

Big Bend Area Service Minutes
May 4, 2008

1. Open Meeting 3:05pm

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	Connie S	P
RCM I	Heath A	P
RCM II	Al H	P

Subcommittees:

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

Ad hoc committee

Policy committee	Heath A	P
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Groups

GSR's

Get A Life	Necie P	P
Get Real Or Die	Kevan M	P
Journey In Recovery	Robert O	P
Lake Ella	Matt B	P
Living A Miracle	Gena G	A
Living With Hope	Vernon H	P
REM/MWB Revealed	Carl N	P
Southside	Teresa C	P
Square Pegs	Jeff J	P
Time To Come Clean	Loris V	A
Together We Can	Lakey	P
We Do Recover	Kevin D	A
Youth In Recovery	Patrick C	P

3. Motion to accept previous minutes (Lk Ella; 2nd Get A Life)

4. Reports / Admin committee

RCM I

Greetings big bend area family,

your RCM team will be traveling to Tampa for the next regional. The FRIC board will be hosting an 80's theme dance. everyone is welcome and the pre register price will be extended till the dance is over. Give me or

the rcm2 your registration and you can get a good deal on the fun your gonna have.

today we will vote on the budget motions and the restructure change. ready, set, go,

the world service conference is almost finished and more will be revealed as soon as i have some hard facts.

just a reminder their is a worksheet on BUILDING A STRONGER HOME GROUP AN AREA PLANNING TOOL

thank you for letting me serve

heath a

RCM II

Addressed Region's exploration of sponsoring meeting place liability insurance. Forms for home groups passed out to estimate the need.

Secretary

May 4, 2008

BBASC Secretary Report

Greetings ASC

Copies of Apr 14,'08 minutes and Literature order forms are available to those who need them. There are a few copies of the Spring 2008 (revised Apr 08) meeting schedule; for those who need them, please take them all. Remember the help line phone number is incorrect on these schedules. The caller will however, be directed to the new phone number 850-224-2321.

I have taken the suggestion of our web page coordinator and submit all general mailings to this body with the addresses as BCC. The mail seems to be delivered and the recipients see only their address (is that correct?).

On a personal note, please give your utmost attention to the matter of development of policy subcommittee. I feel this important endeavor will be of benefit to this area and will have the added effect of teaching those involved how policy is made and handled. I invite everyone to get involved. Look over all our printed material and let me know how I can improve the content or correct any unintended errors.

In loving service
Mike P

Treasurer

Treasurer Report - May, 2008

ITEM	DATE	DESCRIPTION	W/DRAWAL	DEPOSIT	BALANCE
		Statement Balance 4/14/08			\$2,668.73
		Checks Outstanding Feb-Apr 2008:			
CK 1694	3/9/08	FRSO - Lit Order	\$498.81		\$2,169.92
CK 1697	3/9/08	Embarq - White Pages	\$3.56		\$2,166.36
CK 1703	4/13/08	Mike - BBAS Copying	\$40.89		\$2,125.47
CK 1704	4/13/08	FRSO - Lit Order	\$590.53		\$1,534.94
CK 1705	4/13/08	DISC Village - BBAS Room Donation	\$25.00		\$1,509.94
CK 1706	4/13/08	Line One Comm. - Helpline	\$57.00		\$1,452.94
CK 1707	4/13/08	FRSC Donation	\$695.94		\$757.00
		Donations:			
Donation	5/4/08	Get a Life		\$10.00	\$767.00
Donation	5/4/08	Get Real or Die		\$37.00	\$804.00
Donation	5/4/08	Journey in Recovery		\$51.00	\$855.00
Donation	5/4/08	Lake Ella		\$0.00	\$855.00
Donation	5/4/08	Living A Miracle		\$31.00	\$886.00
Donation	5/4/08	Living with Hope		\$0.00	\$886.00
Donation	5/4/08	REM / MWB Revealed		\$176.00	\$1,062.00
Donation	5/4/08	Southside		\$0.00	\$1,062.00
Donation	5/4/08	Square Pegs		\$50.00	\$1,112.00
Donation	5/4/08	Time to Come Clean		\$0.00	\$1,112.00
Donation	5/4/08	Together We Can		\$0.00	\$1,112.00
Donation	5/4/08	We Do Recover		\$0.00	\$1,112.00
Donation	5/4/08	Youth in Recovery		\$18.00	\$1,130.00
Donation	5/4/08	Activities		\$0.00	\$1,130.00
Donation	5/4/08	Literature		\$156.60	\$1,286.60
		Expenses Paid May, 2008:			
CK 1708	5/4/08	FRSO - Lit Order	\$225.92		\$1,060.68
CK 1709	5/4/08	Mike - BBAS Copying	\$57.57		\$1,003.11
CK 1710	5/4/08	Heath - RSC Travel Expenses	\$275.00		\$728.11
CK 1711	5/4/08	Dex - Yellow Pages	\$33.00		\$695.11
CK 1712	5/4/08	Embarq - White Pages	\$3.56		\$691.55
CK 1713	5/4/08	Rod - PI	\$50.00		\$641.55
CK 1714	5/4/08	Garrett - Activities	\$75.00		\$566.55
CK 1716	5/4/08	DISC Village - BBAS Room Donation	\$25.00		\$541.55
		Checkbook Balance 5/5/08			\$541.55

Deposit	5/5/08	BBAS Monthly Deposit		\$529.60
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Prudent Reserve	\$600.00		-\$58.45
Revenue set aside-future expenses	\$157.00		-\$215.45
Remaining Balance			-\$215.45

CK 1708	5/4/08	Lit Order	\$156.60
CK 1708	5/4/08	Perry	\$30.00
CK 1708	5/4/08	PI	\$15.00
CK 1708	5/4/08	Shipping (incl. PI literature racks)	\$24.32
CK 1708	5/4/08	Total Lit Order	\$225.92

Literature

Ad hoc Committee for Policy

Ad Hoc Policy Subcommittee Exploration: Initial Report to BBASC

Based on the following motion, the ad hoc committee met on 2/28/08:

2008-23 (JIR/REM) Moved to establish ad hoc committee to study feasibility of creating BBASC Policy Subcommittee. This standing subcommittee is responsible to 1) interpret all motions that change or affect policy 2) identify motions that conflict with existing policy 3) provide continuous updated version of policy to GSRs and Big Bend Area web page coordinator. This fulfills our concept #5...all responsibilities assigned to service structure to provide a single point of decision and accountability. Chair assigned: Heath A (chair) and John M (vice-chair). (M/S/C) 9-0-0.

During our initial meeting, we made no hard decisions except that we think it is feasible and advisable to create the committee. We intend to meet again prior to the next BBASC and provide some suggestions on which you may make some decisions.

Chair Heath suggested we look at the role the Policy Subcommittee plays at region and see if we might consider a version of that here at the area level. Looking through Region Policy, we derived a few snippets that we thought were relevant to what the area wants to explore. These include:

From Purpose of Policy Subcommittee (Page 41)

To consider motions that affect the policies of the Florida Region, and to consider whether or not the motion facilitates, inhibits or has no affect on the FRSC's ability to serve its member areas.

1. Does the motion conflict with any of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions or Twelve Concepts?
2. Does this motion change the intent of Policy, establish policy, or is it a housekeeping motion? (Motion # 57, 2000) If the motion is determined by the Policy Sub Committee to be housekeeping, the Regional Service Committee has the authority to vote on those changes without sending the motions back to the areas. (Motion #58, 2000)

From Duties and Responsibilities of Chairperson (Page 42)

7. Is available to answer any questions concerning matters of Policy on the RSC floor.

9. Submits a complete updated policy package in July January (Motion # 41-P 7-16-06) to include RSC Policy, Sub-Committee Guidelines, by-laws of Incorporated Boards and any other written Policies of the Florida RSC.

11. Member of the Administrative Committee and Parliamentarian for the Florida RSC meeting.

Please notice that the last item listed above, if implemented at area, would make the Policy Chair the Parliamentarian rather than the Vice-Chair. This is a good example of the types of choices area will need to make. In addition, we will need to formulate committee composition, requirements, etc.

We spoke about potential checks and balances that might pertain to the Policy Chair role. Options discussed ranged from “what they say goes” to a more advisory role to area where the Policy Chair may deliver advice to area which they may or may not use.

In closing, we will continue to workshop this idea and return next month with our thoughts, suggestions and questions of how the ad hoc committee can best serve area.

In loving service,
John M., Vice Chair

Reports / Subcommittees

Public Information

Public Information Subcommittee Report
2008

May 4,

Greetings, Big Bend Area Family-

The PI subcommittee meeting was held as scheduled on Thursday May 1, at the Village Inn Restaurant on Lonnbladh Rd. 4 subcommittee members attended.

Our literature distribution is being handled in a timely and consistent manner. We now have 10 racks in Wakulla, Leon, and Taylor counties...

We are helping to plan and participate in the upcoming Area Subcommittee Learning and Awareness Day. The H&I an PI subcommittee met again with various members of the NA family on April 26th and developed a format for the Learning day. We also changed the date to May 31st since the previous date of May 24th was a holiday weekend. We envision this as an area wide learning day, open to all of the subcommittees to raise awareness of what we do and how we do it, to foster unity in the area and between the subcommittees, and also to have fun in recovery. We have scheduled the event for Saturday, May 31st, from 12:30 – 3:00 PM at the Hooch. This should not interfere with any regular meetings. The next planning meeting will be May 24th at 9:30 AM at the Golden Corral on Monroe St., across from Lake Ella. We invite all of the subcommittees

to come and participate, as well as any interested addicts. In anticipation of the need to pay for meeting space, teaching materials, and refreshments, we are asking the ASC to allocate the May PI budget of \$50 towards this event. The remainder of the budget will go towards is normal function. This will be an area wide event, and we believe it represents a prudent use of NA funds to further our 5th tradition.

Thank you for your support,
In Loving Service, Daniel W. for Rod C. in his absence

Activities

good afternoon big bend area!!!

The activities sub-comittee has met 2 times since the last ASC. 19 Apr 08 and 3 May 08. Due to lack of attendance I was unable to conduct an adequate sub-comittee meeting. I am changing the meeting times to 5:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at the Black Dog Cafe @ Lake Ella to hopefully get some better attendance from the fellowship. I am asking the GSR's to make the sub-comittee meeting announcements in their homegroups. I have put together a few ideas on activities in which I would like to have a show of hands on which activity I should start planning. Day at the Tallahassee Jr Museum with a picnic, road trip to Cairo, Ga for Saturday Night speaker meeting with dinner or a Roller Skating Night. I am also going to request my \$75.00 allotment to plan the area activity on which this body decides on. Also as you all know I am new to this position and would really like ALL of the support that I can get from this area. ALL activity sub-comittee positions are waiting to be filled so everyones help in this comittee would be greatly appreciated!!!

Just For Today!!!!
Garett

Convention ASC REPORT

Big Bend Area Convention Committee

May 4, 2008

On April 30, 2008, the Big Bend Area Convention Committee held its 9th Committee meeting. The meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at Lake Ella (The Hootch). The meeting time and location was sent via telephone to all members of the convention committee 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 discuss required actions by committee members in support of the convention.

- * The committee discussed the program and the schedule of events for the convention.
- * The committee discussed merchandise for the convention.

Other areas of concern discussed by the committee were:

- a. Complete Financial Report;
- b. Hospitality committee;
- c. Registration;
- d. Entertainment for the convention.

Up coming Events:

1. Fish Fry – May 10, 2008 – TASC @ Noon – 3:00 pm;
2. Dance – May 10, 2008 – TASC @ 9:30 pm - Midnight;
3. Next meeting is scheduled for the Wednesday, May 7, 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

Hospitals & Institutions

Reports / Groups

Get A Life

We are having our annual Ichetucknee Springs trip on 21 June. Please announce it because it is a great way to show the newcomer a new way to live. Details on entrance fees will be available as the date draws near. This will be a Big Bend NA activity, No addict turned away.

Ichetucknee Springs State Park
12087 S.W. US Hwy 27
Fort White, Florida 32038
Phone: 386-497-4690

Get Real Or Die

New GSR Kevan M, alt GSR Millicent P. Morning meditation breakfast w/JIR is getting ready to start again. Kevan M 1yr May 16; Garrett K 2yr June 13;

Journey In Recovery

Things are good. Need some support at the new group. Daniel L 1yr May 6; David D 8yrs May27

Lake Ella

Meeting attendance still going strong and growing. Kylie F 6yrs May 18; Matt B 2yr June 6

Living A Miracle

Leonard 15yrs May 17

Living With Hope

Attendance improving. Still need GSRs or addicts with 1+ yrs clean to be speakers (1st Friday) and panel members. 2nd Friday for the month of June, please share your experience strength and hope at this facility. See Vernon.

REM / MWB Revealed

All is well

Southside

Square Pegs

All is well, group attendance is good. Group is growing. Felecia S new alt GSR

Time To Come Clean

Together We Can

Doing OK. Thanks for the support! Women in recovery rock!

We Do Recover

Youth In Recovery

Meetings are going well. If you've not checked us out already, come & check us out. There's tons of available parking over the summer.

5. Open Sharing Session (3:50pm)

After subcommittee chairs read reports, there was discussion on floor re the inability to direct questions to Convention Chair, as policy allows chair absence at ASC.

6. Nominations / elections

7. Old Business

Motion 2008 #21 (REM/Get A Life) For the BBA to provide one room night for any sub-cmte chair or vice-chair at the regional cmte meetings. This provide sub-cmte chairs w/lodging. Our policy suggests that sub-cmte chairs attend Region; but it is expensive. If we provided one room night it would offset the cost and allow the sub-cmte chairs to work closely with chairs in the FL Region. The cost of the one room night is estimated \$100-\$125 six times a year. (Attempt to amend motion on floor – No second)

Motion failed (1-8-1)

8. New Business

Regional Motions:

#41P: Restructure of RSC (M/S/C) **8-1-1**

#44: Fellowship Development Fiscal Budget 08-09 (M/S/C) **8-0-2**

#45: H&I Fiscal Budget 08-09 (M/S/C) **8-0-2**

#46: Helpline Budget (M/S/C) **8-1-1**

#47: PR Budget (M/S/C) **8-0-2**

#48: Administrative Budget (M/S/C) **8-0-2**

#49: IT Coordinator Budget (M/S/C) **8-0-2**

9. Final Reports

Literature: (see Literature report)

Treasurer: (see Treasury report)

Open Sharing revisited (4:41pm)

Adjourn (5:00pm)