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MOUNTAINEER REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE
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MRSCNA MINUTES

April 4, 2004

Meeting was called to order. Attendance sheet passed. Moment of silence, prayer, 12 Concepts and 12 Traditions were read. There were eleven (11) ASRs present.

REPORTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Secretary's Report: Candie M. Read the minutes and they were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer absent. It was reported that there is approximately \$6678.15 in the bank at present.

RD Report:

RDA Report: Rick S. gave report.

Since the past regional meeting in January, I attended the Autonomy Zonal Forum and MARLCNA (Middle Atlantic Region Learning Conference of NA.)

Our region was the host for this zonal forum, held 1/24/04 from noon till 5 at the First Baptist Church in Morgantown. The minutes from this meeting are attached to my report. I chaired the meeting.

The purpose of Wes and I going to MARLCNA was to attend the Conference Agenda Report Workshop. Please see his report for details. One benefit of the workshop was for me to hear the questions and comments from a variety of members at different levels of service respond to by the two World Board Members present. This deepened my understanding of the issues surrounding of the motions. In addition the RDs of the Free State Region, the Minnesota Region, and the Show Me Region were present to discuss their motions. There were also members present with many years of experience in regional and world service. They contributed a unique perspective I would not have heard any other way.

After the conference I was able to return to the Regional and Area Workshops I attended and share this information.

I am very much looking forward to the World Service Conference 2004.

Grateful to serve,
Rick S.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Information: Rob M. reported.

The committee met and opened with a report from the chair concerning our web sit, which follows:

PAGE VIEWS as of 3-31-04

Your site had 86 page views yesterday.

Your site had 1286 page views to month.

Current counter 310 as of 3-31-04 was 106, installed 3-21-04

The meeting schedule updates were passed out and completed and returned to the chair. A new schedule format was presented and after much discussion, the subcommittee agreed to send the proposed format back to the area for a look. Also, another member suggested a different format, and agreed to bring that suggestion back in July for consideration. We also discussed the possibility of changing the front cover of the schedule so that it is more recognizable as a Narcotics Anonymous meeting schedule.

The chair read letters from two meetings requested to be placed on the meeting schedule and after discussion, the subcommittee agreed to place these two meetings on the schedule.

In service

Rob M.

Chair

Phone line Subcommittee: Phone-line Subcommittee Report – April 3, 2004

Hello!

This is my first phone-line report so bear with me and give me direction. I opened the subcommittee meeting with a moment of silence and a prayer. Rick S. read the Traditions. As the new chair did not have minutes from last Phone-line Subcommittee, David H. read his notes.

Wes R. gave the report for NANA—47 calls, 25 in area. He states that they are having less problems with other areas picking up their calls. Wes gathered info on Verizon as promised. NANA had a loner pager as theirs got damaged and was charged \$21.00 to fix.

Robert S. reported for SCURA—They are having the 1st Spring Fling and a Phone-line Workshop on May 16th. They are passing the pager around and answering the calls.

Belinda reported for NCANA—Jerry reported that ½ the calls for North Center are for other areas. NC needs to have a Phone-line Workshop. They are carrying the beeper and answering the calls.

FANA—Thelma gave reported. FANA had a Phone-line Workshop in February with about 20-25 addicts in attendance. The beeper is being rotated among qualified members and calls are being answered.

MANA—Kay gave report. MANA had a workshop in January and added 4 people to the Phone-line list. They now have working pager and are answering calls although Kay stated they do not get very many calls at all.

OLD BUSINESS

Wes researched Verizon and gave a report on his findings. MTBR.

Cooper made a motion to investigate Capitol Paging to see what info they will give out (i.e. meetings, etc.) and what would it cost.

There was discussion to see if we could control what is played when on hold at the answering service. An addict also reported that it seems as if Capitol is holding calls and sending out 3-4 at one time.

MANA brought up a problem with having to have Phone-line Workshop every year. Cooper B. made a motion to do away with the requirement to have a Phone-line Workshop every year but after discussion and group conscience, the motion was withdrawn. FANA and NANA need phone cards.

Thank you all so much for letting me serve!!

Love ya,
Beverly R.
Phone-line Chair

Literature Subcommittee:

Finance Subcommittee:

Convention Subcommittee:

The following are minutes from January and April 2004. The Convention Subcommittee met at 6 p.m. with 17 members present. We opened with the serenity prayer and the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts were read.

The fall flyer and the spring programs were submitted for proofreading and they were accepted.

The workshops for the spring convention were voted on and are as follows:

Four workshops for the steps, three workshops for the traditions, two workshops for the concepts, Charting a New Course, Living the Steps, As Sick As Our Secrets, Getting Involved in Service, When The Path Narrows, Carrying the Message, Importance of a Home group and To Grow or Go.

The name of the fall convention is True Colors 18, Surrender Is The Key.

A motion was made to raise the clean time requirements for convention speaker to 5 years and this motion passed.

It was decided to announce during the speaker meetings that no photos be taken in the Assembly Hall to protect our anonymity.

It was decided to keep the registration table at the office until 5 p.m. and to have the table inside the office and not outside the office.

Tapes that were defective from Fall 2003 convention will either fixed or money refunded.

The possibility of buying equipment to record our speakers was discussed and more information is to be submitted at the July subcommittee.

Prices were decided upon for merchandise for the Spring convention and were as follows:

T-shirts \$10
LS T's 12
Tanks 10
Sweats 15
Mugs 5
Photos 12
Tapes 5

All merchandise from previous conventions are to be sold at cost and the remaining be distributed among the areas at the end of the convention.

The speakers for the Spring convention are as follows:

Greg N., Friday night
Patrice B., Saturday night
Leigh T., Sunday morning
Barb W., alternate

Money motions for the spring convention are as follows:

Merchandise	\$ 2525.58
Refreshments	700.00
Flyers and programs	150.00
Registration	100.00
Banner	20.00
Key tags for reg. pack.	450.00
TOTAL	\$3945.58

Before nominations were made for convention officers, Bert J., Vice-Chair, stated that he was going to have surgery and nominated Sharon F. to be Chair for one more year until his health was better to handle the chair position. So, the nominations for Convention Officers are as follows:

Chair: Sharon F.
Vice-Chair: Bert J.
Registration: Shayne M.
Reg. V/C: Rick S. (Fall only, questionable in spring)
Merchandise: Patty G.
Merchandise V/C: Rhonda C.
Refreshment: Sarah Mc. (Test run in spring)
Refreshment V/C: Ted

It was reported that all the money for the indigent packages was not used.

It was discussed about possibly moving Saturday night speaker meeting to the dining hall. Chair will ask Cedar Lakes about this possibility.

Please accept my apology for this late report but I promise to try to do better next time.

In Loving and Grateful Service,
Sharon F.
Convention Chair

P&A Subcommittee: Policy and Administration Subcommittee Report – April 3, 2004

The P&A Subcommittee considered the following:

1. The question of whether or not we have any current policy under the consensus-based format. It was pointed out that the only policy that had been set aside during the trial period was that which defined the procedure and format of the RSC meetings. All other policy remains in effect.
2. Are we going to continue with the consensus-based format? Most people agreed that while much of the new format was working well, some problems and questions regarding specific procedures need to be discussed, possibly revised, and more formally defined. The consensus of those present (including ASRs) was that we should continue with the new format for at least another quarter and schedule an interim P&A Committee meeting prior to the July RSC to resolve the procedural issues. We submitted the following motion: *To continue with the consensus based format for one more quarter with an interim Policy meeting for review and input.* However, when this motion came up the next day, ASRs decided at that time to vote against it and we are returning to the “old” format for the July RSC meeting. It was decided to have the interim P&A Committee meeting (June 12th at Cedar Lakes) to discuss the procedural issues with the “new” format. The ASR consensus seemed to be that they did not want to eliminate the possibility of continuing to use the consensus-based format in the future, but wanted to have the procedural issues resolved before making a decision to do that.
3. Reports from Subcommittee chairpersons. Current policy requires chairpersons to submit reports (or minutes of meetings) to the RSC. Since the RSC Secretary is required to distribute RSC minutes within four weeks of the RSC meeting, chairpersons should submit their reports in time to allow the secretary to include them in the minutes. Although I think it is not specifically stated in policy, it has been suggested that two weeks after the RSC is an appropriate deadline for submitting reports.
4. We also discussed some motions that Areas had brought to be taken to the WSC. It was pointed out that there are other ways (e.g., letters, e-mail) to bring issues to the WSC and that in many cases these would probably be more effective than submitting motions.

Please attend the interim Policy & Administration Subcommittee meeting at Cedar Lakes, 1:00 pm, Saturday July 12, 2004. Thanks.

With love,

Rick W.
RSC vice-chair

H&I REPORT:

AREA REPORTS:

GTO: No Report

MANA: Kay M. gave report.

We are healthy & thriving. The Lewisburg Group has announced a third weekly meeting on Saturday nights and some of our area members have started a new meeting in Union. Attendance in the Area is growing. Lewisburg reports an average of 10-15 people; Covington has from 5-18. The new Union meetings has had as many as 10. We have had several newcomers become regulars. H&I – We go to Anthony with a meeting once a month and are considering starting to take a meeting into Alderson.

We had a phone-line workshop in January and added 4 people to our phone line list. WE regularly distribute flyers around the area.

Activities- Bowling Party in March had good attendance and included families. Our roller skating party was cancelled when we found out that the roller rink had been closed for several months. Our area is planning a camp out the last weekend in July at Blue Bend and a picnic on June 13th at Sherwood, more to be revealed.

We had several birthdays among them a 13 year, a 10 year and a two 1 years.

Keep coming back. It works.

Kay M. ASR

Metro Valley: Sherie M. gave report.

In Metro Valley, we have the same 7 panels for H&I each month, we have a PI Subcommittee that is now publishing an area Charleston and vicinity meeting schedule, our Phone Line subcommittee is answering the phone calls and getting addicts to meetings. Our Activities subcommittee just recently had the fifth annual Chili Cook-Off. We will be celebrating two 2 year miracles the last of April, we will celebrate a five year miracle in May. We have elections coming up and it looks as if all positions are filled. We have made a donation. We have no needs from the region.

We still marvel at the conflict of “do we have or don’t we have a policy”, and how business gets conducted. It seems to be in direct contradiction with what we have been taught. Change, is never easy. And change without careful thought and planning, can lead to conflict and disillusionment.

In service

Sherie M.

Metro Valley ASR

NANA: David H. gave a report.

After a brief lull in service and participation, we have reshuffled our trusted servants and picked up a few new ones. We are beginning a new with a new H&I commitment, a new area literature project and planning for our annual 12 step retreat coming up in May. We would like the region to recognize and welcome our new ASR Alt.; Andy H.

We had our Area CARR discussion / voting day March 20th and will have conscience to present during old business. One issue of concern that we had was regarding the process that was followed in the development of the Sponsorship booklet.

We feel that the fellowship’s literature should be developed by open participation among members in openly scheduled workshops and that the review and input process was not allow for complete input from the fellowship. The all or nothing vote on this one piece of literature does not adequately serve the needs of the fellowship. We would like to hear discussion on this issue in new business.

Beginning on Tuesday, April 6th we will begin our new and one and only H&I commitment at the Tiger H. Morton Juvenile Detention Center. See Andy H. for more details.

We have pager issues that will be discussed in subcommittee as well as problems with the errors in the meeting schedule.

Our Area Literature Committee is beginning work on developing a pamphlet for the newcomers in the NANA area; "Understanding Area Service in NA". We anticipate having a draft copy ready in late summer and will be soliciting input from the local fellowship.

Our area has been implementing a Sharing Session during our Committee meeting as per the "Guide to Service" outline. We have found it productive in airing issues that are more general in nature that may affect the groups, but do not necessarily require a motion to discussion. It is a good form to develop ideas and have organized discussion among all the group, not the one on ones that happen outside the meetings.

Along that same line, we would like to ask if there is an interest by our local areas to have another Multi Area Service Form and if someone would like to organize it.

Because of the change in trusted servants and the CARR voting we have we have not had adequate time to prepare our input for a "Regional Human Resource Pool" as directed at last RSC. I put by the RSC would be greatly appreciated.

Up coming Clean-time celebrations will be:

An 8 year celebration on April 8th

A 10 year celebration on April 10th

And A 21 year celebration on April 20th.

Don't forget about our 12-step retreat on May 29th – 31 at old town campground in Point Pleasant (See Flyers for more info).

We have a \$100.00 donation to the Region.

David H.
ASR/NANA Area

North Central Area: Belinda T. gave report.

Hello from North Central,

Our groups are doing great participation in Area and carrying the message. We are still going strong.

Our Activities has been thriving with monthly activities in Feb. we had Valley World of Fun. March was the Spaghetti dinner\auction. April is game night in Morgantown on the 17th after the Morgantown meeting at 7:00pm.

May we are planning a Trusted Servant Fun Shop.

Aug. 7th is our Annual Picnic.

H&I have requested more support for the four meetings we have. Huttonsville Institution has asked for speakers two times a month.

PI discussed participating in a Health Fair.

Literature Has nothing to report.

Rick W. is handling our pager and Jerry A.

The CAR workshop was not attended by as many GSR's as we had hoped. There was very helpful information passed on by Rick S.

Thank you Rick S.! Also the Zonal Forum was in our area but participation may have been small due to the weather. Rick S. has more information.

A new member brought to our attention that the NAWs meeting lists are inaccurate. Our area asks that someone look onto updating the information. There has been many cleantime celebrations.

Thanks for letting me serve and be a part,
Belinda T. ASR

AFASCNA: Diane T. gave report.

Dear Family,

The Appalachian Foothills Area is doing well. First we would like to thank the Region for having the CAR workshop in our area. Next, we had an St Paddy's Day Literature Fundraiser and raised enough to purchase approximately 27 basic texts after expenses. We had a count of 82 in the speaker meeting and would like to thank the RD for sharing.

At our last Area meeting we had two new groups join. One from Parkersburg W.V., and one from Cambridge. We now have 8 GSR's and 19 meetings. (Ask and you shall receive). At the last ASC meeting we had we had 15 members present. We have a new ASR alt. Matt H.

We are presently trying to get some PI work done with posters, IP's, meeting schedules, and a cover letter.

The area will be having a dance on May 8th or 15th in Marietta, OH. Our Freedom Day Blast XIX will be on July 3rd at the Bob Evans Shelter in Rio Grande, OH. Our Recovery in the Foothills XV will be at Old Town Campground in Point Pleasant W.V. on August 13th, 14th, and 15th. We will try to have flyers at the Convention. Also the Area just celebrated 14 years as an Area.

In loving Service, Diane T. ASR.

Freedom Area: Robert S. gave report.

Area Service Representative Report from the
Southern Coalfields Unlimited Recovery Area

We are disappointed down here that the region as a body voted not to add a meeting to the web page and meeting schedule. What is the point of a meeting schedule? We will tell you: to inform people about Narcotics Anonymous meetings, not groups or area's. Did anyone ever stop to think how many of those 31,717 weekly meetings in 113 countries got there? Someone took the time to start them and needed all the help they could get. This includes meeting list.

With the consensus-based format that the region is operating on, **We have no policy.** Why then when the Public Information sub committee voted to include these meetings on the web page and meeting schedule was there another vote taken during region? Did you not trust the sub committee?

If we do this format then our area would like the Policy and Administration sub committee start work on another policy. Our area uses this type of format and when we are done, we done.

The Southern Coalfields Unlimited Recovery Area is holding its own regards to carry the message of recovery to lots of people. The new treatment place in Williamson is sending some people to our meetings. Our H&I meeting could be better and our Public Information is doing great under the leadership of the chair. We are passing around the pager and if the person has not had a workshop then we give them one.

The Southern Basic Recovery group has lost their meeting place so we have a group with no meeting. Is that the same as a meeting with no group? Hopefully by the time the next meeting schedule goes to press they will have a place. It's looking like an afternoon meeting. More will be revealed.

We are buying literature at an awesome rate so we have no donation at this time.

Our area is doing what we can with what we got and pray we carry the message of recovery to the still suffering addict.

My motto, Principles and Common Sense Before Personalities.

Robert S.
A.S.R.

FANA Area: Thelma F. gave report.

Freedom Area Narcotics Anonymous (FANA) Report
April 3, 2004

FANA is happy to report meetings are going strong. Attendance averages anywhere between 20-40 people. Bluefield's New Way of Life Group is growing and has a new meeting on Saturdays at 6:00. It is at the First Presbyterian Church on the corner of Durhing and Tazewell. FANA's home groups have recently celebrated a 5 year, 3 year and 4 year birthday. We also have people attending meetings, getting sponsors/temporary sponsors and continuing to come back.

FANA's H&I Subcommittee continues to carry the message at the Legends Treatment Facility in Princeton. We have expanded to opening a meeting on the third Saturday of the month at 10:00 am along with the first Saturday of the month at the same time. At the request of Southern Regional Jail (SRJ) personnel, FANA is currently seeking to take two meetings, one male and one female, into SRJ once a month. There is willingness; however, processing the paperwork or actually obtaining the paperwork to process is in limbo. Once a month a meeting continues to be to the Adapt Youth Program in Beckley. Beckley's High on Life group reports good attendance.

Willingness for a PI Subcommittee is in the works. A learning day is scheduled for May 1st at the Bluefield First Presbyterian Church at 1:00 and on May 22nd at the Beckley Soldiers Memorial Theatre. We seek guidance from the Regional PI Subcommittee in the area.

The Phone Line (PL) is still active. We had a workshop in February with good attendance. There are a lot of qualified addicts who can carry the beeper. The calls average between 20-25 a month.

Plans are on the horizon for a FANA campout. It is tentatively scheduled for the 16th, 17th, and 18th in July at the Camp Creek Campgrounds outside of Athens. More will be revealed.

FANA also has a MRSCNA donation of \$50.00. All is well in our area. Thanks Wes for doing the CAR workshop on March 21st in Beckley

Thelma F. / ASR FANA

NEW BUSINESS

Motion #1: Maker- Policy Sub-committee To continue with consensus based format for one more quarter with an interim policy meeting for review and input.

Motion failed. 3 for, 4 against, 0 abstention.

Motion #2. Maker- Convention. Request a total of \$3945.58 for the Spring Convention.

Merchandise	\$2525.58
Refreshments	\$700.00
Flyers & Programs	\$150.00
Registration	\$100.00
Banner	\$20.00
Key-tags for reg. Packages	\$450.00

INTENT: Intent to put on the spring convention. **Motion passed.**

Motion #3 Maker- FANA. To rescind Resolution A.

INTENT: To supply a solution to a resolution that was passed in 1996 and never implemented.

Motion failed. 1 for, 1 for, 4 abstain.

Motion #4 Maker- FANA. To amend motion 12 in the CAR to strike the last line which reads "Minor design and material changes would not require fellowship approval."

INTENT: To clarify and to keep total fellowship control.

Motion failed. 1 for, 3 for, 3 abstain.

NOMINATIONS:

CHAIR- Rick W.

VICE CHAIR- Beverly R.

SECRETARY- Candie M./ Rob M.

TREASURER I- Rose G.

TREASURER II- Rick B.

RD- Rick S.

RDA- Cooper B./ Rick W./David H.

Subcommittee Chairs-

Convention Chair- Sharon R.

Open Forum. Closed with the Serenity Prayer.

Happily submitted,
Candie M., Secretary

ADDENDUM:

MRSCNA agenda: 7/10/04- 7/11/04

Saturday July 10

Sunday July 11

(Two reasons for starting at 11:00.

(1) no convention policy

(2) too hard for Jerry and me to get there at 10:00

If anyone has a problem with that, let me know.)

11:00 - 12:00 -- H&I

12:00 - 1:00 -- Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 -- PI

2:00 - 3:00 -- Phone-line

3:00 - 5:00 -- Convention

5:00 - 6:00 -- Dinner

6:00 - 7:00 -- Finance

7:00 - 8:00 -- P&A

9:30 -- 12:00 -- RSC

12:00 -- 1:00 -- Lunch

1:00 -- WHENEVER -- More RSC