

**Big Bend Area Service Minutes
February 10, 2008**

1. Open Meeting 3:03pm

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

Subcommittees:

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

Ad hoc committee

web pg devel	Rod C	P
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Groups

GSR's

Get A Life	Necie P	A
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	Eric C	P
Southside	Teresa C	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

Maker: Sq Pegs 2nd JIR M/S/C (9-0-0) (REM arrived later and made 10 GSRs present)

4. Reports / Admin committee

RCM I

None submitted. On the floor RCM discussed the CAR in Gainesville Feb 15-16. Several GSRs are planning to attend and room availability was discussed. Next Region is the GSR assembly in Orlando

Mar 15th. It was decided to ask GSRs to convene 1hr before next area March 9 @ 2pm (TASC location), to discuss the ad hoc proposal regarding restructuring at the assembly.

RCM II

None submitted

Secretary

February 10, 2008

Greetings ASC:

Copies of January '08 minutes are available as well as the winter 2008 schedule of meetings. Please look over this schedule and let me know if there are any inaccuracies printed. I believe all new meetings and times are posted. I sent out minutes to this body in Word doc and PDF doc. I also sent a link to you to download Adobe Reader.

<http://www.educ.ttu.edu/howto/acroreader.html>

The ASC contact list has also been sent out today, so you can find that information posted on your e-mail.

As this area grows and changes, our monthly ASC is increasingly filled with the local business of NA. This was probably evident in the time spent for your group conscience this past week. That being said I urge the GSRs and all others with the capacity to bring motions to the floor, to consider the need for motions vs conversations and decisions outside this business meeting. If housekeeping items can be conducted personally, then time is spent wisely while we discuss the business of recovery in the Big Bend Area.

ILS

Mike P
Sec'y BBASC

Treasurer

None submitted

Literature

None submitted

Reports / Subcommittees

Public Information

Greetings, Big Bend Area Family-

The PI subcommittee meeting was held as scheduled on Thursday February 7, at the Village Inn Restaurant on Lonnbldh Rd. 7 Subcommittee members were in attendance, including the Chair and Vice-chair. We discussed ongoing projects, our participation at last month's RSC meeting, and came up with some new goals and ideas.

Our literature distribution is being handled in a timely and consistent manner. We will probably be utilizing the smaller 8 pamphlet racks more often in the future, to enable us to reach more facilities.

Some other developments in PI this month include:

Doug D. and myself paid a visit on Jan. 18 to the Chemical Dependency Program, part of the Behavioral Health Center at Tallahassee Memorial Regional Medical Center. We met with program Director Bonnie Wells and staff member Glenn Graves. The meeting went very well, and we are in the process of following up with some action items, and believe this facility is one that we can network with to really reach the addict who still suffers.

A preliminary contact was made with the Director of the School of Nursing at the North Florida Junior College in Madison. I spoke with Nita Fico, who was very receptive to meeting with us. The first year nursing students do course work on substance abuse during their first semester, and we hope to have the opportunity to introduce them to NA as a resource for the health care professional. We are waiting for an appointment date to go to Madison, but this should also be an exciting opportunity to carry the NA message.

Daniel W. and myself represented the PI subcommittee at the January RSC, held here in Tallahassee. It was very productive to interact with our counterparts from other areas and the Florida Region, and we came away with some good ideas for future projects. We shared the database of contacts that we have been developing, and were surprised when that generated a lot of interest. It seems that no one else has yet implemented such a system, and we engaged in a round of conversation concerning what we are doing. We have been asked to share our work with other areas, and even the Florida Region PR committee, and with the encouragement and approval of our ASC, will be glad to do so. This may be the beginnings of a Region-wide PR database, allowing all the areas and the Region to coordinate PR info.

We decided it was time for a PI learning day, and hope to do so in cooperation with the other subcommittees as an area wide learning day, possibly in conjunction with our upcoming Celebration of Recovery in the Big Bend, also known as Founder's Day. We would like to receive some input from the other subcommittees and the groups, to make for a unifying event.

Finally, we are submitting a motion today to ask the GSR's to make a change to the PI subcommittee policy, requiring our Chairperson to attend at minimum every other ASC meeting. We feel that the most important task that a committee chair has is to come before these groups and to be available and accountable to the groups for the actions of the subcommittee. The committee chairs are the single point of accountability, as stated in our 12 concepts, and we feel the need to follow the Traditions and Concepts to the best of our ability. This motion affects PI subcommittee

policy only, and has no impact on any other subcommittee. We ask that you pass this motion, and help us to fulfill our commitments and continue to grow in recovery.

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

None submitted. Order of the day suspended so Activities Chair could report and leave. She had previous engagements. (**Announcements:** March 15 Tom Brown Park Cookout; March 17 Meet outside REM Monday nite meeting 9:15pm for movie nite activity. Valentine's Dance a success and donations accepted. Play was performed, again at Sunday Matinee. Financial report enclosed in report). Report was read and questions from the floor were entertained.

Question on floor re disposition of video of play. GSRs have a right to know what is happening with it. Pointed out that was not included in report. Activities chair responded that if photography is prohibited, that should be pointed out ahead of time. She also expressed having no personal information regarding the disposition of tape made.

Point made on floor that other photography activity has taken place without direct BBASC permission, and those items are distributed on the internet. Pointed out that we should be careful not to make this item (about the video) a personality issue vs a true need to know by ASC.

Discussion as whether the 11th Tradition was observed or may be violated if video undergoes distribution. GSRs and ASC not informed as to disposition of videotaping. The process is being circumvented.

Act. Chair responded the taping and questions about the taping are not in her knowledge base.

Discussion then centered on financial reporting of the play. Is the financial report accurate? Were donations made to play by individuals and then repaid to those individuals by monies collected in baskets at play functions? Act Treas says monies were disbursed to those who advanced funds as those funds became available. The interpretation of how funds were provided (an advance or donation?) was discussed. Should a donation be reimbursed? Or was the money advanced with intent to pay back, as was done?

Activities chair resigned post.

Convention

ASC REPORT

Big Bend Area Convention Committee

February 10, 2008

On February 6, 2008, the Big Bend Area Convention Committee held its 6th 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 10 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. As reported to ASC, the Silent Auction/Board Games fundraiser conducted on February 09, 2008 was a success. A total of \$535.00 were raised, bring the BBACNA year-to-date balance to a total of: \$3,018.34.

The committee discussed the need for a Hospitality Chairperson, and the requirements for the chairperson: 2 years of clean time, knowledge of the 12 steps and the 12 traditions, and attendance of NA meetings regularly.

Other areas of concern discussed by the committee were:

- a. Complete Financial Report;**
- b. The convention program;**
- c. Merchandising;**
- d. Pre-registration cut-off, which is May 31, 2008; and**
- d. Convention entertainment.**

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, March 5, 2008, 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

None submitted

Hospitals & Institutions

H & I Sub Committee Mtg.

2/5/2008

Eight members were present.

Gadsden Women’s Prison: We currently have 4 approved women and will continue to get 4 more. Millicent & Denise have packets. We will wait to have 8 women approved before visiting this facility regularly.

Men's Jail: Frank & Trevor are approved—will discuss their communication. Heath & Andrew have completed their applications. So, we should be able to work out a schedule so that the men's jail has 2 members going in each Monday night.

Women's Jail: Stephanie & Clara continue to be the regular members taking in a meeting. Kylie has now applied for approval to the women's jail. Once she has been approved, Kylie will serve as a back up to Stephanie & Clara. In this way, the women should be able to attend the women's jail in pairs. Millicent is also willing to be a back up. Frank will talk to Tameka about having two back ups.

Shisha House: Going well. Stephanie is coordinator. Kylie is backing up once a month. Kylie will chair the 3rd Wednesday this month—Feb. 20th.

NPI: There are several communication problems within NPI and NA regarding this institution. Heath and Frank will go to NPI tomorrow @ 4 p.m. Will follow up on packets that have been submitted. Until their requirements are determined and met, there should be NO NA meetings.

Detox: Allen is stepping down from his coordinator position after this month. Kevin will assist with coordinating the panels, but will not chair the meetings.

A-Life: Frank will speak to Jeff about acting as more of a coordinator and making the meeting only once a week.

Refuge House: Lakey will speak with Rosemary at the Refuge House and inform us of the details. Tentatively

Learning Day: H & I Chair makes a motion at Area for RCM 1 to request on the regional floor that the regional H & I sub committee come to the Big Bend Area to support a Learning Day for H & I. Frank will make that motion.

H & I Meeting List: Stephanie & Millicent will develop.

Ad Hoc: Web page development

None submitted. Ad hoc web pg chair stated that we are actively seeking a web page coordinator. Requirements for the post will be attached to this printing of the minutes.

Reports / Groups

Get A Life

Get Real Or Die

Good attendance Thurs meeting is now held in the larger portable building next to where it has been held. Fri meeting is now being held at Emmanuel Baptist. Steve S 15yrs, Feb 14; Tim D 15yrs, Mar 14.

Journey In Recovery

Lake Ella

No changes All is well, Attendance is growing.

Living A Miracle

Clara H 9yrs, Feb 11; Gena G 2yrs, Mar 7

Living With Hope

This meeting is not defunct, nonetheless, real support is needed. There are only 3 active members even though Hope community residents do participate, support is needed. Speakers as well as panel members

REM / MWB Revealed

Southside

Nothing to report

Square Pegs

All is well, good attendance.

Time To Come Clean

Together We Can

Attendance is good, 2 new members. Connie T 1yr Mar 13 (closed meeting women only please)

We Do Recover

Youth In Recovery

Meetings continue to go well at our increased levels of attendance; we continue to gain trusted servants.

5. Open Sharing Session (4:40pm) Motion to extend ASC 15' Maker: GROD, 2nd YIR M/S/C (9-1-0)

Atmosphere of loving and caring is difficult to see in these meetings. We must follow guidelines with love, dignity and respect.

GSRs are responsible and must be accountable to ASC and admin cmt. Responsibilities are not necessarily known by all persons holding positions at the ASC level.

Solution to my personal feelings of misunderstanding was to get involved and invite a loving God into this session.

6. Nominations / elections

7. Old 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. **(3-4-2) motion fails**

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. **(3-5-1) motion fails**

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 **(3-5-1) motion fails**

Motion 2008-#8P (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. **M/S/C (6-3-0)**

8. New Business

Motion 2008-#9 (maker Sq Pegs; 2nd **none**) To remove item 1B from pg 7 of ASC policy (on pg 16 under definition of Admin Committee) **due to lack of second, motion dies**

Motion 2008-#10P (maker YIR; 2nd Living w/Hope) To amend policy, "Trusted servants: Groups" to allow groups to be listed on the ASC meeting schedule. **M/S/C (9-0-0)**

BBASC Policy

Amendment by Youth in Recovery

See Page 7 POLICY

1. Any new group that wishes to join the A.S.C. is recognized immediately and has a voice on the floor, however, that group has voting privileges at their second A.S.C. meeting. **M/S/C - 3/8/87**

2. Any group that is not represented for two (2) consecutive A.S.C. meetings will be removed from quorum until they return. **M/S/C - 3/8/87**

3. All new groups should register with NAWS and will be given a Group Starter Kit. **M/S/C - 3/8/87**

4. That all GSR's must attend 2 ASC per year or group will be dropped from meeting schedule. **03-14-04**

5. All new groups will be added to the meeting schedule following the group's joining ASC.

Motion 2008-#11P (maker PI chair; 2nd GROD) To add to PI subcommittee policy (pg 41). Upon being absent from 2 consecutive BBASC monthly meetings, the PI chair shall be involuntarily removed from the chairperson position". M/S/C (8-1-0)

3 Motions were left on the floor; disposition tabled.

9. Final Reports

Literature: (see Literature report)

Treasurer: (see Treasury report)

Adjourn

Approximately 5:20pm, 3 more GSRs left the meeting in protest to the questioning that ensued with Activities Chair. 6 GSRs remained, which removes quorum (13 active groups; <7 present). Meeting adjourned.

B.B.A.C.N.A. - XI "Beyond All Limits" FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT as of: 02/11/2008					
ITEM	DATE	DESCRIPTION	W/DRAWAL	DEPOSIT	BALANCE
		Balance as of 9/13/07			\$ 2,121.48
CK 661	10/20/07	VVA Chapter 96 - Space rental for BBQ	\$ 65.00		\$ 2,056.48
CK 662	10/20/07	Robert Oglesby - Cost of Meat	\$ 73.00		\$ 1,983.48
DEP	10/22/07	Deposit Cash raised at Fundraiser (BBQ)		\$ 435.00	\$ 2,418.48
DEP	1/8/08	Deposit Cash raised at Fundraiser (Chili CookOff)		\$302.00	\$2,720.48
CK 663	1/14/08	TASC	\$ 25.00		\$ 2,695.48
CK 664	1/14/08	ADL Custon Apparel (t-shirts)	\$ 407.50		\$ 2,287.98
DEP	2/4/08	T-Shirt Sales (8) total sizes M-XL		\$ 96.00	\$ 2,383.98

Big Bend Area Web Technology Coordinator

Duties, Responsibilities and Qualifications

Qualifications: (see BBANA policy guidelines for trusted servants)

- 1) Minimum of two years clean time.
- 2) Minimum of one year service experience.
- 3) Understanding of the twelve steps, twelve traditions and twelve concepts through application.
- 4) Willingness and desire to serve in the position.
- 5) Time and resources needed to fulfill the position.
- 6) Access to a computer with internet access that has minimum requirements to operate the website and the necessary software.
- 7) Working knowledge of webpage design software.
- 8) Knowledge of FTP (file transfer protocol).

Duties and Responsibilities:

- 1) To create and maintain a website for the Big Bend Area of Narcotics Anonymous
- 2) To be an Administrative Committee Member.
- 3) To make available to the Big Bend Area all updates and changes at each ASC including code files and file structure in order to maintain the web site.
- 4) To return any hardware and software to the ASC purchased by the ASC to maintain the website.
- 5) To coordinate with the Big Bend Area in procuring the necessary funds in order carry out the function of the position.
- 6) To submit to the Big Bend Area a budget no later than November of each year.
- 7) Budget should consist of :
 - a. Domain name registration on the internet.
 - b. Cost of hosting websites on the internet.
 - c. Cost of website creating, editing software.
 - d. Cost of document creating software.
 - e. Website maintenance hardware
- 8) To train in the use of and inform incoming coordinator of current technologies and website functions at the end of the term.
- 9) Maintain a working relationship with the Florida Regional Web Technologies Coordinator.
- 10) To implement Big Bend Area directives in a timely and accurate manner.

Web Site Policy Guidelines

I. Introduction: We believe the message of recovery, (that an addict, any addict can stop using , lose the desire to use and find a new way to live), can be furthered through the use of Internet technology.

II. Purpose: To create and maintain a web page in order to provide up to date information concerning Narcotics Anonymous in the Big Bend Area via the Internet, accessible by any interested person.

III. Responsibilities: The Big Bend Area Web Page should always include, but not be limited to, the following.

- a) The Twelve Steps
- b) The Twelve Traditions
- c) Suggestions for the Newcomer
- d) A list of Groups, their Meeting places and times
- e) Helpline phone numbers
- f) BBASC address
- g) BBASC monthly meeting place and time
- h) Subcommittee meeting places and times
- i) Links to NAWS and the Florida Regional Web Pages
- j) A calendar of events
- k) "What is the Narcotics Anonymous Program"
- l) A Big Bend Service area, to post current ASC meeting minutes, archive previous ASC meeting minutes, and to include items f, g, and h above.

IV. Operations

- a) Maintenance and changes to meeting schedule and events calendar to be made by Web Technology Coordinator at written request of GSRs, Alt. GSR's, Subcommittee Chairs, or Administrative Board members.
- b) Changes to Web-Page structure or design must be made by Web Technology Coordinator upon direction of a majority vote of the Area Service Committee.
- c) Passwords shall be held by the Web Technology Coordinator, the Area Chairperson, and the Florida Regional Web Technology Coordinator.