

## CVANA Service Meeting Minutes 11/05/2011

Hosted by VAP, Chippewa Falls, WI

Preceded by Learning Day Session on Tradition 1

Meeting called to order by: Jerry K @ 10:05 am

**Attendance:** Bob R, Greg C, Abby S, Keri S, Jeff SH, Jerry K, John M, Kristine L, Gene A, Mike D, Dean L, Nichole M

12 Traditions: Kristine L

Service Prayer: All

### **Roll Call:**

### **GSR's:**

EC Friday night: Mike T. absent, EC Wednesday night: Dean L. here, Rice Lake: Jeff S.H. here, Chippewa Tues & Sun: ? , EC Tues. & Thurs.: Abby S. here, Cadott: Mike D here, BRF: John M. here, EC Monday Night: Dean L. here, EC Saturday afternoon: Tone P. absent, EC Tues night: Gene A. here.

### **Officers:**

Chairperson - here, Vice Chairperson - here, RCM - here, RCMA – vacant, Treasurer - here, Treasurer Alternate – here, Secretary - here, Secretary Alternate– vacant.

### **Subcommittees:**

Activities – vacant, Activities Alternate – here, Literature Chair - here, Literature Alternate - here, Public Relations – here, Public Relations Alternate – vacant, H&I Chairperson – here, H&I Chair alternate – here, Policies Chairperson - here, Policies Alternate – here, Web Servant - here, Web Servant Alternate – vacant, Outreach Chairperson - vacant, Outreach Alternate – vacant.

Motion made to accept October 2011 minutes by: Kristine L Seconded by: Dean L

**Chair Report:** Nothing to report

Question/Comment:

Accepted

**Co-Chair Report:** ~~~~spoken aloud at Area~~~~

Hi everyone,

I would like to once again put it out there that if any subcommittee is struggling or has any questions to please let me know as that is a part of my job as your vice chair.

Sitting in the learning day gave me a good reminder for Tradition 9. NA as such never be organized (or Management and control) but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve. We are all here today not to manage anything but to be of service to all of the groups who land in our geographical area. Service is about doing the right thing for the right reason and I think we are all here today because we don't want to see others suffer and die from this disease. Let's remember this going into the meeting today....

Thank you all for taking time out of your Saturday to help others and groups in need.

Keri S.

Question/Comment: Keri posed a question to Area regarding Activities not having a Chair, but having a Vice-chair. Keri was seeking clarification of whether Area Vice-chair would step in as Chair.

Accepted

**RCM Report:** 11/2011

I apologize for the agenda mix up at the regional service conference we hosted in September. I should have known that scheduling workshops and speakers in conjunction with the conference wasn't appropriate but assumed we would have access to the other conference room. Part of the intermediary role of RCM is to communicate information

about the region to the area. I take responsibility for failing to describe the format of a regional service meeting and being uninformed about certain restrictions.

The duty of adequate area representation is a vital function of the RCM. I'll work on improving our area reports to reflect a more detailed description about the progress and achievements of subcommittees. The content of our report to region ought to be an area effort and could include summary of the minutes and input from position chairs and committee members. Feedback on past reports would also help me do a better job. A brief welcome was given in Black River Falls simply because the accomplishment of hosting WRSC sufficiently spoke for itself as to the viability of the Chippewa Valley Area.

Maintaining a consistent link of interrelationship between the WI Region and our area is basic to NA's common welfare and unity in the service structure. Reports, attendance and participation give the 15 areas a voice in regional decision making. Submitting a report 3 times a year is the minimum requirement for an area to be considered active in this process. CVA has had regular representative participation at service conferences held in various cities throughout the state and has submitted a report for every cycle. I believe that this service commitment has helped to strengthen our bond to NA as a whole.

I spoke with Chris K the regional delegate regarding the April 2012 World Service Conference agenda. The (CAR) will be available on the website sometime this month and the review process will begin. Area's are encouraged to provide input and a regional review is scheduled for the January conference. The service system project will probably be a major topic.

On a separate note; The USSC was voted into existence at the USFA in Tulsa Oklahoma last weekend.

Thanks for letting me serve

Jeff/ RCM

Question/Comment: Gene A: What's a CAR? Jeff: Conference Agenda Report which applies to the World Conference. Keri S requested that we bring up the CAR during open forum.

Accepted

**Treasure Report:**

NA funds are to be used our primary purpose, and must be managed responsibly. 11<sup>th</sup> Concept

Old Balance		\$533.93
7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition	8.85	
EC-Together We Grow – Chris	40.00	
EC-All Day Long – Abby	10.00	
EC-It Works – Gene	10.00	
EC-United Survive – Dean	20.00	
Cadott-Black and Blue – Bob	25.00	
Total GSR Contributions	105.00	
WRSC 50/50 Raffle	38.00	
Leftover Supply Funds	20.00	
WRSC funds total	58.00	
Sub-total	171.85	
Net Deposit 10/10/2011	\$171.85	
Balance		\$705.78
Expenses		
Ck 1170 WRSO	\$107.50	
H&I literature \$102.57, Learning Day literature 4.93		
Ck 1171 WRSC	\$195.13	
Donated back to WRSC from hosting WRSC in Sept.		
Total Expenses	\$302.63	
Equals new balance		\$403.15

Thank you and in grateful service Robert

Question/Comment:

Accepted

**Secretary Report:** Nothing to report.

Question/Comment:

Accepted

**Activities Alternate Report:** ~~~~read aloud at Area~~~~

Per activities meeting Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm; planning a potluck, speaker meeting, minute to win it, 50/50 raffle with possible auction dance.

Where: Club 12

Have to meet with the board of directors first Monday of the month at 7pm.

Cost of using Club 12 is \$70 half day.

Anonymous Band would play for small fee.

Question/Comment: Nichole M: mentioned 3 concerns about Kristine's idea of a January function; cost of renting Club 12, Scheduling on a Friday night, and hosting an event at an Alano club. Keri S suggested that these ideas be discussed at the subcommittee's meeting.

Accepted

**Literature Report:**

I have most of what you will need for literature. There was a little mess up on the h&I order. I can explain if Keri doesn't.

In loving service Gene

Question/Comment: Gene specified that he received hardcover books and stapled White Booklets for the H&I literature. Neither can be used at most facilities.

Accepted

**PR Report:** ~~~~read aloud at Area~~~~

Nothing to report today. Still working on setting up a subcommittee meeting for November. Brought receipt in for PR backboard.

Question/Comment:

Accepted

**H&I Report:** ~~~~spoken aloud at Area~~~~

Hi everyone,

The facilities seem to be going well except for a couple no shows this last month. However, we have the badly needed reminder calls in place now! Also, when I ask people to speak or chair I will also ask them to put it in there calendar and remind them that the facility and the clients of the facility are counting on them.

For Literature we are going to ask for the following

Positive Ave in Menomonee – 20 For Young People, 20 For Parents of Young, 20 Welcome to NA, 20 Am I an Addict, 20 White booklets, 20 For the newcomer

Omni Clinic – 20 Welcome to NA, 20 White booklets, 20 for the newcomer

I am also looking at the VA today to see if we need more literature there.

20 meeting lists for each facility which comes to 60 total.

We have several other places that we are going to call to see if they would like literature or not.

I did receive a call from Luther Hospital from an AODA counselor looking for literature and some NA speakers. We will discuss this at the next H&I meeting which is taking place on Nov 16 at grace Lutheran church after the wed night meeting....so about 8:45is. Last a half hour at most.

I will be submitting a motion for lit in the amount of \_\_109.54\_\_.

Question/Comment: Gene A: mentioned a facility in Menomonie that refused to accept the literature that had been ordered for them.

*Side Note: Next subcommittee meeting is Nov 16, after the Wednesday meeting in Eau Claire.*

**Policy and Procedure Report:** ~~~~spoken aloud at Area~~~~

On Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of October 2011, a policy sub-committee meeting was held with 5 addicts in attendance. After playing ring around attendance issues – on/in wording of policies, conclusion was quit nit picking. After expounding on personal opinions on listing of meetings – on/in wording of policy, addicts started walking in looking for meetings and with my frustration mounting, I stated we were done, no more discussion. In summary; no spiritual principles or guidance was evident.

From a trusted servant- Bob

Question/Comment:

Accepted

**Web Report:**

Greetings Family,

We had two emails this month. People looking for meeting info and a Basic text.

We had 9 visits to the website this month.

I received no response to my question about paying for the domain name. I am not too worried about it. He may just include it in the hosting price.

John said he would try to fix the map function on the meeting page but the last time I checked it still did not work. If it is not able to be fixed I will request that it be removed.

I have the web hosting invoice for \$150 and will submit it to our treasurer for payment. The actual cost will be same as last year \$125.00. I will mail the check to John myself.

Peace,

Greg C.

Question/Comment: Mike D: asked what map service was being used. Discussion between Mike and Greg regarding the map links. Jerry asked about the "deal". Greg explained that he and John of J&J Technologies had negotiated the \$125 price last year.

Accepted

**Outreach Report:** VACANT

Question/Comment:

**Ad-hoc Committee: Learning Day Series:** ~~~~spoken aloud at Area~~~

The learning day went well! There was 15 to 20 people with some from our area and some from other areas. So the question is....did the learning day to what it was meant for? My understanding is that we wanted people to learn more about service, also to help create some unity for our area, and help our area services rep. It is hard for me to judge this. I can say though that all people who attended from our area do also attend area service. However, all it takes is a small group of people to share what they learned with a couple people and it does tend to multiply.

I had a couple people from the learning day suggest to me to do a learning day or afternoon before a function to help bring in more people from the area. Maybe something to think about for future.

I know that it will be talked about today about if we are going to dissolve this ad-hoc or not. When we created the ad hoc it was discussed to see how things went and if there would be another learning day. At present this ad hoc committee worked on the learning day and also is working on the Traditions learning that is going on a half hour before area. If you want to keep the ad hoc, I am willing to move forward with it. If not, and you would like to give the responsibilities to the Activities committee, I am willing to help there. Other wise, we could just dissolve the committee with no intention of further learning before area and other learning days.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve

Keri S.

Question/Comment:

Accepted

## **Ad-hoc Committee: Region Conference**

**Sept:** ~~~~dissolved~~~~

Question/Comment:

## **Ad-hoc Committee: GSR Orientation**

**Packet:** ~~~~nothing to report~~~~

Question/Comment: Keri S: asked if this Ad-hoc had completed it's purpose. Followed by discussion of whether to dissolve the Ad-hoc committee.

Break for Serenity

**GSR REPORTS**

**Defective Characters Rice Lake Thursday Submitted by Jeff S.H.**

Donation \$ 0 Avg Grp Size: 3 Newcomers: yes They return: yes

I attended 5 meetings over the last couple of weeks. We had a group conscience and decided to keep the 3 nights as scheduled. Attendance is down, but we will make sure the doors are open. So far no one else has stepped up to represent the group at ASC.

**United Survive Eau Claire Wednesday Submitted by Dean L.**

Donation \$ 25 Avg Grp Size: 15 Newcomers: yes They return: yes

Strong fellowship and regular attendance. Hugs at end of meeting. Fellowship recovery celebration Nov 30<sup>th</sup>, last Wed of the month. Chili feed, speaker. Fliers out. All closed meetings except 5<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month events open. Phone list is being prepared.

**Black River Falls Monday & Friday NA Group Submitted by John M.**

Donation \$ 40 Avg Grp Size: 6/6 Newcomers: yes They return: sometimes

Format is literature study based on Just for Today reading.

**Together We Grow Eau Claire Monday Night Submitted by Dean L. (treasurer)**

Donation \$ 20 Avg Grp Size: 10 Newcomers: yes They Return: sometimes

Flexible attendance 6-15 people. Recovery and Na message. Changing clarity message to message from Basic Text. Phone list in progress. All meetings closed.

**Miracles Are Us Eau Claire Friday Submitted by Mike T. ~~~absent~~~**

Donation \$ Avg Grp Size: Newcomers: They Return:

**All Day Long Eau Claire Tues. and Thurs. Submitted by Abby S.**

Donation \$ 5 Avg Grp Size: 5 Newcomers: yes They return: sometimes

Our meeting is going good. Its strong. I am working on making packets for the newcomer. I will have them done this week. We also are making a phone list. We have different topics, read stories from the Basic Text and go through the steps and traditions. Our meeting is closed.

**Bridges to Recovery Chippewa Falls Submitted by Barb J. ~~~not represented~~~**

Donation \$    Avg Grp Size:            Newcomers:            They return:

**Black and Blue Basic Text submitted by Mike D.**

Donation \$ 0    Avg Grp Size: 4            Newcomers: no            They return: no

Discussion brought up concerning Identity Statement. Changed to 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph of Preface #25 under Introduction.

**Silver Lining submitted by Tone P. ~~~~absent~~~~**

Donation \$    Avg Grp Size:            Newcomers:    They return:

**It Works submitted by Gene A/Nichole M (group secretary)**

Donation \$ 10    Avg Grp Size: 5-7            Newcomers: yes            They return: sometimes

We read and study the It Works: How and Why book and study 12 steps and 12 traditions and learn about spiritual principles.

**15 Min. Open Forum:** (began: 11:13am ended: 11:31am)

*Mike D: any thoughts on the “Identity Statement”. Jeff mentioned that he thought it was great that groups were adapting the clarity message to fit their groups. Keri mentioned that her home group uses the clarity statement from the Basic Text, because that literature was fellowship approved. Discussion among Kristine, Dean, and Mike.*

*Keri S: brought up and explained the CAR and it’s purpose; a set of motions that will be reviewed and discussed at the World Service Conference 2012. Jeff invited everyone to read the CAR on the World website ([na.org](http://na.org)). Keri shared her experience with how large and complex the CAR may seem, and asked Jeff to find out if there will be learning sessions available for the Area’s to get more familiar with the topics of the CAR. Discussion continued between Jerry, Jeff, Greg, Gene and Keri.*

**Old Business:** (began approximately: 11:32am ended: 11:55am)

Jerry K: Keri had requested that we decide whether to dissolve the Ad-hoc Learning Day

Motion: Jeff SH 2<sup>nd</sup>: ?: Dissolve the Learning Day Ad-hoc committee. Vote: 8 for:  
PASSED

Motion: Dean L 2<sup>nd</sup>: Keri S: reimburse Dean for PR sign \$30, per receipt. Vote: 7 for:  
PASSED

Jerry K: brought up possibly changing the location and possibly day/time of where Area meets, to promote unity. Discussion between Dean, John, Gene, Jeff, Mike, Keri, and Jerry. Gene offered to look into the Church of Christ, Mike; Cadott, Jeff; Rice Lake. John asked if we were still discussing meeting Saturday mornings. Yes, at this time.

Motion: Gene A 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jeff SH: start rotation of Area quarterly beginning in January 2012.  
Vote: 6 for 1 against: PASSED

Gene - Jan, Feb, March; Jeff SH – April, May, June; John – July, August, September;  
Mike D – Oct, Nov, Dec. More will be revealed.

### **Elections:**

Jeff SH: nominated Mike D for Web-servant Alt. Vote: Unanimous! Welcome to service Mike!

**New Business:**

Motion: Keri S 2<sup>nd</sup>: Abby S: requesting \$109.54 for H&I literature. Vote: 9 for: PASSED

Greg C: requested Area cut a check to pay for the website. Discussion determined that the cost was to be a recurring cost each year, and no motion is necessary.

**SERVICE SAVES LIVES**

**Elections to be held at December ASC meeting**

**Vacant Positions:** *Co-Secretary, RCM Alternate, Activities, Outreach, Outreach Alternate, Public Relations Alternate*

**December 2011 Area Service: VAP, Chippewa Falls, WI 10am December 3, 2011**

**January 2012 Area Service: location TBD 10am January 7, 2012**

**February 2012 Area Service: location TBD 10am February 4, 2012**

Motion made to close meeting: no, Jerry announced, "Let's hug!" Time: 12:15pm