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Date: October 12, 2008 Time: 1:02 pm Location: Cheyenne, WY

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

Group Response to Concept 2 & Question 4 from last meeting:

The final responsibility and authority for NA services rests with the NA groups.

The groups have final responsibility for and authority over the service structure they have created. By fulfilling their responsibility to provide their service structure with the conscience, ideas, people, and money it needs, the groups also exercise their authority. Conversely, the service structure must always look to the groups for support and direction.

4. What does the Second Concept say to our service boards and committees? Does your group believe that message is heard and understood by our service structure? If not, what can your group do about it?

C & S – The groups have the final say and it is heard provided the GSR does the appointed job.

Reading/Study/Discussion of Concept 3 using chapter questions.

*The NA groups delegate to the service structure
the authority necessary to fulfill the responsibilities assigned to it.*

In day-to-day matters, the groups have given our service boards and committees the practical authority necessary to do the jobs assigned them. This is not a blank check issued to the service structure; the group's final responsibility and authority, spoken of in the Second Concept, still apply. To make Concept Three work, we must carefully select trusted servants.

Study and discussion questions

1. In general, what does your group think about the concept of delegated authority?

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

2. If your group were consulted on every decision that had to be made by every service board, committee, or subcommittee at the area, regional, and world level, would you still have enough time and energy to address your own group's business? Would your group have enough information to be able to offer intelligent advice on such matters?

No we wouldn't – we would be inundated with information overload and not able to be of much help.

3. If the service boards and committees serving your group could act only after consulting your group, would they be able to act swiftly enough in performing the duties your group has given them?

Even with monthly meetings probably not. Most groups are in touch (thru GSRs etc.) so direct input not needed on every item. If the Region had to ask groups about every question, since the Region only meets quarterly, actions would be way too slow. However, some issues important enough to seek direct group input.

4. In the essay on the Second Tradition in our Basic Text (p. 60), it says "We are mismanagers and not one of us is capable of consistently making good decisions." If this is true, how can we responsibly delegate to our trusted servants the kind of authority called for in the Third Concept?

No one person makes a decision and if so then is held accountable. Decisions are based on serving and on the way others direct – in a general way.

Roll Call: Vice Chair, Secretary, RCM, PR Chair, Literature Chair, Webservant

GSR, Alternates and guests: Willy O. (GSR – Clean and Free), Ray B. (GSR – Vision of Hope), Mistie W. (GSR – Saturday Nite Live), Dan G. (GSRA – Clean & Serene), Rory G. (Treasurer – Live from Laramie) Mac B., Juan P., Rick M. & Wayne W.

Absent: Chair (vacant), Treasurer, RCM2 (vacant), Activities Chair (vacant), UD Chair (vacant), (Footsteps in Recovery) & (On Life's Terms), (Free Bird), (Staying Clean in Sidney).

NA Recovery Birthdays: None this last month.

Recognition of new groups: Juan reports that he has heard of a new NA meeting at the hospital in Torrington, WY on Saturday mornings at 10 am. Will try to get more info on.

Approval of last month's minutes:

On the disbursements, ck # 1332 to Robert N for Unity Days food = \$437.45
ck # 1333 to Quest = \$ 12.96
Service charge = \$ 6.00

On the RCM report there were two logo entries instead of the stated no entries.

Mistie W. moved and Willy O. 2nd the motion to accept the minutes as corrected – carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Beginning Balance: \$2,996.55 approx.

Serenity Break: 1:45 – 2:00 pm

Officers Reports:

Chair: Vacant

Vice-Chair: Given orally only.

Les F. let us know that pre-registration fliers for the URMRCNA X are available. There will likely be a correction for the room rate at tomorrow's convention committee meeting, but in order to get some fliers out to the folks at CRCNA they are going to go with what they have. Unity Days shirts and bandannas were offered at about cost to the regional convention committee for use as fund raisers. This will be taken up later.

Treasurer: Absent

Secretary: Report given & filed as follows:

Hey all,

It's been a privilege and a learning experience – and it's been a lot more. I've learned a little about humility and a lot about responsibility. And I've enjoyed working with everyone. I have served the WBASC as the secretary for almost 3 years, having been elected after the position was opened up after a few short months into a term and then 2 full terms. So, unless something requiring a 2/3 rds majority vote happens, this will be my last month serving the Area as the secretary. November is the scheduled month for electing a secretary so everyone please check your groups and see if anyone can and will step into this rewarding service position.

Okay for today's stuff. CRCNA fliers are available and the Clean & Serene group is putting on a pre-thanksgiving shin ding. All other forms are also up to date – I think ;-), copies are here and they are available on our web site except the contact list, which, because of the personal information, will not be posted. It is for internal use only.

Again, thank you for typing up your reports. It really makes it handy to scan in and insert into the minutes.

Besides the full size laminator we purchased a few months back, a smaller one has be donated to the area. It is supposed to be able to handle up to 6 inch wide by 9 inch long laminating pouches.

Budget remains at \$125.

ILS

Richard

RCM: Given and filed as follows:

Nothing to report. Next Region meeting Nov. 1st in Gillette, WY. I am working on spreadsheets and getting a true balance on checking acct.

In Loving Service,
Willy O.

Next regional meeting on Saturday Nov. 1, 2008 in Gillette, Wyoming

RCM 2: Vacant

Group Reports:

Footsteps in Recovery: Absent

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

On Life's Terms: Absent

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

Clean & Free:

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: 0 Other: None

Vision of Hope:

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$20.00 Other: None

Saturday Nite Live:

Concerns: None

Needs: Literature

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$15.60 Other: None

Clean & Serene:

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: \$15.00 Other:

Live from Laramie:

Concerns: None

Needs: Literature

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: \$32.14 – ASC, \$25.71 – RSC. Other:

Free Bird: Absent

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

Staying Clean in Sidney: Absent

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

Sub-Committee reports:

Activities: Vacant

UD: Report given by Richard M. as follows:

Unity Days Wrap up Addendum

Activities totes inventory of consumables left over from Unity Days.

2 – Unopened, extra large, 48 oz. cans of Folgers coffee.

1 – Unopened, extra large, 48 oz. cans of Arabica (WalMart brand) coffee.

9 – Full, 16 oz. coffee creamers.

2 – Almost full 16 oz. coffee creamers.

1 – Box. approx 2/3 full “Sweet N Low”

About 15lbs sugar in two opened 10 lb bags.

1 – Huge can Bush’s baked beans

1 – Huge can refried beans.

Lots of plates and napkins, plastic utensils and some cups.

Postal money orders were purchased and money returned to two members who had ordered hoodies. His cash was returned in person to the third person who ordered one.

Richard M.

Unity Days Chair

PR: Given and filed as follows:

Clarifying the libraries checked for Basic Text – Rory reported that he checked public and college libraries in Laramie & Cheyenne, WY and Sidney & Scottsbluff, NE.

PR Report

The Carey Junior High in Cheyenne is requesting a Public Information panel for two days in December. Dates are not yet confirmed. Gail W. and I will be asking for qualified volunteers to help put this on.

Jail meetings in Albany County are still on hold till we can find another qualified volunteer.

There is a PSA running in the University of Wyoming newspaper – “The Branding Iron” – on Tuesdays. It runs in the classified section under “Services.”

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Rory G.

Gail W. elaborated on the Carey panels. They are tentatively looking at the first week in December either on Monday and Tuesday or Thursday and Friday. Volunteers can do any school class blocks they can. One or all or any number in between. Gail will send Rory info on.

H&I component: See above.

PI component: See above.

Phoneline: Current??

Web site: Given and filed as follows:

Hey All,

General – The online meeting list and the printable Fall 2008 meeting list are both updated. Please check them to make sure they are accurate. Information is taken from the group report forms so if these are inaccurate the web site will be inaccurate. The minutes and guidelines are all available also.

Remember, GSRs can download their motion, disbursement and report forms from the “Archives” page on our web site.

NOTE: In order to open these PDF files the Adobe Reader 5.0 or greater is needed. Version 4.0 will **not** open them.

Minutes were received from the URMRCNA X committee and posted and the logo contest extension announced. After the deadline this announcement was taken down from the home page.

Remember, if I get the info . . . I will post it if appropriate.

Technical – Last month we had 1861 hits which represented the third month in a row we had more than 500 hits. Yet, for some unphantomable reason we are only showing 1192 hits this month. I still haven't figured out why the discrepancy.

Now that Unity Days is over and my terms as GSR have ended I will have the time to get an instructional CD developed so others will have a means to keep the web site updated should I be unable to or a new volunteer is appointed.

FINANCIAL: As reported last month, the domain name registration for the next year was automatically withdrawn from our bank account on Sept. 4, 2008. However, instead of costing \$10.19, like last year it only cost us \$8.30 because of a special renewal discount. The hosting fee of \$97.04 was automatically deducted from our account on Sept. 20, 2008. This reflects the 10% discount for paying for a year in advance. Both receipts are being given to the PR chair and the Treasurer. I also changed the contact information taking Gail's name off and registering it to the WBASC as it should be.

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: Mistie W. reported sales of \$41.00. No 3% going into the general fund as she is ordering 8 new sixth edition “Basic Texts” – 4 hard cover and 4 soft cover. Total order is \$110.50. Lookin' good! Thank you Mistie.

Break: 2:32 – 2:45 pm

Sharing Session:

- 1) Sixth Edition *Basic Text* – It was shared that the NAWS News for September had a paragraph on the Sixth Edition *Basic Text* and a special commemorative edition that was to be available in late November. It will cost \$25 and “It is a beautiful book with a special hologram sheet in the front of the book, a two-toned leather cover with an embossed logo, and many other glorious touches . . .” The item # will be 1103.

The NAWS News can be subscribe to electronically on the NAWS web site in the same way as the NA Way. Notices are sent out via e-mail when a new edition is available and can then be downloaded in PDF format.

- 2) Harvest Gathering in Cheyenne – Mistie W. and others are planning on a celebration in recovery gathering that will serve as a fundraiser for the 2009 Regional convention if all agree. It would be Nov. 8th at the LCCC cafeteria. They are looking at a pot luck dinner, a speaker meeting followed by a dance – 7 to 11 am.
- 3) Treasurer – Some concern was expressed at the lack of attendance by the treasurer in recent months. However, it was explained that extenuating circumstances have occurred. Since the treasurer’s position is up for election in December and Willie has been taking care of things, it was thought by most to just let things stand as they are and see if Lucretia’s circumstances improve.

Also, as far as elections go, the Secretary’s position is up for election next month. As mentioned in the Secretary’s report, he has served two consecutive terms so unless the body votes to extend this we need to be looking for volunteers. When asked, Richard did say he would be able to fill in and/or help out a new secretary or until one is voted in.
- 4) On Life’s Terms group – Deb B. has been attending the Monday meeting, which should read at 7 and not 6 pm, and tells us it is growing. She may be able and willing to volunteer to serve as the GSR. She will let us know and asks that the secretary mail her the minutes.
- 5) TRP *Basic Texts* – Travis B. sometimes attends this institutional meeting and has noticed that they have no *Basic Texts* in their library and is wondering if we could give them some. It was pointed out that quite some time back we had offered to supply them with literature and the administration had declined stating that they would purchase their own. We need to ask the current administration if they would be open to our donating some books before we actually do it. If they are agreeable to this then maybe we can donate some of the left over 5th ed. *Basic Texts* we have. This way the Literature chair may just debit the PR committee budget for the \$9.70 cost plus 10% S&H, which would not hit the PR budget as much as the newer price. Of course we still will be paying the new price to replace these books so our PR Chair and Literature chair could get together on this. Either way we would be finding a good home for the books and would be able to restock with the new 6th editions. We currently have 7 hard covers and 1 soft cover left of the 5th editions. Also, the BT can be downloaded from the NAWS web site.

Old Business:

- 1) Harvest Gathering – Will be a pot luck on Saturday Nov. 8th. See above in sharing and motion #4.
- 2) UD merchandise – As mentioned in the last minutes the left over bandannas cost is \$2.78 and after adding both the first and second orders the shirts average out at \$9.99 cost.
- 3) UD XVI – Rory hasn’t asked Craig H. about doing a campout for the 2009 Unity Days. Tabled appointing an ad-hoc chair until a volunteer available.

New Business:

- Motions ~**
- #1 – That a representative is sent to Region with a motion to put the original winning logo back.
Intent: – To not be affiliated with State of Wyoming, i.e. ‘Bucking Bronc.’
Carries unanimously
 - #2 – Wyo-Braska Area donate 5 shirts, 1 hoodie, 5 bandannas to Fundraising Convention Committee.
Intent: – Help raise money for convention. [URMRCNA – X]
Carries unanimously except one abstention.
 - #3 – To remove “Footsteps in Recovery” group from Roll Call, leaving it on meeting lists.
Intent: – To stop calling for a meeting that has no representation.
Carries unanimously.
 - #4 – Wyo-Braska Area sponsor Harvest Gathering as fundraiser for convention committee.
[URMRCNA – X]
Intent: – Support the Region.
Carries unanimously.
 - #5 – [Agree to proposed] Change URMRCNA rotation to meet Aug., Oct., Feb. & June instead of

Aug., Nov., Feb. & May.
Intent: – So travel can happen in months that are more weather friendly.
Carries unanimously.

Elections ~

Area Chair – Mistie W. nominated Willie who respectfully declined.
Les F. nominated Ray B. who accepted. Since this was Ray's 2nd term there was little discussion.
Carries unanimously.

RCM2 – Qualifications and duties were read and clarified.
Juan P. nominated Mac B. who qualified himself.
After some discussion vote was 4 for, 1 against & 2 abstained.

Activities Chair – Mistie W. nominated Deb B. who respectfully declined
Ray B. nominated Gail W. who accepted. Gail qualified herself. Since she is a long time trusted servant for the area there was little to discuss.
Carries unanimously.

Congratulations returning and new trusted servants!!!!

Disbursements:

Auto withdrawal 9/04 GoDaddy – Domain name registration for 1 yr.	\$ 8.30
Auto withdrawal 9/20 GoDaddy – 1yr hosting fees	\$ 97.04
Ck #???? – NAWS for literature order	\$110.50
Ck #???? – Cash in and check out for URMR donation from LFL grp.	\$ 32.14

Will postpone NAWS donation until treasury straightened out next month.

Closing Treasury balance: \$2,906.31 (approximately)

Area 7th Tradition of **\$26.00** to SNL
Dan G. moved and Mistie W. 2nd motion to adjourn – carries unanimously.
Adjourned at 4:25 pm
Next mtg: November 9, 2008 – 1pm @ 14 W. 17th St., Scottsbluff, NE Clean & Serene meeting hall.

WBASC/rlm