

**CROWLEY'S RIDGE AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

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OPEN MEETING

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:30 PM IN PARAGOULD.

1. SERENITY PRAYER
2. READ 12 TRADITIONS, 12 CONCEPTS OF SERVICE, 1ST 2 PARAGRAPHS OF TRADITION 2, PURPOSE AND DEFINITION OF AN AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE, AND TRADITION 9

ROLL CALL

MEMBER GROUPS:

Clean Air Group (Paragould)	John N	Present
Clean Slate Group (West Memphis)	Pam R	Present
Cope Without Dope (Jonesboro)	Liz M	Present
Hope Not Dope (Trumann)	Tim A	Present
Lana (Leachville)	Catheryn C	Absent
No Matter What (Marion)	Terri D	Absent

Area Administrative Committee:

Chair	Les N	Absent
Vice-Chair	Zenia A	Present
Secretary	Awanna	Present
Treasurer	Barb H	Present
RCM	Matt C	Present
RCM Alternate	L.D. G	Present
Activities Chair	Liz M	Present
H & I Chair	Theresa D	Present
Internet Sub-committee	Mark R	Present

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary's Report was presented. Tim A made a motion to accept, L.D. seconded and motion passed.

Correspondence:

Bank statement was given to the Treasurer.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Barb presented the Treasurers Report.

L.D. made a motion to accept, Tim A seconded and motion passed.

Beginning Balance	\$ 895.96
Expenses	\$ - 19.08
Income	\$+ 28.03
Ending Balance as of 5-20-07	\$ 904.91

GROUP REPORTS

Clean Air Group

Paragould

Hello Family,

It's good to see everybody back in Paragould. Attendance it great at Clean AIR. Our Spring Fling was great this year, weather and all. It was good to see everybody. We had about 55 to 60 people show up for food and fellowship.

We don't have a cash donation this month, instead we ask not to be refunded for the meal we provided at the regional meeting.

Thanks, in loving service,
John N, GSR

Clean Slate Group

West Memphis

Attendance at Clean Slate is staying around 7-10 at each meeting. Our members agree that a PR sub-committee would be a good thing for this area, and three people have expressed interest in being on that subcommittee. We have an area donation of 28.03 today.

We have a request today. We believe Clean Slate is supposed to host the area in June. We forgot to check with Father Scott to see if there was anything going on at the church on June 17. If that would be okay, we would like to switch months with Cope Without Dope and have the area at Clean Slate in July.

ILS,
Pam R, GSR

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CWOD

Jonesboro

Attendance is good as always. Recovery on the Ridge was a huge success. Liz M is our groups new GSR. Our group has no nominations for PR chair. We also had a lot of discussion about buying an air conditioner. We are not sure about the conclusion. We have no donation at this time.

Thanks for letting me be of service,

Liz M, GSR

HOPE NOT DOPE

Trumann

Hello Family,

We hope everyone is doing ok. We at Hope Not Dope are doing good. We've been maintaining a good steady attendance. At our last meeting we voted "yes" for the new sub-committee but we have no nominations for chair person. We ask nothing from the area at this time but their continued support.

Thanks,
Hope Not Dope
Tim A. GSR

LANA

Leachville

Absent

NO MATTER WHAT

West Memphis

Absent

RCM

Dear Family,

Just a couple of weekends ago I had the honor to attend the Regional Conference in Marion. I would like to give a shout to the No Matter What and Clean Slate groups for the awesome job they did. The hospitality was great and the facility was just as good. I am very proud to be associated with those groups and the area as a whole.

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After the area reports were given, we reviewed Old Business. There were two motions that were formed in February that we had to discuss. The first one is the one that I brought back three months ago. It read: to request bids from member area / loaner groups to host the fall Regional Convention in October 2008. There were two bids brought back. L.D. presented the one from our area and another bid was presented by the Genesis Group from Hot Springs. These bids were referred to the Activities Committee. The next motion discussed read: that we direct the Website Chairperson to submit the access code to the RD, RDA, and RSC Secretary. It was discussed briefly in Old Business and then the battle heated in open sharing.

In open sharing, as I just mentioned, the website was discussed and I will say it was discussed with a lot of passion. It has been a hot topic for the last few meetings. It has been a belief that the website chair has kept access codes and passwords hidden and held as a secret. Because of the 3rd and 5th concepts, the Regional Committee has been trying to collect the vital information needed in order to protect a very important resource that NA as a whole has that might reach the still suffering addict. The good news about all of this is that the information was finally let go of during the website committee. It was handed over to the RD, RDA and because the RSC Secretary position is open, the third and final sealed envelope was handed over to the Regional Chair.

In the Activities sub-committee, we discussed the 2008 convention. There were some questions as to whether we were going to assign responsibility to the areas like we do the Unity Campout. It was decided to form a Convention Guidelines Committee so that we can answer those questions before that time gets here. We ended up voting between the two bids and the majority of the votes were for the Genesis bid in Hot Springs. So, our first annual Regional Convention is set for the third weekend of October 2008.

If anyone is still interested, it was mentioned during the Literature Sub-committee that there was still room for some filler stories in the new version of the Basic Text. For more information, you can get with Zenia and she can help you with what you need to know. In New Business, I wrote a motion on behalf of this area and CWOD. M3-050607 read: to remove "on World Service Conference years, the May ARSCNA meeting will be held on the second full weekend." This was in the Policy and Procedures Manual on pg. 4 for the region. As most of us know, the second weekend of May is Mother's Day weekend and Recovery on the Ridge weekend. The reason it is set up like this is because the World Service Conference is the last full week of April on even years. Just like I have to give a report from the Region, the RD must give a report from the World Services Conference. The conference agenda report has tons of information, so obviously there was a couple of objections to this motion. The current RD expressed that there was too much information to put together in just one week. Because of the consensus-based decision making process, there was a compromise to hold this particular RSC on the third weekend. I accepted the compromise but there were other objections. It was re-compromised to the fourth weekend and I accepted. That compromise was objected so we revisited the original motion. The two people in objection of the original motion finally stepped aside so the motion passed by consensus.

Another motion, M5-050607: to create a Secretary in Training position with the same duties as the primary RSC Secretary excluding check signing, holding of a mailbox key, and securing website codes. This will need group conscious.

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As we all know, all of the positions were open for nominations. Nominees were given and all were closed except for the RDA position. This position has no nominees yet. The nominees are:

RD- Pat P. Secretary-Zenia/Terri G H & I Chair-LD Outreach-Terri G
RDA – open Treasurer-Barb H Literature Chair-Susan H
Chair-Doug H TNT-Scott S PI-Diana D Policy and Procedure-Bill La
Vice Chair-Bill Le Activities Chair-Leann J Phone Line-Terri G Website-Tim A

Announcements:

May 25-27 Free to Dream Campout (Hot Springs)

May 26 Texarkana Softball Tournament

June 1-3 Float for Hope (Hot Springs)

June 1-3 Serenity on the Lake (old Hwy 25)

June 15-17 Beaver Round Up (Yellville)

August 10-12 Central Arkansas Convention (Little Rock)

August 31-September 3 Chili Dog Chowdown (Mountain Home)

In Loving Service,
Matt C. (RCM)

Final Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	\$2815.00
Income	3121.23
Expenses including SZF and WSC donations	2921.73
Accruals	1200.00
Prudent reserve	1815.00
SZF	59.49
NAWS donation	535.43

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities

At our last activities meeting in April the committee finalized the plans to cover the regional meeting. Then we moved on to the Unity Campout T-shirt design contest and theme. Misti C. was the winner of that contest. Congratulations Misti!

Our next business on the agenda was Freedom Fest. The date for that will be June 30th. It will be held at the Crowley's Ridge State Park at Walcott. Amber went to pay the rent on the pavilion which was \$60.00. Thanks Amber! We decided to have two workshops and a main speaker. The 2nd annual Freedom Fest t-shirt contest designs are due back today to be voted on. There is an activities meeting after this meeting today.

Thanks,
Liz

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H & I

H & I Committee met on May 13, 2007. 11 people were present. New schedules were passed out for the Recovery Center and there was no other business to discuss.

Thank you for letting me be of service,
Theresa D.

Internet Sub-committee

Hello Family,

I hope that I have taken care of the spam issue that was discussed last month. I have created a filter that filters out all other email except the ones from our website. These are on our Contact Us page which is the only reason I created these email addresses. I feel that this will solve the problem. I got this solution from our customer service at Bluehost.com. They also feel this should do the trick.

I hope that everyone with an email on the area contact list got a reminder this month for the area meeting. This will send a reminder to anyone on this list an email that informs us of events added to our calendar. If you or anyone you know is not on this list please submit a form that is on our Activities page to be added to this list.

Last thing today is I would like to be made the Web Contact for the Crowley's Ridge Area. This job would give me the responsibility of making sure that all of our meetings are up to date on the world level. There was some discussion at the last regional meeting in May on this topic. From what I understand this body, if registered at world, has the authority to make someone their Web Contact. At this time I am doing a meeting directory, this would only make it easier to do this directory.

In Loving Service,
Mark R.
CRASCIS

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The HOW group is no longer meeting but all of the supplies are still there if anyone would like to use that facility to start a meeting. It can be any day of the week. Les N is the contact person. They have keytags and framed copies of the steps.

LD attended the Pocahontas meeting the previous Friday and he says they could use the area's support.

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Crittenden County may be interested in some IP pamphlets. If this is confirmed, we will go to the H & I Committee and see about ordering some for their facility.

As far as the PR Sub-committee, there is some confusion as to if the committee has been created yet. After much discussion it was decided we have started a PR sub-committee and we need officers. It is to be taken back to groups that if anyone is interested they need to come to the next area meeting. Based on response there, we can elect officers at that meeting.

ELECTIONS

No CRASCNA elections at this time

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Activities meeting following this meeting.

H & I meeting June 10th at 3:15 at CWOD

**REVIEW OF BUSINESS TO BE TAKEN BACK TO GROUPS FOR
INPUT OR VOTE**

Secretary in Training position-do we want to create this for Region?

Any one interested in the PR sub-committee needs to attend the next Area meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Jonesboro, June 24th At 3:30

CLOSING PRAYER