

CROWLEY'S RIDGE AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm in West Memphis, followed by a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Members read the Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts, first two paragraphs of Tradition Two, purpose and definition of an area service committee, and Tradition Nine.

ROLL CALL

Groups

Clean A.I.R. (Paragould)	John N.	Present
Clean Slate (West Memphis)	Mark R.	Present
Cope Without Dope (Jonesboro)	Liz M.	Present
Hope Not Dope (Trumann)	Misti C.	Present
LANA (Leachville)	Wanda L.	Present

Administrative Committee

Chair	Zenia A.	Present
Vice-chair	Barb H.	Present
Secretary	Pam R.	Present
Treasurer	Bill L.	Present
RCM	Matt C.	Present
RCM Alternate	LD G.	Present

Subcommittees

Activities	Amber J.	Present
H & I	Tim A.	Present
Internet	Mark R.	Present
Public Relations	LD G. (vice chair)	Present
Ad Hoc (Guideline Revision)	Mark R.	Present

SECRETARY REPORT

Pam presented the secretary report. Tim A. made a motion to accept. Mark R. seconded. Motion passed. Secretary report accepted. Zenia checked the mail and distributed it at the area.

TREASURER REPORT

11/18/2007

Hi, Family I just want to thank everyone for their confidence and support. I will try to be worthy. The funds you have entrusted me with are to carry the message of NA. I'll gladly stand accountable any time anyone has even the slightest question. I agree with the former Treasurer that there cannot be too much accountability affixed to this position. As with any of the service I do for NA, about all I bring to the table is willingness. As long as I can count on all of your love support and guidance .I will try to do the best job I can

In grateful and loving service
Bill L.

Bill presented the area and activities financial reports. Tim A. made a motion to accept. Liz seconded the motion. Motion passed. Treasurer report accepted. (The treasurer's financial reporting sheets are included in these minutes.

RCM REPORT

Dear Family,

On November 3rd and 4th the Regional Service Committee met in Van Buren and I was fortunate enough to attend. Even though it is a long drive it was really an enjoyable experience. Thanks to this body for allowing this addict to serve in this capacity.

We started with the secretary report and then correspondence. Afterwards, in the treasurers report it was announced that the region's bank account has been transferred to Regions Bank. As we all know, Regions Bank is a state wide bank and better accessible than where it was. This was done to better accommodate the next incoming regional treasurer.

After the RCM/ASR/GSR reports, we went straight to open sharing because there was no new business at the last RSC in August. It was brought up that there is an opportunity for the Arkansas Region to host the SZF (Southern Zonal Forum). It was discussed as to whether we wanted to host it in October of 2008. In case anyone has forgotten our first regional convention is to be held in October 2008 at Hot Springs. It was decided that July 2009 was best appropriate for the region so that we are not too spread out trying to get prepared for two huge functions in one month.

Another question that was asked during open sharing was from Northwest Area. They asked if it would be possible that we as a region could handle all business within a RSC weekend in one day. There was discussion on this for a few minutes and someone with much experience in the region explained that they used to do all business in one day. How they did that was that they used to have sometimes several subcommittee meetings going on at once. The problem with it was the fact that people had to choose which meeting they wanted to attend. Unfortunately, this caused lack of participation in many of the subcommittees. Because the real services are performed through subcommittee meetings and decisions, the region decided that to better serve the groups and the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous as a whole they decided to spread things out over a two day setting. So for now, things will remain the same.

During the Activities subcommittee it was said that Leann, the nominee for the Activities chair withdrew her nomination. Ginger W. from Texarkana was nominated for this position. I should have a service resume forthcoming on Ginger. Also, the responsibilities for the Unity Campout were handed out. I would like to go ahead and apologize to John because I accidentally drew the Potluck/Recovery dinner.

In Outreach I was given some meeting directories. In the past, Terri G. was really having problems getting the changes made on the directory because the Phonenumber and the Website was on two separate pages??!! Finally, they are all together. From now on if any changes need to be made, designate someone to call the change in to the Arkansas Region Phonenumber. That number is 1-800-338-8750.

During the Phonenumber subcommittee, it was said that there are over 280 empty spots on the patch list for the region. So my question is that if any of our groups are not current or have empty spots, two men and two women per group, do we need another workshop. If so, let me know so I can arrange one.

Three more months!! That's how long we have before we decide what we are to do with the website. Keep it, disband it, or hand it over to an agency. I have a feeling, by the way it is talked about, that we would like to keep it in our hands. But for that to happen we need someone willing to step in! Hint Hint

The Convention Ad-Hoc committee proposed a set of convention guidelines. M3110307- "Send proposed Arkansas Regional Convention Guidelines to areas and loner groups for review and input. Bring input to RSC in February. Committee to take input and revise draft guidelines to bring back to RSC in May 2008. Guidelines will be voted on for approval at the RSC in August 2008."

Although the guidelines are not set in stone we are proceeding on with the convention plans. There were six responsibilities handed out for the convention in October 2008. There are nine areas/loner groups in our region. So figure it out. Because I fumbled the drawing for the Unity Campout, I let LD draw our responsibility for the convention. He drew a blank. As result we volunteered to assist the Ozark Area, an area that was seated with the region on Sunday in new business, with merchandising. More details will be worked out in the future.

In elections, Michael P. from ARVANA was elected into the RDA position. As mentioned earlier, Ginger W. was nominated for Activities chair and we closed nominations during elections. We still have two open positions that we need nominations for and these positions are the secretary-in-training and the Website chair.

During new business, we talked more about our chance to host the SZF. On Saturday, we determined that we definitely would be cramped to do it in October 2008. So on Sunday during new business we flirted with July of 2009. I know I mentioned this date earlier in my report, but we started talking about bids. The region is requesting bids from areas/loner groups. The bid needs to have information about hotel expenses for approximately 15 rooms. We need hospitality from Saturday morning through Sunday around noon. Prices on t-shirts. Quantity depends on size of local fellowship and attendance. Transportation from and to the airport, and recovery meeting information to accommodate SZF representatives for Saturday night. The bids need to be presented at the next RSC in February.

On top of that, we are looking for bids for our second regional convention in October of 2009. Bids should include location, date and approximate budget for expenses. It should include hotel rates, meeting rooms for Friday evening through Sunday morning. Meal expenses and t-shirt expenses. These bids also need to be presented at the next RSC.

In regards to the convention next year, the Unity Campout had a total income of \$3,910.69. Total expenses added up to \$1,150.81. So our net income comes out to be \$2,759.88. Add that to our beginning balance of \$2,000, and it totals \$4,759.88. That is our seed money for our 2008 Regional convention.

Our final treasurer's report : beginning balance	\$ 3,215.00
Income	1,496.00
Expenses	2,051.35
Bal. Before accruals	2,660.45

Accruals	1,600.00
Prudent Reserve	1,815.00
Ending balance	1,060.45

Our ending balance was \$754.55 below prudent reserve, so we were unable to send donations to NAWS and SZF.

Functions going on are : Genesis Christmas Party December 15
 Paragould Christmas Party December 8
 Winter Retreat January 18-20
 Grateful Heads Freeze Out 3rd weekend in January
 TACNA February 22-24
 ARVANA Hanging in the Fort Convention March 14-16
 Beaver Round-Up June 13-15

Once again, thanks to this body for letting me serve. I am truly grateful.

In loving service,
 Matt Carr

REVIEW OF REGIONAL BUSINESS TO TAKE BACK TO GROUPS

Motion M3110307

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SZF bids (July 2009) : requirements in RCM report

Regional Convention Bids (October 2009)

Nominations for secretary-in-training and website chair

Vote on Ginger W. for activities chair

RCM ALTERNATE REPORT

No report.

GROUP REPORTS

Clean A.I.R.

Hi family,
 Everything at Clean A.I.R. is doing ok at this time. Our Holiday Fling will be on Dec. 8 at Griffin Church on East Court Street in Paragould. I think it's going to start at 5:00 pm. We're going to do dirty Santa. If you want to play bring a \$5 or \$10 gift to exchange. There will be gifts provided for the kids.

We have \$150 for area today. We don't have any nominations for area PR chair.

Thanks,
 John N. GSR

Clean Slate

Hello family,

All is going well at Clean Slate this month. Our attendance has gone down a little. We have only averaged about 4-6 at each meeting. We hope it is just a winter slump.

Mark R. has been chosen to represent the group at area and Melvin W. was elected to his first service position of Alt. GSR. Welcome aboard Melvin.

We are celebrating one birthday in November; Pam R. will have 13 years on November 28.

Everyone is invited to help her celebrate.

We have no nomination for PR chair and we have no donation for the area this month.

In loving service,

Mark R.

Cope Without Dope

Hello family,

We're all doing good at CWOD. Our attendance is great. Nominations are open for Alt. GSR right now. We're really looking forward to the holidays. We'll be having Thanksgiving dinner at Cope after the noon meeting on Thanksgiving day. Everyone is welcome. Our Christmas party is going to be Dec. 22 @ 7 pm starting with a speaker meeting. Terri B. will be our speaker.

Nomination for PR chair from CWOD is LD.

Our group is under prudent reserve, therefore, we do not have a donation at this time.

Thanks for letting me be of service,

Liz M.

Hope Not Dope

We are still recovering in Trumann, and we hope all is great with everyone. Hope Not Dope is doing great, and our meetings are well attended. We continue to have the treatment center attend meetings on Monday nights with guys and gals alternating weekly. We are seeing some returns to the Trumann meetings after being discharged from the center. Isn't that wonderful!!

At Hope Not Dope, we are proud to announce that we are fixing to celebrate our 4th anniversary of our group's existence on Dec.3. Things here are really going well.

On the nomination for LD G. and our Public Relations position, our group met to discuss our options and we some questions on whether or not LD has the willingness to fulfill all of the obligations of this position.

As you can see, Hope Not Dope met to vote in a new GSR, me, and a new alternate GSR, Tim A. I am very honored to serve my group in this position.

As for this month, we are sorry, but we do not have a donation for area. We do not need anything from the area, except for your continued support. Thanks to everyone for their love and support. I want to thank everyone for allowing me to be of service.

In loving service,

Misti C.

LANA

Hello family,
Everyone here at LANA is great. We are having a bit of a growth spurt, which is always great. We have no nominations for PR chair. I'm sorry to say we have no donation this month.

In loving service,
Wanda L.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities

Hello family,
I would like to start off by thanking the area for your confidence in me and the privilege to fill this position.
In the last activities meeting, we elected John N. as vice-chair. We also discussed the upcoming Unity Day. The target date for Unity Day is February 16. We ask that if anyone from your groups would like to suggest a unity related topic for a workshop to please have them back at the next area meeting. We also talked about starting the t-shirt designs in December. We will be having an activities meeting following the meeting today. There has been no change in the financial report this month. The reserve is still at \$1,500.00.

Thanks for letting me be of service,
Amber J.

H&I

Hello family,
Our H&I meeting was held on Nov. 11. We had 14 people to show up. One went through orientation. It was brought up that might need to try to get in contact with Craighead County Corrections to see if we can bring a meeting to their facility. I'm going to try to make an appointment to see the administrator about this before the next H&I meeting. Nominations for vice-chair are Jason R. and Terry B. Elections at next meeting.

Thanks,
Tim A.
Chair

Internet

Hello family,
All is going well with the web page this month. Once a page is up and running there should be no major problems to do. Just a matter of uploading flyers or changing links for activities. (I did have a minor code problem that I corrected this month. The flyer upload page is working.) Unless we do a major overhaul of the site I can teach anyone to make minor changes, not much to it. I am looking for some help with the area site. I am considering the website chair position for the regional website and it is a very complicated site. It will take a lot more maintenance than our site. I am asking the groups to ask any members that may be interested in learning how to work on this website to please give them my contact information.

I am presenting a motion today to change the name of the Internet subcommittee to the website subcommittee. I am looking for someone to second the motion. I am also asking for an increase of \$10 in my budget for this next year.

In loving service,
Mark R.

Public Relations

Vacant. Vice-chair has no report.

Ad-Hoc subcommittee for guideline revision

We met today with 11 members in attendance. We made about 9 possible changes through page 7. This process could take as long as 6 more months at this rate. The next meeting will be at 2:15 pm on December 16 where CWOD meets. Please come and be a part of this process.

ILS,
Mark R.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Clean A.I.R. brought back the copy of PR guidelines. No other groups asked to check it out, so Clean A.I.R. checked it out again. Jerry B. has 1 copy of the PR guidelines. We need to get that back, since he is no longer the PR chair.

There was discussion about whether or not we are going to send gifts to the treatment center again this year. It was decided that each group bring 10 NA related gifts to the next area (if possible). Individuals may also donate gifts.

There was discussion about getting the convention to this area in 2009. Maybe will be discussed in activities meeting today. Some members interested in having SZF in this area. Others would prefer having the convention rather than SZF. Bids for SZF do not necessarily have to be from areas, can be from groups. Requirements for having SZF are in RCM report.

ELECTIONS

No resignations.
Public Relations Chair position vacant.

LD G. nominated for PR Chair. Nominations closed. Goes back to groups for vote. Service resume included in last month's minutes.

GSR of Hope Not Dope asked LD if he was willing to go to the drug courts and talk to the police. LD stated he was still on paper at the present but his legal problems should be resolved in February. He also stated that he would not be able to go into the county jail, but is able to do presentations.

TREASURER UPDATED REPORT

Beginning balance	\$869.90
Income	208.63
Expenses	54.62

Balance (above prudent reserve) \$263.25

Yearly budgets presented at this time:	Internet	\$ 110.00
	RCM	800.00
	RCM Alt.	800.00
	Secretary	300.00
	Treasurer	240.00
	H&I	200.00
	P.O.Box	40.00

NEW BUSINESS

No money motions.

No new groups.

Motion : M01111807—Change starting time of area business meeting from 3:30 pm to 2:30 pm.

Intent: to start meetings earlier

Author: John N.

Seconded by: Wanda L.

Referred to groups—guideline change.

Motion : M02111807—To change the name of the Internet Subcommittee to the Website Subcommittee. This motion will also include the housekeeping changes in Respect to the name change in our area guidelines as well as the Subcommittee guidelines.

Intent: To better clarify the function of the subcommittee's purpose.

Author : Mark R.

Seconded by : Tim A.

Referred to groups—guideline change.

ANOUNCEMENTS

4th anniversary of Hope Not Dope—Dec. 3, 2007

Thanksgiving dinner at Hope Not Dope—1 pm, Nov. 22, 2007

Christmas Party at Hope Not Dope—Dec. 27, 2007

Bring gifts for treatment center

REVIEW OF BUSINESS TO TAKE BACK TO GROUPS

Vote on LD for PR chair.

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Referred to groups—guideline change.

Refer to end of RCM report for regional business for group consideration.

Crowley's Ridge Area will be nominating Mark R. for regional website chair, and Pam R. for regional secretary-in-training.

NEXT MEETING

December 16, 2007 in Jonesboro at Cope Without Dope 3:30 pm.

Ad-Hoc committee for guideline revision will meet same day, same location at 2:15 pm.

FINAL TREASURER REPORT

Beginning balance	\$869.90
Income	208.63
Expenses	54.62
Balance	\$1133.15
New Prudent Reserve	622.46
Balance above prudent reserve	\$510.69

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

CRASCNA Treasurer's Financial Reporting Sheet

Reporting Date: 11/18/07

Reporting Period: 11/18/07-12/16/07

Income Source		Fundraising Cash (deposits)	Miscellaneous Cash (deposits)		Total
Clean Air Group	\$150.00				\$150.00
Clean Slate Group					\$0.00
CWOD					\$0.00
Hope Not Dope					\$0.00
LANA Group					\$0.00
No Matter What	\$10.00				\$10.00
RCM expenses returned	\$38.22				\$38.22
RCM Alt expense returned	\$10.41				\$10.41
					\$0.00
					\$0.00
Total Deposit:	\$208.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$208.63
Expenses	Cash Out			CRASCNA Summary Totals	
ck#1256 to Pam R. Sec Rem.	\$54.62				
				Balance beginning on 11/18/07	\$869.90
				Net Expenses	\$54.62
				Net Income (deposit)	\$208.63
				Balance beginning on 12/16/07	#####
Total:	\$54.62				
Prudent Reserve is \$622.46 Quarterly					
amount over prudent reserve \$401.45					

CRASCNA Activities Financial Reporting Sheet

Reporting Date: 11/18/07

Reporting Period: 11/18/07-12/16/07

Income Source	Group Donations (deposits)	Fundraising Cash (deposits)	Miscellaneous Cash (deposits)		Total
					\$0.00
					\$0.00
					\$0.00
					\$0.00
					\$0.00
					\$0.00
					\$0.00
Total Deposit:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenses	Cash Out			CRASCNA Summary Totals	
**OOP stands for "Out of Pocket"				Ending Balance On 11/18/07	\$1,500.00
				Net Expenses	\$0.00
				Net Income (deposit)	
				Beginning Balance on 12/16/07	\$1,500.00
Total:	\$0.00				