

CCANA Minutes
June 3, 2013

7:05 – Bill opened in the usual manner

Chris read the 12 Traditions.

OPEN FORUM

New GSR's : Jeff, Living Clean (new meeting from Bristol), Ria, Midday Serenity.

ROLL CALL: 17 out of 21 groups were in attendance.

Secretary's Report – Pam F. read the report, and it was accepted 17-0-0.

Chair Report – Lou was absent; no Chair report.

Vice Chair Report Bill paid the rent and checked the mail for checks for the Coming Alive Campout.

Treasurer's Report – Steve read the report and it was accepted 17-0-1.

Opening Balance: \$2,462.89

Deposits: \$904.37 (\$436.79) Literature orders/funds from groups

Total of Checks Written \$325.00

Ending Balance: \$3,042.26

Steve announced that Area will be fundflowing \$410.97 to World.

RCM Report – Libby had no written report since there was no Regional meeting. She only has old schedules available but will be picking up more up-to-date schedules at the next Regional meeting on 6/15/13. She will also bring our Motion regarding advanced notice of Regional meeting changes to Region.

H&I Report -- Marcia read the report. She informed the Area that H&I will be bringing speaker signup sheets for GSR's to return to their groups at the next Area meeting. The next meeting is June 25, 2013 at 6:30 for orientation and 7:00 for the business meeting at St. Andrews Church on Catlin St.

Literature Report – Bill read the report. Stephanie G was voted in as Vice Chair. Regional Literature's new meeting place is the Meriden Public Library. The next meeting July 1, 2013 at 6:15 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church on Catlin St.

Public Relations Report – Marcia reported that she was the only addict who attended last month's meeting. She brought a meeting into Rushford IOP that was very successful. She informed Area that unless there was addict support in the near future that she was going to talk with the PR Subcommittee in Middletown to see about consolidating the two groups. There is a poster drive this Saturday 6/8/13 at 12:00 p.m. at St Rose Church. **GSR's were asked to announce to their groups that PR is in desperate need of addict support.**

Activities Report – Michele read the report. All the upcoming events that Activities is planning are going well. Potluck Dinner is 6/8/13 at Masonic Temple. Poker Run is 7/27/13 or 7/28/13 raindate. Farmington River Tubing will be 7/14 or 7/21 rain date. John announced that fire rings and tables will be available at the Coming Alive Campout. **GSR's were asked to announce this event to your groups and that Activities is in desperate need of addict support.**

Policy Report: Chris gave a verbal report. There were no policy changes last month. Chris announced that he would only print out Policy once or twice a year rather than after every policy change. Area Policy is on our website and can be viewed or printed out from there.

Enders Island Spiritual Retreat Subcommittee: Steve B. read the report. The Spiritual Weekend has been scheduled for 9/20-22/13 at Enders Island, Mystic, CT. Fifty (50) beds are available and fifteen (15) addicts have signed up so far. The next meeting is on June 25, 2013 before the Pure & Simple Group in Wethersfield.

Webservant –Cathy W. reported that all is well with the website. She sent a lot of information last month but the Coming Alive Campout’s application form did not attach. Cathy is following up on this. Thursday Night Recovery group was not listed, but she resolved that situation and it is now listed.

BREAK SUSPENDED

Bill read the 12 Concepts.

Elections

Alt Secretary – David nominated Alan; Alan accepted, qualified and was voted in.

Alt Treasurer – John nominated Mark; Mark accepted, qualified and was voted in.

Alt RCM – No nominations/no volunteers – OTF for 30 days

PR Chair – OTF for 30 days

BOD Chair for CCA – 3 years clean/3 year commitment. No nominations/no volunteers – OTF for 30 days.

There were questions regarding whether a BOD Chair could also be a GSR or other position at the Area table. Libbie will bring this question to Region on 6/15 to get an answer for the next Area meeting.

GSR’S – please announce these openings to your groups.

OLD BUSINESS –

No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS --

Agenda

1. April informed the Area table that she felt her comments were not being respected by other Area members and that newcomers were not being encouraged to join in at the Area level.
2. Leigh B. asked Libbie, RCM to find out about insurance for the Coming Alive Campout. Libbie informed Leigh that she needed to know the locations, date, time and what activities were being planned. The basic insurance policy will just cover attendance at the event. If there were going to be athletic events, campfires, etc. , additional insurance, riders or waivers would have to be included. Libbie will get more information from Region for the next Area meeting.
3. Cathy W. suggested that since the group always votes to suspend the break, that we eliminate it altogether. It was decided that this would require a policy change and therefore a motion. Alan remarked that he knows of a GSR who stepped down due to the fact that there was no break. April felt that addicts should feel comfortable getting up to go have a cigarette. Mike felt that the option of a break can come in handy when tempers flare and we need some time to regroup. Michele thought that some people would not return after break and felt that there should be some kind of language stating that GSR’s are required to return from a break. Steve thought that attendance would need to be re-taken after a break. Libby felt that she was not a part of during a break because she is unable to be around cigarette smoke. Doreen asked if we could vote on the Motion.

Motion 1: Cathy W. proposed a motion to eliminate break from the format. Motion failed. 10-6-0. A 2/3 majority is necessary for a policy change. Break will still be part of our format.

Next meeting of CCANA – Monday, July 1, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.

In loving service,

Pam F.