.50                      **Attendance:** Avg. 60

**Meeting changes:** None.                      **Speaker Meetings:** Last Saturday – TBA.

**Report:** Meet in cafe.

### *Monday Night Prime Time*

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

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** \$30.00                      **Literature:** \$0.00                      **Attendance:** 6 – 11

**Meeting changes:** None.                      **Speaker Meetings:** None.                      **Functions:** None.

**Report:** Nothing else to report.

### *New Beginnings*

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

### *New You*

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

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** \$20.00                      **Literature:** \$49.00                      **Attendance:** Avg. 29

**Meeting changes:** None.                      **Speaker Meetings:** October 14<sup>th</sup> – Charlie S.                      **Functions:** None.

**Report:** Nothing to report.

### *Pride*

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

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** \$0.00                      **Literature:** \$0.00                      **Attendance:** 3 – 4

**Meeting changes:** None.                      **Functions:** None.                      **Speaker Meetings:** None.

**Report:** We are growing, we are here. There is a typo on new schedule – Pride is listed under The Group.

### *Reality Check*

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

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** \$0.00                      **Literature:** \$23.40                      **Attendance:** Avg 8.

**Meeting changes:** None.                      **Functions:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday potluck @ 5 pm.

**Speaker Meetings:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday @ 6 pm.

**Report:** Group is struggling. Donations are down. We're paying rent and utilities. Members are donating coffee and paper products. We hope and pray we get through these tough times!

### **Road To Recovery**

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

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** \$25.00

**Literature:** \$0.00

**Attendance:** 8 – 15

**Meeting changes:** None.

**Speaker Meetings:** None.

**Functions:** None.

**Report:** Nothing else to report. In loving service, Laurie L.

### **The Group**

**Reporting member:** GSR – Rich H. (**present**) & GSRA – Mark R. (**present**). No report turned in!

### **There Is Hope**

**Reporting member:** (?) – **Non-Reporting**.

### **Westside Family**

**Reporting member:** GSR – Linda F. (**not present**) & GSRA Renardo W. (**present**).

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** \$0.00

**Literature:** \$71.50

**Attendance:** 5 – 30

**Meeting changes:** None.

**Speaker Meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. Speakers – TBA.

**Functions:** None.

**Report:** Westside would like to thank Monday Night Prime Time for presenting its motion of which generated healthy discussions on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> Traditions.

**Announcement:** *From Treasurer:* There was \$31.50 collected in 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition today that goes to Reality Check.

**Announcement:** *From Digital Information:* Our next subcommittee meeting will be on Thursday October 30, 2008 at 90 IN 90 @ 5:30 pm.

**Announcement:** The next RRAGS business meeting will be on Sunday November 02, 2008 @ 12:00 pm at 90 IN 90, 7914 Scott Lane in Machesney Park, Illinois.

**Motion:** To close, seconded.

The Area Service Meeting closed with a group hug and the 12<sup>th</sup> Tradition.