

Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee

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Date: September 14, 2008 Time: 1:12 pm Location: Laramie, WY

Ray B. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
Mistie W. read the 12 Traditions of N.A.
Richard M. read the 12 Concepts of N.A.
Rory G. read the 12 Values of the WBASC

Group Response to Concept _1_ & Question _4_ from last meeting:

To fulfill our fellowship's primary purpose, the NA groups have joined together to create a structure which develops, coordinates, and maintains services on behalf of NA as a whole.

The primary responsibility of an NA group is to conduct its recovery meetings, carrying the message directly to the addict who still suffers. Groups join their strength in the service structure, ensuring that other services—H&I, PI, literature development, for example—are fulfilled effectively and without distracting the groups from their own primary responsibility.

4. Can your group perform a variety of organized services like PI work, H&I panels, phonline management, and literature development while still attending to its recovery meetings?

C & S – We can and do PI and H&I activities when we have experienced members step up to do it. At times all we can do is pass out meeting lists and attend jail meeting. Sometimes we just can't because we do not have the resources and time for a web site, phonline and especially literature development.

Most of the Cheyenne groups are small enough that they just do not have the resources to do anything except fulfill the primary purpose placing meetings as the number one, and sometimes the only, priority.

Reading/Study/Discussion of Concept _2_ using chapter questions.

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.

Study and discussion questions

1. Does your group have any way of letting your area committee know whether it's meeting your needs? How?
Yes, either through the GSRs or via the web site and e-mails,
2. Does your group's GSR regularly take part in ASC meetings? Do you regularly contribute to the ASC? Do these things give your group any say about the way NA services are administered? How?
For the most part all said yes in what ever way they could even if were only volunteering for service.
3. How frequently is your group consulted on service matters by the ASC? The RSC? The WSC? Do you want to be consulted more often? Less often?
By the ASC – regularly. By the RSC – it's getting better with more detailed minutes being available. By the WSC – who are they?? We may not have direct contact with the WSC except via the service structure and our Regional Delegates. For now, at least, we are consulted enough especially on matters that really matter like the *Basic Text* etc.
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?

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

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

GSR, Alternates and guests: Willy O. (GSR – Clean and Free), Ray B. (GSR – Vision of Hope), Mistie W. (GSR – Saturday Nite Live), Richard M. (GSR – Clean & Serene), Rory G. (Treasurer – Live from Laramie) & Ray B. gave report for Lucretia M. (GSR – Free Bird) Juan P. & Larry S. from Scottsbluff.

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

NA Recovery Birthdays: None this last month.

Recognition of new groups: While not present (they had planned on attending), a couple of members from Chadron, NE visited us at Unity Days asking for help in starting up a new group and meetings in Chadron. They had a *Basic Text* and were given a copy of *It Works: How & Why* and the NAWS web site address where they can download a registration form, the group readings, the *Twelve Concepts for NA Service*, IP #2 – *The Group* and *A Guide to Local Service in Narcotics Anonymous* as well as a lot of other useful information. We can look for them to attend a future area meeting.

Approval of last month's minutes:

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

Treasurer's Beginning Balance: \$2,255.39

Serenity Break: 1:45 – 2:00 pm

Officers Reports:

Chair: Report given and filed as follows:

Hello A.S.C. members & friends.

Glad you all could make it; there are a lot of things we need to take care of today so it is very important that we stay on track. I would like to say thanks for allowing me to be of service to this body & it has been an awesome experience for me. As before let me remind you to know your responsibilities & also know the guidelines for this Area. We have a log going on in the next year so remember this all works with unity. The Chair's account balance stands at \$100.00.

In Loving Service

Ray B.

Vice-Chair: Absent

Treasurer: Absent

Secretary: Report given orally only:

The latest revision of the area guidelines has been updated and printed out although not yet uploaded onto the web site (at the beginning of our fiscal year the secretary incorporates all guideline and policy changes taken from the three or four Article 14s generated during the previous year). The best way to make sure you have a current version of the guidelines is to look on the last page for the revision date and keep in mind that they are updated each fiscal year that begins Sept. 1 and runs to Aug. 31.

The contact list has also been updated with info taken off of the sign-in sheet as well as the group report forms. If any of this info is illegible then the list won't be right. Everyone please check your information to make sure it is accurate and up to date. Because the contact list has more personal information on it, it will not be posted on the web site or anywhere else. Its purpose is for ease of communication among members of the area. It is intended for internal use only.

Reminded everyone that all documents such as the minutes, group report, disbursement and motion forms are or will be on the web site including the area guidelines and a version of the area letterhead.

Available today are meeting lists and the Colorado regional convention registration fliers. CRCNA is scheduled for October in Estes Park and has historically been a fantastic celebration of recovery.

The Secretary's budget account remains at \$42.98.

ILS

Richard

RCM: Given and filed as follows:

Hello,

Good to see you all again. I once again failed to meet with Lucretia to be added to the checking account as a signer during the last month. I will make an appointment to meet with her and make sure this gets done before the next area meeting.

We have had 4 Convention Committee meetings so far. At this time Mistie, Ray, Tommy, Gail, Les and Dan are part of the committee. There is a lot of work to be done to pull this convention off. Anyone who would like to get involved the next meeting is October 5th at Ray B.s house at 1:00 pm.

Mistie W. will be working with different areas and groups on fundraising for the convention. If anyone has any good fundraising ideas please contact Mistie.

The logo contest for the convention logo has been extended to October 5th. We had no entries at our last meeting. The winner of the logo contest gets a free registration to the convention. URMRCNA will be held in Cheyenne, Wyoming May 15, 16 and 17 at the Hitching Post.

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: \$23.51 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: \$28.39 Other: None

Clean & Serene:

Concerns: Lack of older members participating & filling trusted servant positions.

Needs: 1, 2, & 20 year medallions. Spanish literature???

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: \$30.00 Other:

Live from Laramie:

Concerns: None

Needs: Literature

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: \$13.81 – ASC, \$11.05 – RSC. Other:**Free Bird:**

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$20.00 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:**Wyo-Braska Unity Days XV Subcommittee Wrap up Report**

Sept. 14, 2008

First of all, thank you everyone for all of your help. Bringing all of the supplies and groceries over from Cheyenne, setting up the lodge, preparing the meals and doing everything else it took to make the weekend a memorable one. Thank you.

Feast, fun and fellowship was the name of the game – fair weather was not. Unfortunately our crystal ball wasn't working very well and we didn't see the abnormally cold and wet weekend coming. So we did not have the turnout we were hoping for. A few phone calls were fielded from people asking if we were going to still have the event. It seems that the word "Campvention" may have misled some into thinking it was all outside which, of course, was not the case. We still had a lot going on inside the lodge. Some people just don't know what they missed.

There were 37 people who signed our guest book, from five states including California, Colorado, Nebraska, Washington and Wyoming. Others were there, but didn't sign – oh well. We recorded 12 full registrations and 3 one day registrations. With the 6 pre-paid, full registrations already reported on, we had at least 18 full registrations. I say at least because we may have had as many as 21 total, full registrations. A total of 50 packs were made and 48 accounted for. It is likely that the others actually registered, but did not fill out a form for the cash box.

This Chair was also contacted by a Cheyenne family services organization who had learned of our convention and had a Cheyenne family trying to get back on their feet who they thought would benefit from attending. The service provided gas money and found lodging for the family and we comped them for the weekend. An attendance form was signed attesting to the family's participation in the activities. Even though health issues dampened their weekend somewhat, both expressed their appreciation for an enjoyable experience. Somehow, this and the newcomers seemed to make it all worth while.

The banner was a HUGE success – really! It was the size of a twin size flat sheet. Oh yeah – it was a twin size flat sheet. Anyway, the Unity Days logo was faithfully enlarged and reproduced on the retro tie dyed sheet. Great job!!! There was plenty of room for everyone to sign. We did locate several other banners, although not all, in one of the totes.

Three members from the "Off the Wall" area out of Fort Collins brought up some NA merchandise. This was the first time they had attended a convention specifically to sell and so it turned out to be a learning experience for them. Most of what they brought was "Off the Wall" stuff, but there was some jewelry and several book covers. The jewelry didn't last long.

We had a special visitor and speaker from Longview, WA., Daniel F., who shared his story with us Friday evening and went on to help us with the raffle and a special auction on Saturday evening of some rather unique items which ended up bringing in \$275.00. Thank you everyone for buying raffle tickets and for your bids.

Friday night proved to be too wet to have a campfire meeting, but in true addict fashion a meeting was still held using the lodge fireplace instead of a campfire. It was rumored that the bunks in the cabins were not near as comfortable as personal sleeping accommodations, but then what the hay – it was still better than slumbering in a cold, wet sleeping bag.

While a bit too cold for swimming on Saturday, some of the younger set did take a very short dip. Other guests enjoyed shooting arrows at the archery range and a few toured the best, if not only, zoo in the Nebraska panhandle. Some went shopping and our newest member went fishing and actually caught a couple of large mouth bass. They were too small to keep, but fish none the less.

The hog roast on Saturday evening was out of this world. Thank you cooks and all who arranged for, hauled and otherwise prepared this delectably delicious porker (w/ the butt). The Saturday evening speaker didn't make it, but we had a backup plan so after everyone feasted, attendees got to hear – some for the first time – part of this Chair's personal story. The traditional clean time countdown followed recording a few months, days and weeks over 136 total years of clean time. Congratulations to all and especially to the newest member to our fellowship who had 5 days clean and was presented with not only the *Basic Text*, but groups and members from Cheyenne kicked in *It Works: How and Why, Just for Today* and the *Narcotics Anonymous Step Working Guides*.

Also on Saturday evening two members from Chadron, Nebraska joined us to learn how to go about starting up a new group and meetings. Contact information was exchanged, they were given an *It Works: How and Why* and it looks like we may soon have another group within our area.

I would like to give a special thank you to all who helped clean out the lodge. Not only were all of the tables and chairs restacked, the carpet vacuumed and the kitchen mopped it was all done by 1 or 1:30 pm. I've never seen anything cleaned and straightened up so fast. Another great job!!! Thank you again.

After all was sparkling clean and everyone had headed back to their homes I got with the Trails West manager and then had a chance to talk to him a few weeks after the event. He was impressed with how well behaved we were and how responsible we were in taking care of the facility. There was a piano bench that had fallen apart. We set it on a small table so no one would get hurt and told the manager about it. We offered to repair it, but he said it wasn't necessary. To him is seemed no big deal as it was old and had probable already been abused by some of the day camper children.

On to the financial end of things.....

Book set raffle =	\$ 131.00		
7/13 shirt sales	\$ 125.00		
7/13 regs	\$ 100.00	Facility rent	\$ 744.80
	\$ 255.00	Unity Days shirts 1 st order =	\$ 482.62
8/10 shirt sale	\$ 45.00	Unity Days shirts 2 nd order =	\$ 469.09
	\$ 60.00	hog =	\$ 130.00
Regs	\$ 50.00		\$1,826.51
	\$ 766.00	groceries =	<u>[\$ 270.00]</u>
			\$2,096.51

[start \$110 (\$50 reg & \$60 shirts)]

Auction =	\$ 275.00	Actual groceries = \$437.35	
Drinks =	\$ 40.00	budget = \$270.00	
50/50 =	\$ 35.00	over = \$167.45	
Coffee 7 th =	\$ 11.00		
Friday 7 th =	\$ 19.87		
Newcomer donations =	\$ 10.18		(\$2,096.51)
Full reg =	\$ 300.00		<u>\$2,058.57</u>
1/2 reg =	\$ 37.50		(\$ 37.94)
Hoodies =	\$ 247.50		
Shirts, bandannas,			

pins, key chains etc. \$ 316.52
 \$1,292.57
 \$ 766.00
 \$2,058.57

Left — 12 shirts @ \$15.00 = \$180.00
 12 bandannas @ \$ 5.00 = \$ 60.00
 \$240.00

Plus left overs to Willy
 1 hoodie @ \$27.50 = \$ 27.50

(Cory has 3 shirts for \$45)
 (Tracy asked for 2 & 2 \$40)

Also have 3 or 4 cans of coffee, 7 or 8 creamers, 2 X large cans of beans ++++
 Turning in \$1,403.57

Thank you everyone for your help.

Richard M.
 Unity Days Chair

PR: Given and filed as follows:
 Howdy,

I have a new person on board with PI in Laramie. Tammy and I have been distributing meeting schedules around town.

Laramie is still not having jail meetings due to lack of qualified volunteers. As far as I know Cheyenne is the same way. Please take this back to your groups, detention center applications can be picked up at the jail or from me.

After checking the libraries (which ones??) none have the *Basic Text*.

Along with my report I have a budget prepared for the next fiscal year.

Web – 120
 Phone line – 250
 UW Branding Iron – 80
 Literature and printing costs – 450
 PI grand total - 900

Literature – 250
 H&I grand total – 250

PR Budget for the fiscal year 2008 – 2009 = \$1150

H&I component: See above.

PI component: See above.

Phoneline: Current??

Web site: Richard M. reports that the web site is mostly up to date and working well. Meetings are up to date and the newest meeting list posted.

For the third month in a row we have noted more than 500 hits for the month. This past month saw 618 hits recorded. Someone's checking us out.

The domain name registration of \$10.19 was automatically deducted from our bank on Sept. 3rd and a year of hosting fees of \$97.04 will be automatically deducted from the checking account on Sept 20th. This reflects a 10% discount for paying for a year in advance.

Literature: Mistie W. reported sales of \$144.78 with 3% or \$6.91 going into the general fund. She is placing an order for \$137.87. Lookin' good! Thank you Mistie.

Break: 2:30 – 2:45 pm

Sharing Session:

1) URMRC fundraiser – Discussed the Cheyenne groups putting on some kind of fundraiser for the convention, either something like last year's Harvest Gathering or maybe something for Halloween. Talked about doing this on either Friday Oct. 31 or maybe something at LCCC on Nov. 8. Something for us to think about and Mistie will check with the college.

2) Unity Days XVI – Wanted to look at next year's Unity Days celebration and get started planning for it if need be. Due to the regional convention and a strain on resources it was decided to scale back on the event – maybe even ask Craig if he could put something together when (and if) he plans the LFL campout at the Pole Creek camp ground. Rory will ask him. We can't make any reservations until after January 1st anyway.

3) Left over UDs merchandise – If the region wants to we decided to sell them some of the left over bandannas and t-shirts at, about at, cost. The bandannas cost \$2.78 ea. so we decided to round to an even \$3.00 and Richard will check on the actual cost of the shirts and let Mistie know.

Old Business: See above.

New Business:

1) Fiscal year 2008 – 2009 budgets.

Motions ~ None

Elections ~ Requirements and duties were read.
RCM2 – Danny F. nominated, but respectfully declined.
Activities Chair – no nominations nor volunteers.
Area Chair – no nominations nor volunteers.

Disbursements:

Ck #1332 – ???	
Ck #1333 – ???	
Ck #1334 – NAWS for literature order	\$137.87
Ck #1335 – Voided – oops.	
Ck #1336 – Cash in and check out for URMR donation from LFL grp.	\$ 11.05
CASH – First Presbyterian Church for today's rent	\$ 20.00

Will postpone NAWS donation until treasurer available next month.

Closing Treasury balance: \$3,433.24 (approximately)

Area 7th Tradition of **\$9.00** to LFL

Adjourned at 3:50 pm

Next mtg: October 12, 2008 – 1pm @ Laramie County Community College on College Dr,
rm 336, Cheyenne, Wyoming

WBASC/rlm