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Date: October 11, 2009 Time: 1:15 pm Location: Scottsbluff, NE

Ray B. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
Les F. read the 12 Traditions of N.A.
Deb B. read the 12 Concepts of N.A.
Trudy S. read the 12 Values of the WBASC

Group Response to Concept Study from last meeting: Concept 11, Q 2
NA funds are to be used to further our primary purpose, and must be managed responsibly.

The Eleventh Concept establishes the sole absolute priority for the use of NA funds: to carry the message. The importance of that priority calls for total fiscal accountability. Direct contributions to each level of service help us focus on our primary purpose and enhance accountability.

Study and discussion question:
2. Rank the following group budget priorities:

NA literature	2
refreshments	5
meeting-hall rent	1
group reserve	3
service donations	4

Why did you rank them in the order you did? Does your group have standing budget priorities, or does it handle such questions from month-to-month?

The one responding group discussed the importance of each and rent and literature were always thought to be of primary importance in fulfilling our primary purpose taking up the first and second spots respectively. Without a place to meet there can be no meetings and literature helps teach us how to overcome the disease of addiction (It is rather difficult for two sick people to heal each other without some form of guidance). The other three items were ranked differently as discussion went on. Finally it was thought that out of all five refreshments would be the first expense to be cut back on, or out, if donations dropped off. So in this light an operating reserve was felt to be very important and service donations ranked fourth simply because, by extension, other service bodies help carry out our primary purpose.

Reading/Study/Discussion of Concept _12_ using chapter questions.

Study and discussion questions:

1. What is the difference between service and government?
Service asks what can we do for you while government tells us what to do. Service follows spiritual principles not edicts of law which promotes sharing rather than being dictated to.
2. The difference between a governing organization and a service organization is often not of structure but of spiritual foundation and purpose. What is it about NA's primary purpose and its spiritual identity that says "our structure should always be one of service, never of government"?
We share our experiences, strengths and hopes with others so that we may keep what has been so freely given to us while at the same time offering the same opportunity to other addicts that they may learn how to live free.
3. The essay on the Twelfth Concept talks about how gratitude, humility, communication, and selflessness help our structure remain "one of service, never of government." Discuss these things.

GSRs -- take this question back to groups for input.

4. Discuss how the Twelfth Concept applies to each of the eleven other concepts.

Other 11 concepts deal a lot with groups and group consciences in making decisions. Spiritual motivation, rather than selfishness, fosters collectiveness (unity) for all.

Roll Call: Acting Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Literature Chair, UD Chair, & Webservant.

GSR, Alternates and guests: Deb B. (GSR – On Life’s Terms), Wayne W. (GSR – Saturday Nite Live), Richard M. (GSRA – Clean & Serene), Rory G. (Treasurer – Live from Laramie), Ray B. (Rep. for – Free Bird), Sharon S., Larry S., Trudy S., Ed P., & Cory from Scottsbluff and Rick M. from Laramie.

Absent: RCM (vacant), RCM2 (vacant), Treasurer, Activities Chair, PR Chair, Clean and Free, & Staying Clean in Sidney.

NA Recovery Birthdays: None

Recognition of new groups: None.

Approval of last month’s minutes:

Closing balance amended to read **\$2,530.11**.

While preparing the minutes the bank account balances were not coming out right. On closer inspection, after consulting with the treasurer and reviewing the spreadsheet structure, it became clearer.

When the literature column was separated from the rest of the budgeted items all figures involving literature sales, transfers or purchases were excluded from the automatic calculations made with the rest of the spreadsheet even though they were still a part of the total bank account balances. So if sales were added to literature the amount would not be automatically added to the total bank account balance even though the funds were brought in and ultimately deposited.

In the case where funds were transferred from the PR column to literature, the amount subtracted from the PR column was automatically deducted from the total bank account balance, but when it was added to the literature column it was not automatically added back into the total bank account balance. The money was still in the bank – nothing had happened to it – it had just been moved from one column to another, but the spreadsheet did not reflect it in that manner.

After adding the literature sales back into the total, both the cash brought in and transferred, the new balance was recalculated to \$2,530.10. Then Rory reported that instead of turning in \$53.46 he had actually turned in \$53.47 so adding in the extra cent the correct closing balance and therefore the new opening balance for this month should be \$2,530.11.

To help distinguish between money credits, debits and amounts that have no affect on the total bank account, figures are now being printed in colors. Red for debits (expenses), blue for credits (money received) and black for amounts that have no affect on total bank account balances. Examples of amounts that have no affect would be the cash in and check out for LFL donations to the region or 7th Tradition donations collected for the hosting group and recorded in the minutes.

Les F. moved to accept the minutes as amended , Rory G. seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Beginning Balance: \$2,530.11 – Does not reflect any transactions since last month’s closing balance.

Serenity Break: 2:05 – 2:15 PM

Officers Reports:

Chair: Given and filed as follows:

Hello A.S.C. members & guests,

Glad to see you all again. Seems we are having a problem with getting people involved in service. So now is the time to get into the solution before it gets too far out of hand. We need to work together to get people involved or we are going to end up in the same situation as the Freedom Seekers Area. They have not had an area meeting for two years. I, as the representative from the Wyo-Braska area gave an oral report to the region. It is important that we work together & get things done. Being responsible is part of the recovery process. I will do my best & I still believe we have the best area in the world. The Chair's account stands at \$100.00

In Loving Service
Ray B.

Vice-Chair: Given and filed as follows:

Hello everyone,

First and foremost I need to apologize for not being at the last area meeting and it was my responsibility to be at the last regional service committee meeting last Saturday to represent our area and failed to do that as well.

I checked my in box and NA folder and received no RCM reports to offer a report from region at this time, however I'm confident that our very competent chair who was there brought back some information for us and if he would allow me that info. Or I will get the regional contact list and prepare a thorough report before next month's ASC meeting.

I want to remind everyone especially the PR chair that the new prison in Torrington is finished and hiring personnel so we will need to make contact and start work on a subcommittee to take meetings and literature there.

Despite my lack of communication I want you all to know I've missed you all tremendously and realize I need you now more than ever.

In Loving Service,
Les F.

Treasurer: Report given by Richard from e-mail and filed as follows:

Hey Richard,

I will not be at area today, could you read the opening balance and keep track of the money today? Deb B. will collect and write the receipts [or Les F. as the vice-chair] but I told her you usually keep track of the transactions for the minutes. Just use last month's closing balance, there have been no other transactions since then. I appreciate it, thanks!

JFT-Gail W
WBASC Treasurer

Secretary: Report given and filed as follows:

Hey all,

Not a whole lot to report this month. As far as I know everything is updated and the minutes were posted on our web site. Minutes were also e-mailed to everyone last month except for the one group and the minutes were snail mailed to them. Info is taken from the sign-in sheet and group report forms so if any of these are unreadable the lists will be inaccurate. Everyone please check your information to make sure it is correct and up to date.

Please remember that because the contact list has personal information on it, it is intended for internal use only. It will not be posted on the web site or anywhere else. Its purpose is for ease of communication among members of the area.

Copies of the guidelines, values, contact lists, meeting lists, order of annual elections and all other forms have been printed out and available here today.

Again, thank you for typing up your reports. It sure makes it easier to prepare the minutes.

I am asking to be reimbursed \$35.06 for printing supplies including ink and paper leaving \$89.94 in the secretary's budget.

ILS
Richard

RCM: Vacant – no report.

RCM 2: Vacant – no report.

Group Reports:

On Life's Terms: Deb B.

Concerns: [Vision of Hope group has merged with On Life's Terms so the Thursday meeting will be at the same location and starts at 7 pm but listed under On Life's Terms.]

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: **\$37.65** Other: None

Clean & Free: Absent – no report.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: 0 Other: None

Saturday Nite Live : Wayne W.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: **\$5.00** Other: None

\$37.65

\$ 5.00

\$15.00

Clean & Serene: Richard M.

Concerns: Lack of participation in service.

Needs: None.

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: **\$15.00** Other: None

\$10.00

\$67.65

Live from Laramie: Rory G.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: 0 Other: None

Free Bird: Ray B.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: **\$10.00** Other: None

Staying Clean in Sidney: Absent no report

Concerns:.

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

Sub-Committee reports:

Activities: Absent w/ no report. Nothing much to report until Nov. or Dec.

UD: Deb B. reports she checked out Crystal and Granite lakes and they both require reservation fees. However, the North Crow Reservoir has no reservation fee since it is on BLM land. All we would need to do is pick a spot and stake our claim. This lake is located west and north of Cheyenne at the base of the mountains so it's at a lower altitude than Pole Creek. She's going to do a bit more checking on overnight camping fees, whether or not boats and jet skies are permitted, fishing, etc and get back to us.

PR: Absent w/ no report.

H&I component: See above.

PI component: See above.

Phoneline: See above.

Web site: Report given and filed as follows:

Hey All,

General – As far as I know our web site is all updated. The latest minutes are available on the “Archives” page.

Remember, GSRs can download motion, disbursement and report forms from the “Archives” page.

NOTE: In order to open these PDF files the free Adobe Reader 5.0 or greater is needed.

Technical – We registered a total of only 1433 hits and yet last month our counter was at 2999. Going back over the last year and a half or so I discovered what may be a pattern. Suffice it to say that it has happened before and I'm still not positive why. It may reset when we renew or reach a predetermined number.

2009	September =	1433
	August =	2999
	July =	2400
	June =	1674
	May =	1272
	February =	3803
	January =	3250
2008	December =	2740
	November =	2208
	October =	1646
	September =	1192
	August =	1861

I'm still working on the training aid as time allows.

Financial: All fees automatically deducted from our bank account and paid for through Sept. 2010 (\$8.88 for the domain name registration on about Sept. 3rd & \$97.04 on about Sept. 20th for the annual hosting). We pay for the hosting by the year to qualify for a 10% discount.

And finally, ". . . wherever we go, we always represent NA to some degree. If we are seen acting poorly while we prominently display an NA logo, . . . we carry a distinctly unattractive message . . ."

"It Works: How and Why", Tradition 11, pg. 206.

In Loving Service,
Richard M.

Literature: Given by Rory G. as follows:

Rory placed an order for **\$557.79** and is asking for reimbursement for same. Sales of **\$30.69** were made and is being turned in today.
Thanx Rory.

Break: 3:05 – 3:15 pm

Sharing Session:

1) Regional meeting & assembly rotation – There was no vote taken on this yet. The Wyoming Western Area would like to permanently host the Regional Assembly in either Rock Springs, Rawlins or somewhere in that locality. We are still of the opinion that it would serve the entire region if it were either rotated with the regional business meeting or somehow held in or near Casper as that is closer to the middle of the region and more likely to attract participation from all areas.

2) Torrington, WY state correctional facility – The building is almost complete and they are hiring personnel so it is probably time to make contact with the warden or whoever will be in charge of permitting NA meetings or literature in there. See vice-chairperson's report. Our PR chair needs to be apprised of this situation for possible action in the near future.

Old Business:

1) Directional NA signs – Les F. hasn't done anything on this yet but reaffirmed his intention to make us up a set of signs from scraps and left overs he has before the next time they are needed at least. Thanx Les.

2) Phonenumber – PR chair absent w/o report.

New Business: See item #2 in sharing.

Motions ~ None

Elections ~

RCM – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled

RCM2 – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled

Chair – Rick M. nominated Les F. Les accepted the nomination, qualified himself and was voted in unanimously. Thanx Les.

Vice-Chair – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled

At the next meeting we need to hold elections for the above tabled positions so

GSRs, please be sure to let your groups know we are looking for volunteers – Pleeese??

Disbursements:

Ck # XXXX – Richard M. for printing supplies	\$ 35.06
Ck # XXXX – Literature order	<u>\$557.79</u>
	(\$592.85)

Closing Treasury balance: \$2,035.60

Area 7th Tradition of **\$11.35** to the C&S grp.

Adjourned at 3:34 pm

Next mtg: November 8, 2009 – 1pm @ 1215 Gibbon St. in Laramie, WY