

WISCONSIN REGIONAL SERVICE CONFERENCE MINUTES

DATE: May 16th, 2009 PLACE: Stevens Point

Area Round Table Discussions

- A. Current Cycle – North Central – Building strong home groups and building autonomy
RD scheduled topic – is postponed
- B. Next Cycle – Senic Bluffs – Burnout and Boundaries

OPENING:

- A. Recovery Meeting @ 9:05 am
- B. Beginning of Conference Moment of Silence @ 10:20 am
- C. Reading of The Servant Worker's Prayer
- D. Introductions
- E. Roll Call: 14 of 16 active areas present at first roll call
- F. 7th Tradition
- G. Reading of the 5th Concept
- H. Special Business – None

TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORTS:

- A. **FACILITATOR:** Bob C
No Report

- B. **VICE-FACILITATOR:** Greg M

Greeting Wisconsin Regional: Grateful addict name Greg Once again thank you for allowing me serve this body. Currently I am working with Billy O. to get the regional meeting list and website issues. Billy O will give a more detailed report with his report. RCM's will you pass along to your H&I chairs my phone number if they have any concerns related to H&I problems. I will try to help to the best of my ability.

IL S Greg M

- C. **JANUARY SECRETARY:** Linda C

Morning everyone not a lot to report but I will say the same thing I say every cycle, when I pass around the contact list it is your responsibility to verify that the information is correct. And if there are any changes make them on the last page of empty lines clearly so I can read them. In talking to the RD and the Treasurer it was discovered that the Jan & Mar minutes are incorrect the RD Team budget was passed. My error I am sorry in the location that we approve the minutes it will be noted the minute's correction. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

Additional info added to report – we had 41 people at the start of last region to my knowledge that is a record!

In Loving Service Linda

- D. **JULY SECRETARY:** Deb W

Thank you for allowing me to serve, I am happy to be here

- E. **TREASURER:** Debbie H

Hello all! Donations from our last meeting really dropped. I went back two years to see if I could find a time that we were this down, and couldn't. One cycle was close, but this is a record for the past 12 cycles. With that being said, if we were to use all of our reserves in this cycle, we would be short by \$1953.97. The good news is we don't use up all the reserves in a single time period. That is the only thing that saves us. Please, please, please go back to your areas and remind them to make a donation to Region. As per our guidelines, we donate a percentage of our income (aka donations) to World and the Mid-West Zonal Forum. Perhaps each RCM could recommend that their area do the same, a percent of the area's donations to Region? Just a suggestion. Mary Mac cannot be with us today, but I just wanted to let you all know, she did a good job back

in March and is a fast learner. Lastly I hope all the budgets will be completed this weekend, so I can get the treasurer's spreadsheet updated. My question to this body or perhaps the policy adhoc is clarification on reserves with no new budget. In the past I have just carried over the previous budget, but would like to make – 0- reserve not resubmitted for 2009. Such as the WSNAC reps, if there is no new budget, I want to change from \$188 per cycle to \$0. Would I need to submit this as a motion?

In gratitude Debbie H

F. VICE-TREASURER: Mary Mac

Hello To Everyone; I'm writing to inform everyone that I will not be attending our scheduled meeting this upcoming weekend due to previous existing plans that I had made with my family. I have no new business to report at this time. It is a pleasure to be a part of the NA regional, and I am learning a lot. I hope to continue my journey with you in the future. See you next time.

Warm regards, Mary Mc

G. REGIONAL DELEGATE: Chris A

Hello all good to be back here again. OK here's where we have been, Bill will talk about what's coming up for the RD team. We were at the MZF in Merrillville and sat in on the leadership workshops, Bill turned in the workshop on rural recovery. It was very well received. While in Merrillville we got an email from the RD from Iowa. Bill and I emailed/phoned the Iowa RD team. They needed help with a prison in Harpers Ferry. A phone call to Doc, a phone call to the prairie dogs and it is set up. Lots of love to the members that stepped up to help!!!! Hug a Fool: we sent two fools to do a workshop went over well.

Thanks for letting me play Chris

H. REGIONAL DELEGATE ALTERNATE: Bill O

Dear Family, Chris and I attended the Midwest Zonal Forum in Indiana on March 13-15. The Zonal Forum presented a Leadership workshop.

Work continues on the Rural Recovery Workshop for WSNAC. The draft presented at the Zonal Forum was well received and all are looking forward to it. There was a general agreement among the Delegates that there was a need for this in their Regions as well. It is hoped that this workshop will develop ideas and tools that will help bring new NA meetings into rural communities where currently there are none, and strengthen existing rural NA communities. It will be fine tuned and the final draft will be submitted to the MZF for approval in July. We will also present an estimated budget for the workshop materials and supplies. This will include costs for printing of the workshop materials; post it tablets, and other supplies. We are working with WSNAC and preparing a flier to distribute to the MZF in July.

We were contacted by the Delegates from the Iowa Region concerning a facility near Prairie du Chien. They have no resources near it and asked for our help. This has drawn new attention to the southwest part of our Region known as the "Black Hole". It is much larger than we knew. It extends well into Iowa and Prairie du Chien is at the center of it. This ties in with the Rural Recovery Workshop. We have invited the Iowa Delegates to attend the workshop at WSNAC. They are excited about it and are planning to attend and participate.

We would like to use the "Critical Mass" idea in conjunction with the Big Rivers Area Let Loose IV campout in September. We have suggested it to the Iowa Delegates and have discussed it with the event organizers. We believe that this would help to create a sense of unity and a greater awareness of this shared concern, as well as to bring 2 Regions together in fellowship.

Chris and I will be attending the Midwest Zonal Forum in Columbus, Ohio on the weekend of July 25. NAWS will be presenting a series of workshops; "Our Freedom / Our responsibility", "Living Clean - The Journey Continues", and "Our Service System".

That's all for now. It is an honor and a privilege to serve.

In loving Service, Bill O

I. WRSO REP; Gene J

Greetings, A number of items were voted on at the WRSO meeting during the May Region. Rather than informing the RCM's at the next Region I will be reporting on them in this report.

1. Effective on June 1, 2009 the price of specialty medallions will be increased. We have experienced a number of small increases over the years, and it got to a point where we simply had to do something about it. Gold medallions will be increased to \$12.00, bi-plate will be \$14.00, and tri-plate will be \$22.00.

2. The WRSO has been using dial-up for its internet needs for a number of years. This means that when we are on the computer the phone stays busy, so calls do not go through, no one can leave a message and the fax is inoperable. In the event that I fail to disconnect when I am done (or leave internet on overnight) these problems can go on for a very long time. Within the next week we will be getting DSL.

3. When we discovered that our current internet provider did not offer DSL services in this area we also found that we would need to change our "address" or pay \$60.00 a year to keep the current address. In order to prevent the same thing from happening in the future we have decided to establish our address with Yahoo! The new address is WRSO2@yahoo.com. Our current contract with Excel lasts until August, so we will have the current address until then. The new address is active now.

The taxes for 2008 have been completed and mailed in. The State registration fee was submitted in February.

Literature sales through April 30 were \$38,291.33. Sales through 6/30 of last year were \$37,510.10.

Merchandise sales through April 30 were \$9,827.00, while they were \$9804.25 through May 31 of last year (and we have two Conventions scheduled before that date).

Financial Information:

Literature inventory (at cost)	\$18,713.00
Merchandise inventory (at cost)	\$20,967.00
Accounts payable	(\$173.37)
Accounts receivable	\$4,537.37
In bank	\$5,447.08
Outstanding checks	(\$6,000.00)
Outstanding reimbursements	(\$4,051.18)
	<u>\$39,439.90</u>

In Service, Gene J.

J. WISCONSIN NA CONVENTION ODD YEAR: OPEN

K. WISCONSIN NA CONVENTION EVEN YEAR: Gene J

Greetings, STATUS OF 2010 WSNAC: It has been decided by NEW that they will not be going for WSNAC in 2010. The facility that they are looking at for WSNAC is not available until 2013.

At the WSNAC BOD this weekend the Board has decided that they will sign a "pre-contract" with the facility, so WSNAC will be in Green Bay in 2013.

The Vice-President of the Board contacted a number of facilities in Wisconsin Dells (as well as the Chamber of Commerce) to see if they would be able to host WSNAC in 2010. He contacted Chula Vista, Kalahari, Black Wolf and Wilderness, and while one of the facilities has not contacted us at this point two of them have said that they are available. Costs will be a major point of discussion if we look at this location. A group of members in KMA have formed to put on the Convention in 2010, and have met with a couple of WSNAC Directors about their plans. The motion has gone back to groups for a vote.

The WSNAC BOD decided that in the event that the groups vote to go ahead with these plans the Executive Committee of the BOD has a vote of confidence to decide if they can go forward.

The WSNAC BOD would like everyone to know that we no longer locate WSNAC on the basis of a quadrant system. Due to the fact that the RCM's were not informed about this at the recent WRSC they will be fully informed at the next Regionals. They will be asked to take this back to their ASCs, so they can bring any questions to the Region following that where BOD members will be present to answer those questions.

WSNAC XXVI moves forward. After minor changes to the contract we have signed the comedian. The signing of the DJ service was to be signed during the weekend as well, but questions have come up and that has been postponed temporarily.

The WRSC secretary's request that WSNAC minutes be submitted to her on a regular basis has been passed on. It is a mere five (5) months to WSNAC, so it is probably a very good time to start planning for the event by registering for both the Convention and at the hotel.

In Service, Gene J

AREA REPORTS:

A. **BADGERLAND:** Mark RCM

Report to WRSC from Badgerland area May cycle The BASC meeting is this Sunday so my report is a little dated. I am gleaning what I can from the area minutes. Ah, there is something to report. We are having timing questions as to when is the appropriate time to post minutes to the website. We approve the previous months minutes at the current ASWC meeting and then post them. The question is: Would it be prudent to post the unapproved minutes as soon as the secretary is done with them? Which brings me to the next item. Our secretary has become homesick and will be returning to South Carolina. Her input during her tenure has certainly prompted introspection and her service is appreciated.

Going over our group reports, things seem to be uneventful. Cool huh? I spot a trend in a smaller area donations and larger literature orders. I will touch on this later. The groups are planning a lot of celebratory functions as groups. Yea for autonomy. I see a trend where the rural groups are getting stronger and having a good voice at the ASC meetings.

Outreach is only going to publish one critical mass flyer at a time and is thinking of something that will help attract more people. We have found out that NA Ways are sent by WSO registered meetings. So we are going to make sure that list is current periodically.

We want to do some kind of GSR training day. If any areas are prepared to do this, we would extend a request for assistance. Phoneline now has us listed in the 211 listing and under drug addiction in the yellow pages. We had 18 calls in April of varying nature.

Diane H has taken over as the H&I chair after our past chair resigned for health reasons. H&I is now in experienced and capable hands for sure. They are a literature distribution machine. Policy & Procedure motions back to groups regarding the area printer position that is part of PI. Our lit chair was up north speaking and I filled in as lit person at the ASC meeting. I have a new found appreciation for that position. Again I will talk about this more in treasurers report. Activities we had a very successful Hug-A-Fool function. Our bowling for newcomers had 38 newcomers with over 70 people bowling on twelve lanes and we raised close to \$500 in donations from people with clean time to pay for it. We would like to formally thank Bill O and Chris for doing the leadership seminar that was well attended. We learned so much and would recommend it to any area considering having it. Ashley was a phenomenal speaker and over 100 people heard her message. Our Dance had over 100 people also. There were people from 7 different areas attending throughout the day. We ended up with a net of \$390. We have or will give \$130 to regional activities and a big thanks to WRSC activities.

We will be having function this summer in Janesville. We hope RRAGS will give us some support. This part of the state would like some attention of some sort. Details are to be determined. But, it will be August 15th at Palmer Park.

In closing our biggest thing that we tracking is where our money goes. We are spending a LOT in capital letters on literature. Most of groups give lit away free to the newcomer and our H&I as I said is a lit machine. We are well below our prudent reserve and are not donating to WRSC like we wish we were. The best I can tell you is that the executive/administrative trusted servants are looking at this closely as a group because we want to give our share. And as the second largest population center we certainly should be able to give.

Mark N

Break – 11:40 am

Reconvene at 11:50 am

B. **BASIC:** Pete T RCM

Hi Family. Basic Area is keeping our heads above water, just barely. The Area wants to thank the region and all attending members of March cycle for their time and solutions that had resolved from our problem that was put on last cycles open forum. The solution we accepted were, almost all our meetings have voted (group conscience) to have at least two open meetings per month, plus the person in question has been guided to special counseling on his/her boggle which just about resolved Basic's dilemma, except a few (6-8) hardcore addicts that will not return to their regular meetings even home groups. I have noticed that a couple of people

have started attending another fellowship. In another light we have two new meetings started. Hopefully with the help of our Higher Power they both will flourish and grow. Basic area is celebrating their 19th year of recovery with our annual Birthday Bash this year having a picnic and acoustic /electric all day –all night Jam session. We will be purchasing \$129.00 in lit.

Thank you for letting me be of service, yours in recovery & God Bless Peter T.

C. **BIG RIVERS:** Michael C RCM, Bob RCMA

Area Elections were held last week. We have a new RCM, effective June – Bob W. Tomah meeting has moved from Tomah Memorial Hospital to Church of Nazarene. This is close to VA Center. Meeting times are now 7:30pm. Spring Grove MN NA no longer exists. La Crosse WI Sat Night Alive 6 pm no longer exists. PR has been helping to make NA visible to those serving addicts H&I continues its work. We are recognizing recent Step work completion as part of our monthly Speaker meeting celebration. Upon completion of step 12, addicts are given an open invite to be our monthly area speaker. Regional Workgroups/ propose multi-area work groups, 3 times a year in lieu of WRSC meeting as whole. Purpose: to coordinate service, to stimulate rural growth, to increase participation by bring region closer to Areas, to complete projects/tasks. I CAN'T, WE CAMPOUT Rustic camping June 5-7, 2009 Wildcat Mnt State Park Ontario WI. We have 30 pre-registrants, well above last years total. Canoeing, workshops, hiking, Please bring rain gear. LET LOSE 4 Wyalusing State Park, Sept 25-27, 2009 (Lodge/Bunk camping) Speakers, workshops, Mississippi canoe trip, Stargazing in observatory, campfire meeting etc. Thanks to Region for the experience you have all provided. This is my final report as RCM for Big Rivers. It is an honor to serve NA.

D. **CHIPPEWA VALLEY:** Steve H RCM

Hi family a policy subcommittee has been work long hard hours to make up bi-laws for Chippewa Valley. They have been sent to the groups to be approved. There is a new meeting in Mondovi the location is on our website. Chippewa Falls meetings are growing. Also Meonmonie has great attendance 20-30 at most meetings. They have adopted a budget for prudent reserve, donations to area, and book donations. They have their business meetings every 3rd Thursday of the month. We elected a new chairperson in May. Yearly elections are coming up. Chippewa Valley and Menomonie is having a campout June 5-7, the location is also on our website. The meeting list has been updated with our new groups added. We anticipate that the Mondovi group will be joining our Area.

Thank you for letting me serve Chris

E. **INLAND LAKES:** Brian I RCM

Hello family, It has been a time for change for ILUA. We had a H&I and Activities chair step down with other addicts to take over right away. We had an appointed literature chair for 3 months filling in, and at our last area we voted a new literature chair in! As far as policy changes we voted out our election rotation for trusted area servants, and the RCM, RCMA & Vice-chair work with each other to spread out the duties so it doesn't fall on one person. In March we had a motion submitted from one of our groups To rescind the I.P. - For the Parents or Guardians of Young People in N.A., in Aprils GSR meeting before area the GSRs voted on to direct the RCM/RCMA to submit it to Region. The Spiritual Retreat was one for the records, we had a little over 100 people attending - the most ever so far! Plus, the weather co-operated which made awesome late-night campfire meetings & games too!! Thank you everybody who attended! We have an activities scheduled for next week, 1st Annual Discapaloosa, Sat. May 23rd, Plamann Park, with fliers on the table. Our Merchandise chair has new Travel mugs out with upcoming mens tank tops, and dragon hoodies. This will be my last Region with you guys & gals, my rotation is up, but we have a RCMA, Bob S., to step in as RCM, and I want to thank this body for a rewarding learning experience!

Much love, Brian

F. **INNER CITY:** Tony H RCM

Hi Family, Tony addict, Greetings from the Inner City Area of Narcotic's Anonymous, here's a report on what's going on in the area. Inner City Area Service is in great contrast on way it uses to do service for the groups. Area is well attended and, there has been a change on the way we conduct business at the area level, which has been for the good.

I apologize for not having any flyers available for the upcoming convention, (Flyers are located on the WEB). This convention has been discussed at the area with the GSR, they were instructed to take it back to the group

for some resolution. Hopefully, next cycle we hope to have some closer on this matter. Thank-You Bill O We have started having a GSR orientation a hour before area, which is a workshop type settings that general expectation of a GSR is went over, were the GSR are active participates in this discussion forum. It is built on a three to four week cycle, so that all the information is not is given at once, this came up as one of the concerns of the GSR that too much information is given at one time. Bill O has given me a copy of a more complete orientation worksheet, and I have asked our secretary to include as a attachment of this report. We are currently working with Milwaukee Area for the formation of a web page, as the RCM being the designated representative for Inner City Area.

There was an excellent workshop hosted by the Milwaukee Area that I attend, it was presented by a world board member, a member from Sweden and the Main Speaker was from Egypt. This workshop was about planning and defining goal, and purpose. It has been quite a challenge being the RCM for one area and a receiving training from various other areas, but I really foresee both areas working together even closer as time goes on, meaning Inner-City area and Milwaukee Area.

Inner City Area Convention will be held, the last weekend in May, the 22nd, 23rd and 24th.

Tony H

G. KETTLE MORaine: Cath P RCM, Shaw P RCMA

Hello Regional family, Lots of recovery in KMA GSR's will bring a vote back at June Area in either support or decline of KMA hosting WSNAC 2010. More will be revealed. Our Area has decided to eliminate world contributions in an effort to increase support to Region to further provide direct service to our region. We welcome Shaw, serving as RCMA. Open officer positions include, Vice Chair and Vice Treasurer. All subcommittee chair positions are full with the exception of H&I KMA has 17 active groups including 2 new groups, The Saturday NA Survivors@ The New Day Club in Mequon at noon. Wednesday Night Journey of Recovery at St Paul's United Methodist Church in Manitowoc We have implemented a checks and balance procedure to ensure shared responsibility to review the accuracy of our treasury report and reconciliation bank statement. Upcoming functions HI-eyed in recovery May 30, a Public Relations and Hospitals and Institutions awareness function. June 20th Prejamawa Picnic / Frisbee Golf Tourney July 10-12 Never Alone in the Woods @ Camp Sinewa, Unity Jam July 31- August 2 @ Camp Y-Koda, August 30 A Day in the Park @ Deland Park and Sept 26 Project Hope Encore @ Camp Y-Koda Hope to see you all there.

Peace and Love Cath P

H. MILWAUKEE: Jeff T RCM, Jack RCMA

Greetings Family, I'm an addict named Jack! We are happy to donate \$ 500.00 this cycle. Our area is as always gearing up for summer activities. And flyers are on the table. Our area is currently hosting workshops on service and the home group. They are graciously being lead by a world board member, thank you Mark H. And they are fairly well attended. Our next should be held on Sat. July 11. And in that spirit The "Fat Addict" group will be holding a group service learning day on July 27th, 2009. Flyers are on the table! Elections will be held for some area trusted servants next month as per our area guidelines.

On a most serious note, several meetings in my area are very concerned about an addict being excluded from a meeting because of the nature of their addiction. They feel this is serious violation of our traditions, and are concerned as to the outcome, stemming from the discussion at our last regional meeting.

In loving service, Jack M

I. NORTH CENTRAL: Jaysun C RCM

We have some sad news, our Sat meeting in Wausua has closed. The addicts in this community who are dedicated to recovery are stretched thin in their service and have taken a consensus to close that meeting. Our Area however is still working hard to bring a PR message to that community. And we will continue to do so. Other than that sad piece of new our meetings are generally strong and our biggest concerns are how much literature we are buying. The only other issue our area is dealing with is finding solutions to some disruptive behavior in a meeting but like I said we are working hard at solutions to these challenges that arise. We would like to thank Region for the help it has given us with the suggestions that were offered to bring our Area back to life and to do what is intended to do. So again thank you. In closing we are having a function – it will be FLOWER POWER at Standing Rock State Park in Plover WI It will be a warm up to WSNAC on Sept 12 there will be flyers here today.

Thanks for allowing me to serve, Jaysun C

J. **NORTHEAST:** Nathan A RCM
Verbal report only

K. **NORTHERN LIGHTS:** Pam RCM, Pete RCMA
Absent

L. **ROCK RIVER:** Marla M RCM, Nancy M RCMA
(7th tradition to WRSC \$105.81) Hello Family from the southern reaches of our Region:
Our ASC passed motion to forward 10% of our 7th tradition to Region regardless of our prudent reserves resulting in a donation today of \$105.81. H&I and PR continue to work closely together The Winnebago County Jail continues to need both men and women to carry the message. It has also come to our attention that the jail NO NA literature. We have two functions in the immediate future – RRAGS Picnic June 13th at Aldeen Park in Rockford, and we are re-newing our SPIRITUAL RETREAT, this year to be a one day event July 25th at Oakdale Forest Preserve in Freeport IL. No flyers are available but visit our website www.rragsna.org for all the details. Speaking of the website, Digital Information continues to do an excellent job and prepare a newsletter monthly. We have a new Outreach Committee currently focusing on creating a Spanish speaking meeting and contacting groups that do not attend the area meeting. We have 2 AD-HOC committees working on archives and looking at expenses. Finally thanks to all who joined us at RRCNA! We feel that the convention was a success and carried the message of recovery. The convention donated \$6,774.56 to RRAGS. Elections were held for RRCNA 19 at the beginning of May and all positions were filled. Area elections will be in June. Thanks for letting me play with you this past year.

In loving service Marla M

M. **SCENIC BLUFFS:** Open RCM, Mike F RCMA (acting),
Verbal report only

N. **SOUTHEAST FAMILY:** Jeff P RCM

Hi Family most meetings in our area are doing alright, but 2 or 3 have reported low attendance & are in danger of closing. We do have one new meeting started as of Friday April 24th A Vision of Hope, 1701 12th Street, Racine WI 6:00 pm – 7:45 pm. Our area is struggling to plan events, I'll have more info on this next cycle. Also I was only able to sell 4 tickets WRSC event on Aug 22nd.

Thank you Jeff P

O. **WOODS & WATERS:** Rand W RCM

It has been an interesting time in the Woods and Waters Area. Our January ASC had a total of 5 GSRs show up. It was a heated and lively discussion and resulted in us having to take a hard look at what we, as an area, are doing wrong. If Area is serving at the pleasure of the groups and those 32 Woods and Waters groups are, for the most part, choosing to not be represented at Area, then what are we doing here? We were also uncomfortable having five GSRs making decisions for the entire Area. Therefore, an Area mini-inventory was held in March. We looked at what we were doing as an area, what we needed to do better, should the Woods and Waters Area even continue and, if so in what form and what needs to be done differently to be more inclusive. 28 addicts from 17 groups attended this impromptu meeting and it was voted unanimously to continue the Woods and Waters Area.

The last Area Service was much better attended and efforts were made to “clear the air.” There were two motions brought back to groups with the results to be gotten to our area chairperson. The first was “Should the Journey’s Convention continue?” The vote was affirmative ... yes, Journey’s should continue. The second “Should area meet every month or every other month?” The result was every other month.

Journey’s (the 8th Journey) is happening June 12-14 at the Pointe Waterfront Resort and Hotel as host facility. The host facility is full but do ask to be on the waiting list. The alternative hotel is gorgeous. We’re using the Waters of Minocqua and you can get a \$300 per night suite for \$89 flat rate and they sleep 6. We will be doing the hiking workshops on a new trail system that will be a great improvement. We will have 28 kayaks for each workshop, 3 pontoon boats for workshops, the steamboat for cruises, bikes will be available for the biking workshops, the motorcycle workshop tour is back with a different way of doing it and more organized. Again we will have the “From the Inside” workshop facilitated by inmates from McNaughton. The Native American

workshop on spirituality will be back too. Our registrations are running ahead of previous years and we are so anxious to see you at this year's convention: Our 8th Journey.

Summer is on its way and this is the time Woods and Waters does its "Summer Tour" of campouts. We've mixed it up this year and are using some new locations.

- The July 10-12 Freedom Campout will be at Clear Lake Campground...a beautiful state campground with great facilities.
- Our August "Lake Superior Campout" has yet to have the date set due to Dan and Mary Jo's wedding.
- Our "Top of the World" Campout this year will be in Houghton at this wonderful city park. Again great facilities, close to Lake Superior, on a lake, in the mountains of the Upper Peninsula. This park has three Olympic sand side by side volleyball courts so we will be having a NA "Hardcore Volleyball" competition. That is the 4 day Labor Day Weekend and is as far North as one can be and still be in the United States (Keweenaw Peninsula) and is the absolute top of our Region.
- Halloween this year is our 20th Annual "Clean and Freaky" function again in Lake Tomahawk.

Certain parts of our area are doing great. An example is Minocqua. This is a town of 2800 people that now has 9 NA meetings each week with attendance from an average of 8 up to 60 addicts. There's a new Tuesday "Concepts" meeting that deals specifically with service, a new noon Wednesday meetings, and a Monday "open" meeting. On the downside our Ashland meetings have all folded and a GSR with 8 years clean went back out for one night and died in overdose last week. A very sad time in Woods and Waters.

In Service Rand W

P. UPPER PENINSALA: Lynn D RCM

Report read

Break for Lunch – 12:45 pm

Reconvene at 2:00 pm

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION requested by North Central, start time 2:00 pm

TOPIC – 2 topics Building strong home groups and building autonomy

- Area discussed other areas attendance struggles – and want to see how to keep groups strong:
Autonomy: members not like how meetings are run and when is a group autonomous and when is hurting NA
- **Build strong groups**
- Traditions meetings – understanding the traditions
- Guide to local service literature
- Any 2 addicts with a Basic Text – coffee is optional for a meeting
- Size of meeting is relevant – 3 or 4 addicts can make a strong group
- Meeting size is like business it ebbs and tides
- When newcomers come to meeting, get their numbers and make them a part of our lives
- Why not support existing meetings instead of creating new meetings
- A group inventory – is the format of the meeting conducive to the message to carry – area planning tool page 11 of The Group Booklet
- Who's missing from our meetings
- A bigger group can sponsor a smaller group
- The newcomers don't have clean time and we run them out of service – sponsors need to walk the sponcee into service – need to mentor
- Sometimes meeting just need to close, we are attraction not promotion, have we lost our message of recovery in unhealthy meetings, we need to ask ourselves what message am I carrying
- Our message is when you are ready and how we can help, we can not carry anyone into recovery
- Does the meeting feel like home? It is about personal commitment, a collection of strangers becomes a home group
- Workshop – can join people together
- The round table host group feels that they have some tools now – what are the concrete ideas? Do you

go for coffee – a greeter can make a group feel homey – mentoring we can do right now go to meeting right away

- **Autonomy of the group**
- Where the line crosses when it is group autonomy or affecting NA as a whole – case in point if a group does not read the steps and traditions
- Is it a group decision or a persons decision – answer was a few addicts
- People outside of the group does not attend the business meeting but wants to make changes
- Quote from BT – page 67 (6th edition)
- Quote from Group Booklet – page 10
- Literature defines what a group is, does not say what they have to read
- What are they reading – answer they are reading other NA literature
- Become a member of that group
- If the meeting is not doing what it is supposed to do it will die
- A group has the right to govern itself – more details/history of the issue was given on the floor – you don't have to be a home group member to go to the business meeting we have the right/obligation – one vote per one addict vote for issues at your home group – as an addict we need to respect group decision – how long does the group conscience last – are we dope feigning to get our way
- **Need direct ideas**
- Page 9 of the group booklet – it is not our own meeting it is our group
- Some refer to NA a cult – not a cult because we don't have a single head person do to what they want done
- Because they don't read the readings it can still be a great meeting
- We turn in to NA guru we will run people out – if the meeting is going right it will thrive – I am one addict with one vote and one voice with one group
- It is the hard won experience of our predecessors
- The service body does not have right to dictate to groups how to run meetings
- Groups might have guidelines as to who is a group member of the meeting – we need to protect our selves by staying in the traditions – we are not dictators – a group needs to prevent being manipulated
- You want Region to tell you what to do?
- It can be part of the format to ask the people who are in attendance in the meeting what NA literature do they want to read – you only have an hour can you get more recovery from sharing or the readings
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Closed AT 3:00

Break

SUBCOMMITTEE / ADHOC REPORTS:

Q. **ACTIVITIES** –Ashley– 3:15 pm

Good Morning Family, Grateful addict named Ashley. Once again, thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve. First order of business is the update on “Our Common Denominator.” Just wanted to let everybody know that August 22 is still locked in. I have been in contact with the facility, chefs, Dj, and the speakers. Everything is still on track. I would also like to remind everybody to keep selling those tickets! Any funds from the ticket sales can be given to me at any point today. The second order of business is how funds are distributed to the region. When a regional function or conjunction function raises donations, does it go directly into the regional account? Or is it separate to the activities funds? I just want to make sure that I understand how this works. I would like this discussed in our subcommittee meeting. And last but not least, I have discussed with many addicts the idea of a paintball function. I have set no date at this time, because I would like a group conscience from region on how you all feel about this. I am very excited at this idea, and I believe that this function would be something new aside from dances, golfing, and campouts. Paintballing is as much as a spectator sport as it is participation. I am interested in how everybody feels about this. During the subcommittee meeting, the way funds are distributed was explained. All donations go directly into the region account. This ensures the fact that activities alone is not working on self-will, and that no

subcommittee should ever work alone. Thank you very much for not only explaining how it works, but also the reasoning behind it. In the discussion about paint ball, very valid points were brought up. There was discussion of promoting violence, but this was quickly contradicted by raising the question of “Hippi-eyed” function. After bantering back in forth, it was unanimous that there were no objection to having this function. This is extremely exciting, considering it is a new function, and a very active one that will promote unity, getting people involved, and of course fun! Another issue that was brought up was spreading functions throughout Wisconsin. I informed everybody that I cannot contract every region that would like a conjunction function, so please E-MAIL ME!!!

ILS Ashley S

R. **OUTREACH** –Vacant– TIME

No Report

S. **PUBLIC RELATIONS** –Vacant– 3:50 pm

Report given by Bill O

Dear Family, Public Relations has had a busy cycle.

In June of last year, we were forced to move the website to a new host on very short notice. We did not have the luxury of time to carefully select the new host. Over the past few months, we have experienced several incidents of the website being down. This has been through no fault of the webservants. The cause has been the web hosting provider. The solution is simple. We will be moving the site and domain to a new host provider. We are currently paid up until July 27, 2009. We will coordinate the move to coincide with that date.

The end result will be better service at a lower cost.

We will not be attending the WAAODA conference this year as planned. The WAAODA Executive Director informed us that the exhibit registration covered one free registration and that we would not be allowed to bring additional volunteers into the conference to help with the exhibit. This seems to contradict the policies of previous years. We have always brought volunteers in to help. After thorough discussion with members of the PR Committee and WRSC leadership, a consensus was reached to withdraw from the conference. Our registration has been refunded. Perhaps we can find another conference to replace WAAODA on the PR agenda. (Put on board.)

The meeting directory is due to be published again in July. As always, we will send out Excel files of what we have for each Area with instructions for updating. The deadline for updates will be June 20. This is probably the last time that I will be publishing the directory. I will be working with Greg M. during and after this publishing cycle to ensure that the publication of the meeting list remains a priority. I'm sure it will be in capable hands.

Gene and I are looking forward to attending the National Rural Institute Conference from May 31 to June 4 in Menomonie, WI. The exhibit has been secured. We are requesting the budgeted funding for the NRIADA conference as follows:

Hotel: 4nights @ \$69.99 + tax - Total: \$312.12

Per Diem: 2 people for 5 days @ \$30 per day - Total: \$300

Mileage: 864 miles @ \$0.25 per mile = \$216 (Requires separate funding motion)

That's all for now. It is an honor and a privilege to serve.

In loving Service, Bill O

T. **POLICY** –John H– 4:05 pm

Howdy Family, when I was elected to this position I was asked if I worked well with others. I seemed to have misled myself and you. 2 weeks ago I finally had a spare with “to much time on my hands” I started with the July 08 version of the Guidelines and “went where the spirit lead me” I did not review financial stuff (yet). I finished the first run through last Tuesday I didn't send it to anyone (time short). The things I had in mind were moving things to where they belong (ie tools...) removing repetitiveness (ie presents & submits reports) use of consensus process and New WRSC format. I also did housekeeping PI to PR, removing “Sub” from committees. Some other seemed unnecessary for our Guidelines. I know I missed formatting and other changes that we/you many see in the next draft.

Were do we go from here is what you have before you is two documents. The first is the “Tracked” version with all the text to be removed/or moved lined thru. Also all text pasted in a new place or next draft test is

added. I did have them in red on my draft and if would have lost over \$100 to reproduce for everyone here. If I was more aware I could have underlined them (my bad). The draft #1 is how the document would look after changes (some formatting needs to be done).

We have no plans to take action this weekend on this project. It is my hope everyone has a highlighter pen? Please review both documents and highlight any questions you may have. Contact me for explanation. I plan on presenting everything not questions next cycle and present for discussion any other changes not questioned at all. I may have some reformatting (is Article A, 1,2 & 3) updated. Issues I identified will be reviewed by all and take action where possible. I look forward to working with others this time God has growth in my future in service.

John

U. **HOSPITALS & INSTITUTION** –Vacant– 4:15 pm

Verbal report given by vice facilitator

V. **LITERATURE** –Nancy M– 4:15 pm

Addict named Nancy, It has taken some doing to get any information from world about the literature projects that is going on right now. The RD gave me his information on the projects and I have worked off of that information. World is looking for input on the literature project “Living Clean”. There are a series of questions for members to respond to. You can go to the website at <http://www.naws.org/survey/index.php?sid=69453&lang=en>. They are looking for addicts to share their life in recovery.

A “Guide to Local Services” is another project that is underway. World is looking for your “best practices at your local NA Community. What are you doing on a local level that is helping improve service delivery, build communication and cooperation, and more successfully carry the message to the addict who still suffers.” To send information, submit it to www.worldboard@na.org.

At the RRCNA convention they hosted a literature review workshop. The information collected has been forwarded to world. There were about 6 addicts in attendance at the workshop.

We are still looking for Area’s or Group’s to host a literature workshop, if interested, please contact Nancy M. at 815-654-2894 or e-mail me at nancym71894@aol.com. Please grab some flyers to take back to your Area’s. Thank you.

In loving service, Nancy M

W. **GUIDELINE ADHOC** –Deb W– 4:18 pm

No objections from floor to dissolve this adhoc

X. **BUDGET PLAN FOR TRUSTED SERVANTS ADHOC** – 4:18 pm

From Mar 09 minutes

Change of chair – to Bob

Secretary will follow up to get statistics

Does this body want to take these numbers back to areas to see what they want to do - YES

*See the attachment “RCM Costs to Attend Region”

Y. **ADDITIONAL NEEDS ADHOC** (Paid Spanish Translators) –Tony H– 4:32 pm

FROM NOV 08 MINUTES

1. TOPIC 1 – Paid Spanish translators – 3:25 pm

11 At the Correctional Conference info was asked for Spanish speaking meeting

11 Tony is chair to adhoc for 2 cycles to gather info, all RCM are to bring to region each areas need for any language & additional needs in their area

11 Title: Additional Needs Adhoc

This was for 2 cycles do we need to pursue this? – no interest from RCMs so the Adhoc is dissolved

BASIC SERVICES

A. Approval of last cycle minutes –

- a. Correction of Jan 09 and Mar 09 minutes. The RD Team budget was approved at Jan 09 meeting. No objection to approving the March 09 minutes with corrections

B. ELECTIONS:

Policy – John H accept – VOTE FOR ACCLAMATION did role call and count – voted in
 Literature – Nancy accept – voted in by acclamation
 WSNAC rep odd year – Michael decline,
 H&I – Tony decline,
 Outreach – none
 WRSO Pool – Shaw accept vote of acclamation – voted in
 WSNAC Pool – None
 PR – Brian I, will think on it and will let body know next cycle, no other nominations

C. MOTIONS:

FINANCIAL MOTIONS:

- 1. **MOTION 05-09.F1:** To approve funding in the amount of \$216.00 for transportation expenses for the NRIDA Conference May 31 – June 4 in Menomonie, WI – 864 miles @ \$.25 per mile = \$216.00
INTENT: To complete the funding for this approved conference and to keep from having to ask for reimbursement in July
MOTION: passes

- 2. **MOTION 05-09.N1:** ILUA direct its RCM to promote the following motion at WRSC. To rescind the IP “For the Parents or Guardians of Young People in NA”

INTENT: Tradition 6 & 10 violations:

Tradition six states: And NA group ought never endorse, finance or lend the NA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, or prestige divert us from our primary purpose. 1st Violation: Our primary purpose is to carry the message of NA to the still suffering addict (not their parents or guardians). 2nd Violations: Direct endorsement in last paragraph under support for families (such as Nar-Anon and Families Anonymous) pg. 69 6th Addition Basic Text. Endorse: To sanction, approve or recommend. Simply by stating family members can find support through Families Anonymous & Nar-Anon is a recommendation & direct endorsement. Regardless of the fact that it is stated we don’t recommend one over the other.

Tradition ten states: Narcotics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues: hence the NA name ought never be drawn into public controversy. 1st Violation: Parents and guardians of addicts are an outside issue. Due to the fact that our primary purpose is to carry the message of NA to the still suffering ADDICT. As stated in It Works How & Why (bottom of pg 189) Narcotics Anonymous itself is united in having no opinion on any issues apart from its own program.

MOTION: motion to take to areas – was 2nd – motion to table – no objection to table

D. BUDGETS:

Literature – Passed
 Policy Committee – Passed
 WSNAC Rep (even yr we only have one rep) – Passed

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 Time 6:00 pm – motion to close for day – done  
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SUNDAY 9:00 am start
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**MOTION TO CLOSE NO QUORUM – 10:00 AM**

**Secretary Note** much discussion about not being able to finish business because people did not show up to finish the Regional business

Motion to re-open Regional Business – in the spiritual content of business motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> – we are open for business at 10:40 am

**Original list of Topics on board from reports**

|                                                                |                                           |                                           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Budget provisions – need a budget for inactive committee       | New recovery conference in place of WAODA | Multi area work groups rather than region |
| Do we need outreach                                            | Cycle rotation change                     | Do we need H&I                            |
| Membership discussion – can a cutter call themselves an addict |                                           |                                           |

**Prioritized list of Topics by RCM’s**

**DISCUSSED IN ORDER CHOOSEN BY RCM’S**

1. TOPIC 1 – Budget provisions – Do we need a budget for inactive committee – 10:40 AM
  - 11 If we don’t have an active subcommittee the treasure wants to make the budget for funding at zero
  - 11 Decision – would the floor like the treasurer to review and come up with a change to policy

**\*Suspend order of day** for Literature Budget – will appear in the correct location in the minutes

2. TOPIC 2 – New recovery conference in place of WAODA – 10:50 am
  - 11 WAODA will not allow the fellowship volunteers to man the table going forward
  - 11 PR is asking if we can drop this as one of our scheduled functions – no objections from the floor
  - 11 What can be a replacement conference – please take this back to the groups
3. TOPIC 3 – Multi area work groups rather than region – 11:05 am
  - 11 Instead of meeting 6 times a year the areas would meet and be given specific tasks to cover – have common planning instead of Region – get areas to work with close areas – to increase unity and lower costs – areas meeting once a month already
  - 11 What does Region do – the time after lunch is meant for the hosting area to use
  - 11 Shared services becomes easier when it is not them against us – as a Region we get direction from the areas, who get from GSR’s who get from meetings/addicts
  - 11 Most Areas do not share with Area’s right on there own boundaries
  - 11 Communication is the key –share minutes within Area – if you don’t share we don’t know
  - 11 There is a place on the web page to also pass on info
4. TOPIC 4 – Membership discussion – can a cutter call themselves an addict – 11:28 am
  - 11 People who put topic up are not here
5. TOPIC 5 – Cycle rotation change – 11:28 am
  - 11 Area is having trouble with July – Basic – needs to be in another month – the seasonal tourist makes getting a hotel hard – just wants to be in another quadrant cycle
  - 11 Big Rivers is willing to switch with Basic for 2009
6. TOPIC 6 – Do we need H&I Chair at the Regional level – 11:35 am
  - 11 We saw the last H&I for 2 years not get any Area reports and not get input for what to do
  - 11 We have a lack of communication between chairs in areas with each other

- 11 Previous chair feels that the committee needs to be active – communication with the number one headache – the area H&I chairs should be part of the regional H&I committee
- 11 Is our new format conducive to committee’s
- 11 We need to get a new chair – the chair to contact the area chairs in the quadrant to arrange a get together

- 7. TOPIC 7 – Do we need an Outreach Chair – 11:55 am
  - 11 Almost the same issue as H&I and for budgeting
  - 11 We need this
  - 11 We have a person that is considering taking the position
  - 11 The possibility of each cycle being devoted to a different committee
  - 11 We are not disbanding

Motion to close at 12:00 pm

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- ?? Read motions and other business to be sent back to areas.
- ?? Announce next meeting location; all other announcements.
- ?? Closed with a group hug.

**CLOSE @ 12:00pm**

**NEXT WRSC HOSTED BY SENIC BLUFFS**  
**IN REEDSBURG WISCONSIN AT -VOYAGEUR INN & CONFERENCE CENTER**  
**RESERVATIONS: 800-444-4493 or 608-524-6431**  
**PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**AREAS HOSTING WRSC SCHEDULE**

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| <b>SEPTEMBER</b> | <b>2009</b> | <b>4C WOODS &amp; WATERS</b> |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>  | <b>2009</b> | <b>1D INNER CITY</b>         |
| <b>JANUARY</b>   | <b>2010</b> | <b>WSNAC Hosting Area</b>    |