

Big Bend Area Service Minutes
January 13, 2008

1. Open Meeting 3:04pm

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

2. Roll Call:

Admin Committee:

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

Subcommittees:

Activities	Lakey	P
Convention	Allen B	A
H&I	Frank R	P
Helpline	Linda D	P
PI	Rod C	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	A
REM/MWB Revealed	Eric C	P
Southside	Teresa C	P
Square Pegs	Jeff J	P
Time To Come Clean	Loris V	P
Together We Can	Connie T	P
We Do Recover	Kevin D	P
Youth In Recovery	Patrick C	P

3. Motion to accept previous minutes

Maker: GROD 2nd Get A Life M/S/C (12-0-0)

4. Reports / Admin committee

RCM I

January 13, 2008

Hey everybody,

Thanks for showing up and being part of the process. Al and I have a lot of things to go over so let's get down to the business at hand.

Last weekend your RCM team went to Macon Georgia. We attended the south eastern zonal forum. There were probably 70 to 80 attics in attendance, 20 were from the Florida Region and 2 were from the big bend. We arrived in the morning at 9:30 and stayed until 6:30. we did the whole round table thing discussing the motions and the topics for discussion found in the car report. I have put in a motion that the RCM 2 be repaid 65dollars US for fuel during the trip. That amount is a little low but we believe to be fair

Thanks for your support .we brought back a lot of valuable info for everyone
GSR's your car workshop date is feb.16th in Gainesville Florida from 11am to 3pm please lets all show up and represent your home groups

If any one is having trouble with all of this we have a solution. A mini car workshop we could discuss the questions and motions in the car. This would help familiarize everyone with the CAR, the motions, and the topics for discussion. It would also help determine our area conscience. It would be open to all members, but to be truly effective we would need the support of all the GSR. Besides it is the voice of the members in your home groups that matters.

If the GSR's want to hold such an event we would hold it after region on the 26th of January. It would not conflict with any meetings.

In this report you will find:

1. Copy of topics of discussion {CAR}
2. Copy of a ballot of motions {car}
3. Copy of the car report {long as all get out}
4. Annual report {please turn back in today}

Alright let's start with the questions.

Thanks 4 the chance to give back

Heath A

Phone #850-519-7845

Email jallbaugh@yahoo.com

RCM II

Included in body of previous report

Secretary

January 13, 2008

BBASC Secretary Report

Greetings Area

Minutes from ASC Dec 9, '07 and treasury report for 2007 are available to you. We also have approximately 200 meeting schedules available for groups that need them. Please review the meeting schedule and note corrections to your

group's meeting times/locations on the sheet circulating the room. Changes will be made to the schedule due out next month and printed accordingly. GSRs, administrative committee and subcommittee members are also asked to review your e-mail addresses and make corrections as needed. Last month I sent an email discussing the inability of some mail recipients to read and/or print the minutes as they receive them. This link will take you to Microsoft Office site to download free a MS Word viewer program. You can view, print and copy Microsoft Word documents, even if you don't have MS Word installed.

<http://office.microsoft.com/enus/downloads/CD102425791033.aspx>

In my capacity as secretary for the Big Bend Area of Narcotics Anonymous, I have come to appreciate the need for effective communication. Simply putting out information is not enough to communicate, as numerous e-mailings from me have demonstrated. The parties involved must come to the table willingly for an exchange of ideas and beliefs to ultimately result in understanding. I encourage this area to keep this in mind as we conduct the business of Narcotics Anonymous, just for today.

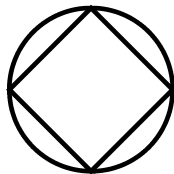
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Mike P

Treasurer

Prudent Res	\$600.00		Bal Forward	Ending Bal		
			\$892.13	\$1,036.76		
Groups		Credits	Debits	Check Written	LIT Allot	
Time To Come Clean		\$9.00				
Lake Ella		\$32.00				
Youth In Recovery		\$51.00				
Living a Miracle		\$18.48				
Get Real or Die \$115.60		\$131.00				
Journey in Recovery		\$80.00				
Square Pegs		\$56.00				
Southside		\$55.00				
REM		\$115.00				
Activities Donation		\$183.00				
Literature		\$352.13				
Activities			\$75.00	ck1683		

Web Page			\$59.32	ck1684		
Secretary Reimustment			\$51.03	ck1682		
Task			\$25.00	ck1681		
Total FRSO (Lit Order)			\$523.13	ck1685		
Embarq White Pages			\$3.56	ck1680		
Embarq Yellow Pages			\$32.25	ck1679		
RCM 2			\$65.00	ck1687		
H&I						\$100.00
PI						\$95.00
	RSC DONATION		\$98.12	ck1686		
	TOTAL	\$1,082.61	\$932.41			
	Regional reserve					\$48.76
Res Funds						
	RCM	Graylink	Mtg schedules	P O Box fees	TOTAL	Res. Temp
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	
Dec 07	\$200.00	\$22.00	\$120.00	\$18.00	\$360.00	
Jan 13th 07	\$200.00	\$44.00	\$120.00	\$24.00	\$388.	

Literature



Literature Sub-committee Report

Date: January 9, 2008

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.

As stated in last months literature report we are now being charged shipping. These shipping cost are added to the following month's statement. Shipping for November's order totaled \$26.44. An additional charge has also been added to this month's statement of \$11.00 for the C.A.R. report our area purchased. I will be requesting an extra \$34.93 to cover these charges.

The B.B.A.S.C. – Literature Sub-committee met from 11:00-11:45 am. There were three addicts in attendance. We counted, stamped and added the new literature to the existing inventory.

Our total literature order for December is: \$660.82

In Loving Service,
Stephanie G.

Reports / Subcommittees

Public Information

Public Information Subcommittee Report
2008

January 13,

Greetings, Big Bend Area Family-

The PI subcommittee meeting was held as scheduled on Thursday January 3rd, at the Village Inn Restaurant on Lonnbldh Rd. 7 Subcommittee members were in attendance, including the Chair, Vice-chair, and Secretary. We had a lively and productive meeting, as we discussed progress regarding ongoing projects, developed ideas and task groups for new projects, and ate pancakes.

Our literature distribution is being handled in a timely and consistent manner. The addition of Spanish language pamphlets seems to be a good idea; they are being taken on a steady basis, and currently we are using about 25% Spanish literature. The rack has been removed from the Disc Village location on Pensacola St., due to the relocation of that facility to MLK Blvd., and we have found a new home for it in Wakulla County.

Some other developments in PI this month include:

Ongoing efforts to get radio PSA's on the air. We have researched some local radio stations and obtained their policies regarding PSA's; we have checked on PSA's available from NAWS, which seems to be none at this time; and discussed possible options to acquire and/or create them.

On Jan. 9th, Ray G. and myself met with Gary Wright of the Human Services Center in Crawfordville. We had a great meeting, put a literature rack in their reception area at his request, provided them with some other PI materials, and discussed other ways we can

work together in the future to carry the message to the addict who still suffers. We will continue to develop and build a relationship with this facility in the future.

On Jan. 18th, a PI team has an appointment at Tallahassee Memorial Regional Medical Center. We will meet with Deborah Wells, Director of the Chemical Dependency Program and 2 other staff members. This is our first formal contact with the hospital, and we hope it will be especially productive.

In addition, we are working on contacts with the FSU counseling center, the Tallahassee/Leon County Shelter, North Florida Junior College School of Nursing, and Tallahassee Community College; billboards, televised PSA's, our database of contacts and projects, and educating and training our members to carry the NA message into our communities.

As always, we appreciate the support of the groups and this ASC, and invite everyone to come out and be a part of Public Information.

In Loving Service, Rod C.

Activities

Big Bend Area of Narcotics Anonymous
Area Report
Activities Sub-committee
Dec. 2007/Jan. 2008

Greetings Family,

The activities sub-committee has been very busy through the holidays. Since last month's Area Service Meeting we have been active in support of service with Lake Ella in hosting the Christmas marathon meetings and making sure that donations of food and other service positions surrounding that event were filled and taken care of.

After that we moved forward to the New Years Eve event wherein we were blessed with financial (and service) support by the group Radically Evolving Miracles (aka REM). REM donated 100 dollars in order to help support the costs of the New Years Event at TASK, and hosted their normal Monday night meeting at that facility with a special panel of local NA members who shared their experience, strength, and hope concerning finding a New Way to Live.

All in all, the food, the open mic, and the entertainment seemed to go over well. There were approximately 100 addicts in attendance. A detailed financial report of costs will be highlighted at the end of this report. Activities sub-committee requested the \$75 dollar allotment last month for this event and is happy to announce that through donations at the door and REM's financial support we have a little over \$183.00 dollars to return to Area Service.

Since January 1st the activities subcommittee has hosted a fundraiser event with a live band of recovering addicts in this area. The purpose of this fundraiser was to cover costs of the recovery oriented play, the entertainment put on for the Regional Meeting on January 19th. The activities subcommittee is hosting the play at 8:00 pm at TASK, 3333

West Pensacola Street on January 19th, 2008 and then again on January 20th the following day at 3:00 pm. Several treatment facilities have been invited to this Sunday matinee debut of the play in order to facilitate awareness of Narcotics Anonymous in the Big Bend Area and to help carry the message to the addict who still suffers.

Briefly returning back to the subject of New Years, the activities subcommittee would like to make known to the administrative committee, and to the GSR's, that fireworks were let off on the facility property, or the property adjacent to the facility, by addicts attending the New Years celebration. Clearly this is not acceptable, responsible, nor is it productive behavior. In fact putting off fireworks is illegal in Leon County right now. This action put the facility at risk and harm for fire danger, as well as, put the facility, any addict undertaking the act, addicts responsible for the event, and the facility itself at liability for criminal and civil costs that may have ensued due to the fireworks. When I was notified of the fireworks several days later, I found out very quickly that fireworks were an issue at last years New Years Eve event as well. I have made a personal decision surrounding these circumstances and my position as Activities Subcommittee Chair that I will discuss in open sharing and that does not belong in a report, but I do feel it extremely important to notify the area as a whole of the extreme violations done to this facility and the risk that many members and the facility took on subsequent to the careless and unthoughtful actions of a few addicts and the profound, and ongoing silence of many other addicts in attendance at the time.

The activities subcommittee is asking for its allotment this month to co-host the Valentines Day Dance on February 9th at the Hootch at Lake Ella. The dance starts around 9ish and should be full of Love and fun – come celebrate Love the NA way with us. If money from member contributions exceeds the money needed to pay facility, drink, ice, food, decoration, and any other costs it will, as usual, be returned to Area Service with love and gratitude.

Finally, the activities subcommittee is happy to announce that as of our monthly business meeting at 2:00 pm at the Black Dog yesterday, we now have a new Treasurer – Matt, and a new Secretary, Mikey. The activities subcommittee is very excited about the upcoming next month's events, specifically the influx of Regional Trusted Servants into our area and the pleasure of entertaining them and helping carry the message to any addict that still suffers. A detailed copy of the financial transactions for the activities subcommittee over the last five months has been created and can be viewed at your leisure. As well, our new Treasurer is in possession of any and all receipts, excepting of course checks written directly to the facility by the chair.

I want to take this time to thank everyone for the beauty and love they have brought into my own life through service in the activities subcommittee. I end this report today by reminding myself that I am not in first position, I am in second, and that so many of you have reminded me that if I stand behind my higher power, Love will find a way. Thank you so much for the trust and support, may my gratitude always speak louder than my fears. Gratitude is what Narcotics Anonymous has given me. I am blessed to be trusted by you all. You truly are the light which illuminates the path upon which I have been given to serve.

In loving service,
Lakey

Convention

ASC REPORT

Big Bend Area Convention Committee

January 13, 2008

On January 9, 2008, the Big Bend Area Convention Committee held its 5th Committee meeting. The meeting was held at 6:30 pm at the Lake Ella (Hootch). The meeting time and location was announced at several meetings before hand in an attempt to raise awareness, and to increase participation. *There were a total of 7 people present for the meeting.*

The primary focus of the meeting was to finalize required actions by committee members in support of the Silent Auction/Games fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, February 9, 2008, at TASC.

The committee discussed the theme for the pre-convention t-shirts, which is "Let's Get this Party Started." The t-shirts will be dark blue with white lettering, and will be on sale at the end of January 2008.

The committee voted on a theme for the convention t-shirts, which is "Beyond All Limits."

Other areas of concern discussed by the committee were:

- a. Complete Financial Report***
- b. Posting of our Convention information and contact persons on the NA Web Site.***
- c. Merchandising and Audio support***
- d. Pre-convention T-Shirt- amount 50 - Theme (Let's Get This Party Started)***

Up coming Events:

- 1. Silent Auction scheduled February 9, 2008, at TASC from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.*
- 2. BBQ Cook Out - (Tentatively) March 29 – Lake Ella 10:00 am – 6:00 pm;*
- 3. Fish Fry – TBA*
- 4. Next meeting is scheduled for the Wednesday before next month's ASC meeting in February at 6:30 p.m., at the Hootch.*

How can Area support the Convention Committee? By Stressing to the Group Service Representative the primary purpose of the convention: to promote unity and to carry the message to the still suffering addict. As a committee, we encourage each group, and each individual member to be a part of the planning and coordination of all convention activities.

*In Loving Service
Allen B.*

Helpline

Helpline Sub-committee Report

1/13/2008

Regular Meeting: The Helpline Sub-committee meets each month on the Wednesday before Area at the Village Inn on Longbladh and Raymond Diehl Roads at 8:15 p.m.

Report from 1/9/2008. Six people attended the meeting this month. All positions are currently filled for answering the Helpline.

6 a.m. to 12 p.m.: Dane
12 p.m. to 6 p.m.: Jeff
6 p.m. to 12 a.m.: Matt
12 a.m. to 6 a.m.: Lisa K

All Helpline members have been doing a great job fulfilling their responsibilities and assisting the newcomer.

One-Box: The Helpline Subcommittee is willing to have a fundraiser to offset the additional expense.

The advantage to using the One-Box system is that the newcomer will actually reach a live person instead of a recording. Thus, we believe it is worth taking the time and steps necessary to change our phone number in order to use the One-Box system.

Costs Comparisons:

	Current Costs	One-Box System
Communication system	\$21.00/month (pager)	\$50.00/month
New Embarq phone #	Not applicable	\$32.00/month for remote call forwarding
		\$13.00/month to keep one pager to refer to new #
Yellow Page AD	\$32.00/month	Free for new one-box *Unknown if we will continue to pay for previous ad
White Page AD	\$4.00/month	Unknown
TOTAL	\$57.00/month	\$95 - \$136 (if we have to continue to pay for yellow and white page ads)

Next meeting date: Wednesday, February 6th

In Loving Service,
Linda D.
Helpline Chair

Hospitals & Institutions

H&I report

There were 4 members in attendance Sarah, Keven m, Doug and Frank R

If you take a meeting into a facility please try to attend the sub committee meeting or at least communicate with the chair person 510-8599. Also fyi lets have good attendance at region.

Detox still needs support 8pm Thursday

NPI this committee receive info from facility that the profanity by speakers has been excessive

5 packets for approval have been dropped off. Keven & Doug will be attending. SUNDAY 730

Gadsden cu we still need a couple of woman to step up and get approved so we can start taking meetings again Thursday 530

Shi sha house Steff G co coordinator Sarah committed to going. Wednesday 730

Men's and women's Leon co jail going well Monday 630

Alife (Jeff J) Tuesday & Thursday noon book study needs support

Please make some nominations for co chair of H&I

NPI – Non-secure program—meetings there are happening @ 7:30 on sunday nights. 5 people have filled out packets. Heath-Coordinator billy, doug, daniel and matt are attending. Language must be cleaned up.

Tallahassee Work Release – Alan B. is the coordinator for the meeting on the 8th of this weekend. no word on approvals.

SIS – Sisters in Sobriety—meeting cancelled at this time. No meeting will be held.

A-Life Recovery Center – Jeff is the coordinator. Had a group conscience to go from 2 meetings down to 1. Group has decided to keep the meeting there two times a week.

Gadsden Women's Prison – Kylie is the coordinator. Kylie has contacting Deborah Brown about getting the meeting started back up. Will start soon.

Detox- Alan B. is the coordinator—meets every Thursday night at 8 p.m
Kevan M. will be chairing 1/10 1/17 Garret has also committed to be there.also
Ray G.

Shesha House – Stephanie is the coordinator. Meetings are Wednesday's at 7
p.m. The ladies meet for coffee @ Starbucks on Tenn. 6:30

I will be attending RSC H&I meeting 9am 19th Jan and have invited several H&I
s-com members.

ILS Frank R 1/07/08

Ad Hoc: Web page development

January 13, 2008 Ad-hoc Committee for Web Page Development Report

Greetings, Big Bend Area Family-

We have some great news for the Big Bend Area today! The Big Bend Area of Narcotics Anonymous will be on the World Wide Web in less than 48 hours. We have acquired the domain names BigBendNA.org, .com, and .net, and purchased web hosting for one year. The web page has been uploaded and will be accessible to the entire world within the next 2 days.. The total cost for all 3 domain names and 1 full year of hosting is \$59.32, less than \$5.00 per month. This is well below the estimated costs we presented to this body. I am submitting a request to the Treasurer for reimbursement for that amount, along with receipts showing services purchased and a breakdown of costs.

The next step is for this ASC to nominate and elect a Web Technology Coordinator. We recommend that this Ad-hoc committee not be dissolved until that position is filled, so as to maintain a single point of accountability, allow for maintenance of the site, and facilitate a smooth transfer when the Coordinator position is filled.

I want to thank the groups for the trust and patience shown while we worked on this important step forward for the Big Bend Area. I also want to thank everyone who worked together on the committee, and while I know that we are all equals in NA, I wish to acknowledge the commitment and hard work of Daniel, who did most of the technical work and was there when we needed.

It has been a privilege to be part of this effort to further the NA message.

In loving service,

Rod C.

Reports / Groups

Get A Life

Finances low, attendance low. Need support

Get Real Or Die

We will be meeting at the United Church on Mahan Dr Friday 1/18/08. Jan 31 Dave B 2yrs

Journey In Recovery

Wednesday @7pm Crawfordville meeting is a step-study group open to NA members. Soon to appear on schedule (Feb). Feb 19 Mike P 4yrs.

Lake Ella

All is well. Attendance is growing. Feb ? Scott L 2yrs; Feb 3rd Doug 4yrs.

Living A Miracle

Meetings continue to grow, lots of attendance from A Life Recovery Ctr. and NPI.

Living With Hope

No report submitted

REM / MWB Revealed

No Friday meetings at St John's anymore. NA rocks!

Southside

Jan 26th Neal D 20yrs.

Square Pegs

All is well, attendance is good.

Time To Come Clean

Meeting has reconvened as of Jan '08 after a holiday break for the church. Jan Margret 1yr.

Together We Can

Nothing to report.

We Do Recover

Group going good. Kevin D states maintenance crew from Delta Court address has approached him about the condition of the carpet where NA meetings take place. He asks that We Do Recov and the 2 groups that have meetings there get together to coordinate carpet clean-up.

Youth In Recovery

Meeting continues to go well. In response to recent increase in attendance, we have moved into a larger room; where there are still couches enough to go around. Feb Ray G 7yrs; Feb 8 Lauren M 3yrs. More will be revealed as to the date(s) of their celebration(s).

5. Open Sharing Session

Fireworks on NY eve at TASC was troubling with NA members participating. GSRs need to be enlisted to maintain décor on NA's behalf at rented facilities.

Thanks to ASC/GSR for being here today. There is much excitement for the play and representation of our area with Region's presence.

People are seen to step up and serve in their own way. New mtgs in this area are being supported by newcomers and I am grateful.

This ASC is vastly different from years past. Our nearly 100% participation is atypical of areas I've seen. All are doing a great job. When I am held accountable for my responsibilities, it builds on my accomplishments and betters our area as a whole.

When activities passes the 7th tradition basket, it should be forwarded to ASC, not for fundraising.

Discussion on floor re H&I policy clean time for panels (6mos Treatment Centers and 1yr for jails). Institutions may set their own requirements; in the absence of that, can H&I supersede those policies as needed?

6. Nominations / elections

7. Old Business

Motion 2007-#35P (1/13/08) (maker Lk Ella; 2nd Together We Can: Tabled to groups) To amend area policy regarding subcommittee chair attendance at ASC. Any informed subcmte member can represent their subcmte and give a report in the absence of the subcmte chair or vice-chair. That subcmte will then be marked present for that month. **M/S/C (8-3-1)**

8. New Business

Motion 2008-#1 (maker Treasurer; 2nd Sq Pegs) To create a reserve fund of \$360 for the Helpline (one box) and maintain the money to pay the expense in advance for services. After discussion, REM **motion to table to groups**.

Motion 2008-#2 (maker RCM I; 2nd Get A Life) To repay RCM II \$65 for fuel to make the trip to SE zonal forum. **M/S/C (12-0-0)**

Motion 2008-#3 (maker web pg ad hoc; 2nd Get A Life) To reimburse Rod C \$59.32 for web hosting expenses. **M/S/C (12-0-0)**

Motion 2008-#4 (maker Treasurer; 2nd Together We Can) To not pass on the \$98.12 to the Regional Service Committee because of being below prudent reserve. **Motion w/d**

Motion 2008-#5 (maker GROD; 2nd We Do Recover) Remove motion to implement One Box Helpline system (see Aug 12 minutes) due to unforeseen costs and changing telephone number. GROD **motion to table to groups.**

Motion 2008-#6 (maker GROD; 2nd Sq Pegs) For a GSR learning day workshop to be held by the ASC admin cmte. Policy should be included in the workshop. **M/S/C (12-0-0)**

Motion 2008-#7 (maker GROD; 2nd Get A Life) To add the following sentence to Area policy pg 16 after "RCM II" in definition: 'for the purpose of making motions the RCM and RCM II are not members of Admin committee' (pg 7). To clear up any contradictions in policy as is currently written and to allow RCM and RCM II to make motions that are not necessarily related to their position. Please note on pg 17... The trusted servants of an ASC are its Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Journey In Recovery **motion to table to groups.**

(maker Square Pegs; 2nd Get A Life) extend time of meeting 15' M/S/C (12-0-0)

Motion 2008-#8 (maker Lk Ella; 2nd Together We Can) To eliminate the policy that states if a group is not represented at ASC at least two times a year, then group is removed from the schedule. Journey In Recovery **motion to table to groups.**

9. Final Reports

Literature: (see Literature report)

Treasurer: (see Treasury report)

(Youth In Recovery motion to adjourn)

Adjourn (5:25pm)

Activities Play Auction			
Refresments, Snacks			donated by NA members
Money Raised		495.00	
total	495.00		
Recovery Oriented Play			
Room Rental	140.00		
Stage Rental	322.50		
Light Rental	123.63		
Reciept Total (ex. Props, sets, etc)	589.72		
Money Raised		223.00	
total	952.85		457.85 donated by NA members
New Years Eve			
December Bank from ASC		75.00	
Donation by R.E.M homegroup		100.00	
Decorations, Food & Refreshments	176.20		
Band Equipment Rental			donated by NA members
Room Rental	75.00		
7th Tradition Hat passed		259.00	
total	182.80		183.00
			Given to ASC
Activities Play Auction 1/6/08			
Refresments			donated by NA members
Room Rental	35.00		
Money Raised		192.00	
total		157.00	Money raised for the January RSC