

**Big Bend Area Service Minutes  
November 11, 2007**

**1. Open Meeting 3:10pm**

Serenity Prayer, 12 Concepts, Definition of ASC, Service Prayer

**2. Roll Call:**

Admin Committee:

Chair	Jim H	P
V Chair	Steve C	P
RCM I	Heath A	P
RCM II	Al H	P
Secretary	Mike P	P
Treasurer	Peter W	P

Subcommittees:

Activities	Lakey	P
Literature	Stephanie G	P
Convention	Allen B	A
PI	Rod C	P
Helpline		V
H&I	Frank R	P

Ad hoc committee

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Groups

GSR's

Get A Life	Necie P	P
Get Real Or Die	Jason S	P
Journey In Recovery	David D	P
Lake Ella	John P	P
Living A Miracle	Gena G	P
Living With Hope	Vernon H	P
REM/MWB Revealed	Matt B	P
Southside	Leonard G	P
Square Pegs	Jeff J	P
Time To Come Clean	Loris V	A
Together We Can	Connie T	P
We Do Recover	Kevin D	A
Youth In Recovery	Patrick C	P

**3. Motion to accept previous minutes**

Minutes amended: a) RCM I report added to electronic copy of Oct 14, '07 b) motion to change policy re {subcommittee meetings allowed at member's homes} should appear under old business  
Maker GROD 11-0-0(M/S/C) accept minutes as amended

**4. Reports / Admin committee**

## RCM I

November 07, 2007

Next week we are going to the heart land area which is in Lakeland Florida, USA. We will not be able to attend all of the Sub committee meetings, So Sub-committee Chairs please have your reports forwarded appropriately. (Helpline, H&I, and PI) Also All of the HRP Forms we will need by end of business today.

The Big thing this weekend besides the normal business in the ad hoc on insurance (AIH) and the Ad hoc on Restructuring the Service Structure at the Florida Region. So if anyone has any question or concerns please let me know so I can carry this area's conscience.

Thanks  
Heath A

## RCM II

None submitted

## Secretary

November 11, 2007  
BBASC Secretary Report

Greetings Area

Copies of Oct 14, 2007 minutes and literature order forms are available to the GSRs and interested parties. GSRs, please make the effort to put any items, birthdays or activities your group is sponsoring in your GSR report. This is placed in minutes under your group's name; and of course, turn in those reports to me at the end of area. I use these forms as part of record keeping.

As we get closer to having a web site for the Big Bend area, I believe it's important to beat this dead horse once again. The web site will serve as a wonderful resource for those who need to review past events (via the archived minutes), find a meeting and print a schedule, or simply peruse what the Big Bend Area of Narcotics Anonymous has to offer. Finding past minutes and looking them over is a justified service and record of our proceedings. Having the ability to archive the minutes electronically has been a step forward in efficiency; storing minutes with subcommittee reports left blank is not prudent. I feel strongly about having minutes that are as complete as possible. Please help us achieve this end by submitting your reports in an e-mail. Hard copies cannot be stored in the electronic minutes (see Sept '07 minutes).

I would like to extend congratulations and thanks to all who participated in the play held here at TASC last night. I was impressed and most importantly entertained, the goal of any night spent at the theater. As many have said...show me how to live.

ILS  
Mike P  
BBASC sec'y

### Treasurer

BIG BEND AREA SERVICE TREASURER'S		REPORTS	ASC MEETING			
Nov. 11th 07 for Dec.9th 07						
Prudent Res	\$600.00		Bal Forward	Ending Bal		
			\$1,514.57	\$892.13		
<b>Groups</b>		<b>Credits</b>	<b>Debits</b>	<b>Check Written</b>	<b>LIT Allot</b>	
Together We Can		\$11.00				
Lake Ella		\$27.00				
Youth In Recovery		\$20.00				
Living a Miracle						
Get Real or Die \$115.60		\$95.00				
Journey in Recovery		\$102.00				
Square Pegs		\$66.00				
Get a Life 18.00		\$10.00				
REM		\$77.00				
Below reserve						\$83.98
Literature		\$353.45				
Bank Back Charge			\$14.00	return ck		
Secretary Reimustment			\$19.18	ck1663		
Task			\$25.00	ck1667		
Total FRSO (Lit Order)			\$548.45	ck1671		
Embarq White Pages			\$3.56	ck1664		
Embarq Yellow Pages			\$32.25	ck1665		
RCM			\$275.00	ck1669		
void			\$0.00	ck1668&1670		
H&I					\$100.00	

PI					\$95.00	
	<b>RSC DONATION</b>		\$466.45	ck1668		
	TOTAL	\$761.45	\$1,383.89			
	Regional reserve					\$98.12
<b>Res Funds</b>						
	<b>RCM</b>	<b>Graylink</b>	<b>Mtg schedules</b>	P O Box fees	TOTAL	
Sept. 10th 07	\$100.00	\$22.00	\$100.00	\$30.00	\$252.00	
Oct. 14th 07	\$200.00	\$44.00	\$100.00	\$6.00	\$350.00	
Nov. 11th 07	\$100.00	\$66.00	\$100.00	\$12.00	\$278.00	

## Reports / Subcommittees

### Public Information

#### November P.I. Report

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Public Information Subcommittee Report  
2007

November 11,

Greetings, Big Bend Area Family-

The PI subcommittee held a meeting on Thursday, November 1, at the Village Inn Restaurant on Lonnbladh Rd. 8 Subcommittee members were in attendance.

We have had a busy month in P.I. We have completed registration to participate in the Florida State University Health Fair coming up on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 2PM, and are really excited about this opportunity. We will have the potential to bring the NA message to hundreds of college students and other people in the university community. We will be working hard over the next few weeks to prepare for this event, and will hold a pre-event meeting this Thursday at 6:15 at our regular meeting location.

Yesterday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, we joined with the Journey in Recovery Group to hold a flyer distribution event in Wakulla County. 8 addicts joined together at the downtown park in Crawfordville, and after a short P.I. training session, headed out in teams of 2 to post our flyers in public locations and cooperating businesses throughout the county. We covered all of the Crawfordville/Medart area, eastern Wakulla County, St. Marks, and Panacea. Most of our flyers went up in businesses and public facilities such as libraries and post offices, with a small percentage being placed on public right of ways. We met back in Crawfordville for lunch and fellowship in the park. Thanks to Journey in

Recovery and everyone else who participated, we feel that this event will make a difference in Wakulla County.

Also in Wakulla county, we replaced an outdated meeting announcement that has been running in the Wakulla News with updated, current information. The older announcement was for a meeting that existed for a short time, over a year ago, and the newspaper was still printing the inaccurate information in the weekly calendar section. We now have a contact person at the Wakulla News, and will make sure that they have correct and current announcements.

In yet another Wakulla County development, we delivered and installed our new literature rack in the Probation Office, and met with the head Probation officer, Judy Hampton. She was receptive to our efforts, and we will be contacting her for a meeting or presentation in the near future, after we finish with the Health Fair at FSU.

All of our literature locations have been inventoried and filled this month except for the one at 3333 W. Pensacola St., and we will get our other new location at the Gadsden St. probation office installed this month.

Finally, our last item is a motion that we are presenting to the Area Service Committee today, to incorporate the Helpline sub-committee into the Public Information sub-committee. We feel that helpline is essentially a component of public information, and believe that the helpline tasks can be managed by P.I. to increase efficiency and accountability.

We are continuing to increase our contact list, and are beginning to see some of the fruits of building and maintaining relationships in our community. We will be working on other ways to reach the Big Bend community in the coming months, please come and join us to share your experience, strength, and hope.

In Loving Service, Rod C.

### **Activities**

None submitted

### **Literature**

Date: November 29, 2007

The Literature Sub-Committee is happy to announce the F.R.S.O. has added three new pamphlets to the literature order forms. These pamphlets are now available to all groups who are interested in purchasing them.

There have also been some changes with our area literature orders. Your Florida Regional Service Office has been fortunate enough, for the last 25 years, to absorb the cost of shipping to Areas in the State of Florida. Due to increases in shipping/fuel costs they are no longer able to do this. The RSO Board of Directors made a decision at their regularly

scheduled meeting on Saturday Nov 17<sup>th</sup> that as of November 18<sup>th</sup> they will start charging actual (exactly what they are charged by UPS) shipping costs to Areas in the State of Florida. This means they will bill us the following month for shipping charges since our order must be packed and weighed first to determine the actual cost. I am uncertain how this will affect future orders but will keep you posted with further details as they become available.

The B.B.A.S.C. – Literature Sub-committee met from 11:00-11:45 am

There were two addicts in attendance. We counted, stamped and added the new literature to the existing inventory.

Our total literature order for November is: \$548.45

In Loving Service,  
Stephanie G.

### **Convention**

There have been no major changes to the previous BBACNA subcommittee report provided on November 10. The subcommittee has scheduled a meeting for Dec 5 to finalize actions required, in support of the upcoming Chili Cook Off/ BINGO Fund-raiser scheduled for Dec 8th at TASC. Wow! GOD doing for me, what I can;t do for myself! I do not have to work on Dec 9, how about that! I could have not been blessed at a more appropriate time. I'll be attending ASC, and hopefully in the spirit of love and happiness, we can all bring closure to the issues surrounding me serving as the subcommittee chair. I'll concluded my report by providing any additional information available concerning the status of the Convention Committee.

In Loving Service  
Allen B.

Have a Blessed Day!

### **Helpline**

Vacant

### **Hospitals & Institutions**

November 6, 2007  
H & I Subcommittee Minutes  
Big Bend Area of NA

**Shesha House:** Stephanie would like to give colored key tags to the women at the halfway house. Motion passed. Month of November is covered.

**S.I.S.** - Malynda would like to start an NA meeting at S.I.S. on Sunday nights. Malynda will take responsibility for scheduling female NA members to go with her

on the first and third Sunday of the month. If she cannot get someone to go with her, she will cancel the meeting. Clean time requirement of 6 months. Kylie will go to the first meeting 11/17. Stephanie will go if Kylie cannot.

**Gadsden Women's Prison:** NA meetings are suspended until Frank can talk with the Chaplain about their organizations. We would like to go on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month @ 5:45

**Leon County Jail – Women:** Stephanie and Clara attending. Malynda and Kylie will get approved. Stephanie will get us the application.

**Detox:** Allen B. is chairing currently, Kevin is attending. Mike and Ray will attend as well.

**A-Life:** Tuesday and Thursday at noon. Book study. 6-month clean time requirement.

**NPI:** Heath will make contact to NPI about separating the men and women. Kylie will be the coordinator for the women's meeting if it gets separated from the men.

**Leon County Jail – Men:** Frank will get Heath and Andrew an application. In the meantime, Frank and Trevor are covering.

\*Coordinator commitment should last a minimum of 6-months.

\*The Chair of an H & I meeting should use their discretion when clients of the institution are disruptive. Please use caution. Do not be confrontational. But, it is okay to politely ask people to not be disruptive.

\*Heath proposed an H&I learning day. We will discuss dates and a possible location via email.

\*The H&I meeting will continue to take place on the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

We have added N.P.I Also new meeting to sisters in recovery twice a month.

### **Ad Hoc: Web page development**

November 11, 2007 Ad-hoc Committee for Web Page Development Report

Greetings, Big Bend Area Family-

We are still working on the final technical adjustments to the proposed Web page itself. We hope to have it ready this month.

In loving service, Rod

**Reports / Groups**

### **Get A Life**

Group is growing, clean time growing. We have two birthdays this month. Diane P 21yrs. Bert S. 6yrs. Last Sat noon of the month 24th

### **Get Real Or Die**

All is well. Good attendance. Friday meeting is still being held at Temple Israel. Rod C 4yrs. Nov 30.

### **Journey In Recovery**

Nothing to report. Mikey K 2yrs. Dec 4

### **Lake Ella**

We now have a 10:30am meditation meeting on Sunday, followed by the 12:30p meeting (No 12:30p meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month; but 10:30a meeting will be held) Last Sunday of each month, area wide Birthday meeting at 12:30p. Anyone in the area with a birthday this month is invited to speak and just come out and celebrate. Frank R 22yrs. Please come join us. Marathon meeting on November 23. (sign-up sheet for groups to participate w/food and chairing sent around)

### **Living A Miracle**

No report submitted; Rod K 3yrs Nov 18<sup>th</sup>

### **Living With Hope**

Support is needed for this group. Please announce at your meetings. 1<sup>st</sup> Friday each month speakers needed to share the message of recovery.

### **REM / MWB Revealed**

New facility working out great on Monday night. December 12 Al H 18yrs. (Wed night)

### **Southside**

Attendance is small, but steady. Need more support.

### **Square Pegs**

All is well - Group is growing, attendance is good

### **Time To Come Clean**

No report submitted

### **Together We Can**

Game night 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month. Location and time will be announced later.  
Lakey 2yrs November 23

## **We Do Recover**

No report submitted

### **Youth In Recovery**

Meeting is stable, w/ steady attendance of about 5 regular members & occasional visitors

#### **5. Open Sharing Session (3:56p)**

Noted that comments from clients in treatment state that NA is not effective in their eyes. Discussed that perhaps NA behavior is a factor?

Living a Miracle shared that a group conscience was taken and held that the NA activities cmte play conflicted with their meeting. Concepts VI, II and III were noted as guiding principles in this position. The play did impact the group as a whole, and groups are the foundation of NA.

Southside shared that many activities of this area use Saturday morning as meeting time and is in direct opposition to Southside meeting.

Thanks to GSRs for their service. Coming around long enough will allow all of us an opportunity to be ourselves, including showing our ass.

This area is growing, and with that schedules, activities conflict with each other. This is a consequence of our numbers that thankfully, are NA. Communication with each other and being considerate as much as possible to eliminate schedule conflicts is the desired end.

Convention Chair (Allen B) has missed the last 3mos attending ASC. Having been asked to fill a service position, his basic obligation is to fulfill that position. Love for him, however is intact.

Convention Chair position and responsibilities is obviously being fulfilled. We should consider his accomplishments.

Representation by presence at ASC is 2hrs. That is only the tip of the iceberg regarding the amount of service that has been provided by chair Allen B.

Allen B has been in service since he got clean (Nov 22, 1999) and I'm pretty sure he knows what policy is and how it relates to him. GSRs can make policy, please do so.

Policy dictates there is no Convention Committee Chair due to absence at ASC (BBASC Policy pg 20, item#2)

#### **6. Nominations / elections**

Lake Ella Group nominates Linda D for Helpline Chair, (nominee expressed willingness and resources to fulfill this position. Clean 21 yrs Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, Has held positions at a home group as GSR, Activities, ASC Treasurer, Literature chair x2yrs, Convention cmte Chair and V. Chair. Sponsors 7 women and has an NA sponsor.

**Vote:** Linda D for Helpline Chair (11-0-0)

## 7. Old Business

After H&I report, it was announced that subcommittee meetings will be held 1<sup>st</sup> Tues of each month @The Black Dog Cafe'

## 8. New Business

Motion 2007- #27 maker PI Chair; 2<sup>nd</sup> REM: To dissolve the helpline subcommittee and assign it's duties and responsibilities to the PI subcommittee. Tabled to groups.

Motion 2007 - #28 maker Treasurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Square Pegs: To not accept checks from individuals at ASC (M/S/C) 5-4-2

Motion 2007 - #29 maker REM: Prior to a group starting a new meeting or moving an existing meeting at an occupied meeting location, said group should attend the business meeting of established group prior to contacting the facility in question. To inform and receive approval of intent from established group. Motion made w/intent to not burden or overwhelm any facility. Discussion ensued that ASC has no ruling authority in a group matter. Motion out of order.

Motion 2007 - #30 maker RCM I: To waive policy governing stated responsibilities of Convention Committee Chair for 3mos until ASC can speak to him and decide the outcome of Convention Chair. (M/S/C) 10-0-1 In light of policy (see open sharing, last entry) this motion is possibly out of order. See addendum below.

Motion 2007 - #31 maker Together We Can: To waive policy concerning convention representative and his appearance at area meetings. (see motion '07-30) Out of order.

Motion 2007 - #32 maker Together We Can: That all administrative committee members, GSRs and subcommittee members be as one in the circle of tables. Choice of Treasurer and Literature members be to their discretion. Motion intended to promote unity and invite people present who feel excluded by not having space at the table. (3-4-3) motion failed

Welcome to Patrick C, new to ASC, representing Youth in Recovery group.

## 9. Final Reports

**Literature:** (see Literature report) \$548.48 new literature ordered. Literature chair asks GSRs and those submitting literature order forms to add your columns correctly before turning in the forms.

**Treasurer:** (see Treasury report) GSR donations \$1,005.36 Amount to be deposited \$1089.48. Treasurer unsure where extra \$84.12 in monies came from.

**Adjourn (5:00pm)**

motion to adjourn JIR (M/S/C) 10-0-0

**Addendum**

The following message is from Allen B, the Convention Committee Chair. This message was sent to the ASC administrative committee and others on November 14, 2007 @10:44p

To All concerned;

En-light of this email, and per phone conversation with both Jim and Steve, I understand effective November 11, 2007, ASC made the decision to enforce polices as they pertains to the **Removal of a Trusted Servants (INVOLUNTARY)** - *Missing two consecutive A.S.C. Meeting.*

I respect the decision made, and I've learned to disagree and not be disagreeable. I am not going into a long drawn out shooting match about who shot John. I will take Steve suggestions, and continue to perform as an *unofficial chairperson for the BBACNA*, until such time one of the following actions take place: :

1. *I am able to attend a regular scheduled ASC meeting for the purpose of seeking reinstatement.*
2. *Someone is nominated and voted into the position by the GSR's of the Area.*

I know that all of you guys have a genuine concerns for this area, and about carrying the message of hope to the addict that still sick and suffering. I share these feelings, and I know that we can't please all of the people, all of the time. And -----its not even about that. It's about doing the right thing. I am open for more comments if necessary. It's been a long day, but I felt the need to at-least acknowledge this email.

Thanks

Have a Blessed Day!