

**CONNECTICUT REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 30, 2012**

**VISITOR INTRODUCTIONS AND QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION** – Pat, Don, and Dana (visitors) introduced themselves and was welcomed to the RSC.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The CTRSCNA met at the Meriden Public Library, 105 Miller Street, Meriden, CT. Steve J. called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer. The 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts were read.

**ROLL CALL**

Seven areas were represented, and Alt. Webservant is OTF, 2 year required clean time.

**APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES**

**Secretary** - Mary H. read the Old Business, Elections and New Business sections of the May minutes. The minutes were then accepted 7/0/0.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Chair** – Steve J. read the report. Last month he was asked to obtain a number of insurance certificates for events happening in the region. All requests were fulfilled. At the Basketball Shootout hosted in Waterbury two months ago, a person was injured. Chair asked the injured addict to submit information to him directly, so he could give information to insurance company. Injured addict contacted insurance company on his own. Insurance company will contact Chair if any further information is needed.

A member went directly to our insurance company for an insurance certificate, it was fulfilled and information was sent to Chair. All future requests should go through Chair. Thanks. **Our next meeting will be held in Meriden July 28, 2012, at the Masonic Temple at 2:00.**

**Vice Chair** – Leonard S. read report. He attended W.S.R. meeting they have some positions out to the OTF, Chair, Vice Chair, and Coordinating Secretary. Support is needed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Keith T. read the report.

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| Opening Balance:    | \$3,328.15  |
| Donations Received: | \$891.89    |
| Expenditures Total: | \$ 208.86   |
| Donation to WSO:    | \$ 322.01   |
| Closing Balance:    | \$ 3,689.17 |
| Schedule Reserve:   | \$6,204.03  |
| Checkbook Total:    | \$9,893.02  |

The financial statement was then accepted 7-0-0.

**RD & RDA Report** – Jimmy C. read the report. World Service Conference (WSC), has sent some wrap-up material and the NAWS NEWS, can be downloaded from WSO website. ARD Adam attended some of our ASC's to offer help in answering questions and concerns regarding what's going on in our fellowship.

Jimmy and Adam attended the NEZF June 15-17, 2012 in Somerset, NJ. Main topic discussion was NA conventions (money, property and prestige). There was discussion on the WSC 2012, and most who attended agreed it was a monumental event.

**Webservant Report** – Absent

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BOD** – read by Troy B. BOD met on 6/24/12. The remaining Convention Subcommittee Budgets were reviewed and approved. The 2011-2012 convention Monthly accounted sheets were e-mailed to RSC Secretary and Adam 6/30/12, with a request that they be distributed to the RCM's, RSC executive Committee and everyone else who should receive this information. The BOD Executive Committee budget and the Convention package price will be set at next meeting in July.

**Q.** was report brought to RSC meeting last month

A. Yes

Q. Number was reviewed by RSC member and is not consistent with findings.

A. last month was incorrect, and BOD Chair, Treasurer and Vice-Treasurer will be reviewing and correcting.

Q. is the 7,500 the correct amount? RSC has been asking for correct information from BOD.

A. ARC remembers an increase voted on by RSC, but was not put in Regional Policy.

After much discussion from body, ARC asked for help in looking through archive.

BOD Chair asked to have motion withdrawn.

**Motion # 2 (3/31/2012):** M/S: Troy B. (BOD) / Gay H. (RCM GDA)

*Increase convention seed money from \$5,000 to \$10,500.*

*Intent: To adequately cover expenses*

The next BOD meeting will be 7/22/12 at 3:00pm (after Convention Committee meeting).

**Convention** – read by Cynthia S. - Convention Committee met on 6/24/12. All budgets were passed by BOD. A&G is to bring logo and theme to next meeting in July. Committee guidelines are up to date. Next meeting will be held 7/22/12 at 1:00, Mount Sinai Rehab hospital (lower level) 500 Blue Hills Ave, Hartford CT.

**H&I** – Phil D. read the report. H&I met and 8 of 9 areas represented. Chair report, attended GHA subcommittee, motion was made for ad-hoc to work with Region to facilitate teleconference, (passed). **Volunteer Liaison** (Tami-Jo) volunteer presentation for DOC went well. They are solidifying the Webster Annex Saturday night meeting first before starting on Wednesday, Cheshire. **T-shirt Ad-Hoc**, (Tami-Jo) bids were brought for printer. Ad-hoc is waiting for design to specify colors. Flyers available and distributed and also on website

Webster Annex, Saturday nights, is now a Regional commitment, Jimmy C. panel coordinator. Phil is willing to facilitate Big Cheshire on Wednesday nights 7-8 when it gets started as a Regional commitment.

Must have yellow card clearance to enter facilities, (Next meeting 8/1/12).

**Literature** – Lisa C. read the report. Did not meet this month , next meeting will be on Thursday 7/19/12 at Bethany Lutheran Church 50 Court St. Cromwell Ct. Ending Balance;31387

**Public Relation** – Absent, written report submitted and read by Tommy B. 4 out of 9 areas present. USA, received a lot of spam calls. PI Coordinator registered our hotline number on the national “do not call list”. Two calls looking for meetings. Youth Awareness learning Day on May 18<sup>th</sup>, at Preston Middle School had great student participation. SFFC No meeting, needs support, three called looking for meetings. Received one professional call from Charter Oak, Phone line Coordinator OTF, Spanish Phone line Coordinator OTF.

Upcoming Regional Unity Day Ad-hoc, met Support needed, next Ad-hoc meeting TBA. Due to Phone Line Coordinator OTF, PR Chair will monitors calls and Hartford professional calls will be forwarded to Butch. Lorraine has the tables cover and banner.

Next meeting will be held on July 11, 2012 at Catlin St. Meriden CT.

**WSR** – Absent, written report submitted and read by Pat. WSR met on 6/21/21, the previous months minutes were not available. Reports were given, the number of men writing to WSR continues to increase and WSR needs more male step-guides to sign up. The women’s participation is decreasing, but WSR will remain hopeful that it will pick up. WSR is asking that those current female step guides who don’t have someone to write to at this time, not lose faith. WSR Chair was unable to attend Ad-hoc for Regional Learning Day, but committee is committed to participate in event. Leonard S was elected to be WSR Postal Facilitator.

One of WSR s/c members received an informal invitation for WSR to give a presentation at the “Back to Basics” campout in Vermont this August and we are investigating the feasibility of that request.

WSR has 4 commitments OTF, Chair, Vice Chair, Assistant Coordinator Secretary, and Recording Secretary.

**Policy Ad-Hoc** – Did not meet this month.

## AREA REPORTS

**Central Connecticut Area** – Bill S. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Alt.RCM, Policy Chair, Chair, and Secretary

Activities: Poker Run 7/21/2012, 12:00pm Dry Dock 68 Quinnipiac St. Wallingford Ct., 8/11/12, Tubing On Farmington

Fund Flow: \$ 0.00, Area Concerns: None

**Greater Danbury Area** – Absent

Positions Out to Area: Vice-Chair, Alt. RCM, Secretary, and RCM

Activities: None

Fund Flow: \$0.00, Area Concerns: None

**Greater Hartford Area – Cindy C. (RCM)**

Positions Out to Area: Alt RCM, PI/PL Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice Chair

Activities: Rock & Blues BBQ Sunday 7/ 15/12, 12:00-sunset P&F Pond, Silver Lane, E. Hartford CT.

Fund Flow: \$628.50, Area Concerns: None

**Greater New Haven Area – Roberta T. (RCM)**

Positions Out to Area: PR, Chair, and Vice Chair

Activities: Hope to Grow Group, Speaker Jam, 8/25/12, 12:00-6:00.Trinity Lutheran Church, Orange & Wall, New Haven CT

Fund Flow: \$0.00 Area Concerns: to have GNHA PR, location & meeting time 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday monthly @ St. Peters Church 81 River St. Milford Ct. 9:30am

**Greater Waterbury Area – Robert H. (ALT. RCM)**

Positions Out to Area: None

Activities: Stairway to Recovery 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 7/26/12 6:30 -8:30 Waterbury Hospital Behavior, 88 Grandview Ave, Waterbury CT.

Fund Flow: \$0.00, Area Concerns:

**Mid-State Unity Area – Donna H. (RCM)**

Positions Out to Area: None

Activities: Surrender to Win, Annual Independence Day Picnic, 7/7/2012, 11:00am-6:00pm (rain date 7/8/2012), Veteran's Memorial Park Middletown Ct., Basically Lit 4year Anniversary, 7/28/12,Christ Lutheran Church ,300 Washington St. Middletown Ct., All About Change 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Speaker Jam 8/19/12 2:00-7:00 Watrous Park off Geer St. Cromwell CT., Grand Slam Picnic & Waffle Ball Tournament 8/19/12, 11:00-5:00 Vet's Memorial Park Middletown Ct., Coming Alive 4year Anniversary" Ice Cream Social", 8/27/2012, 6:30-8:30Fisrt Baptist Church 93 Main St, Middletown Ct

Fund Flow: \$393.44, Area Concerns: None

**Southern Fairfield Country Area – Tommy B. (RCM)**

Positions Out to Area: PR Chair

Activities: Serenity on the Sound Moonlight Cruise, 7/14/12, 10:00pm-2:00am, 42 Seaview Ave, Norwalk, Ct.

Fund Flow: \$455.30, Area Concerns: None

**Tunxis Valley Area – Absent**

Positions Out to Area: Secretary, Policy, Chair, and RCM

Activities: None

Fund Flow: \$0.00, Area Concerns:

**United Shoreline Area – Gail S. (RCM)**

Positions Out to Area: Chair, and Alt Treasurer

Activities: Rockfest 9/9/12, 11:00-6:00 McCooks Point Park, Niantic Ct., Halloween Party 10/20/12, 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional Church, Broad St. New London CT.

Fund Flow: \$747.04, Area Concerns:

**BREAK**

**SHARING SESSION**

- ⊙ **Eastern New York Region Assembly (Adam H.)**, August 18<sup>th</sup> 2012, they will have food, and fellowship. There will be round table discussion, and presentation. ARD, would like as many people as possible to attend, it will be a learning experience we as a whole can use in the future. **Eastern New York Region (QUEENS)** are asking people to register in advance...[http://nanewyork.org/Regional\\_Assembly.php](http://nanewyork.org/Regional_Assembly.php)
- ⊙ **Convention Fund Flow (Steve)** what to do with leftover money from Convention **Q.** did anyone contact RSC Treasurer, **A.** no **Q.** does Region have any bills to be paid **A.** no; RSC Treasurer stated that RSC is pretty much self supporting. It was noted in April (if RSC Treasurer didn't contact BOD by April, all leftover funds should be Fund Flowed to (WORLD).**Q.** does Convention Committee turn all funds to Region? **A.** in Regional Policy is reads that all leftover funds come to RSC.

**After much discussion**, RSC Treasurer will contact BOD Treasurer and have the BOD Treasurer Fund Flow remaining money to (WORLD) (following Region Policy) all other funds will be sent to (WORLD) with the exception of 5,000 Convention Seed money and BOD budget

- ⊗ **Possibly Changing RSC Meeting Day (Adam H.)** NEZF has most meetings on the last Saturday of the month. We are the only Region that meets the last Saturday of the month and because our RSC being the only one that meets the last Saturday, it most likely NEZF will continue to meet as usually. If we change our RSC meeting to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday (no cycles will be off in our areas, just the Convention Committee and BOD). In making a change more of our Committees such as PR, H&I, and Convention Committee can attend NEZF. **Q.** Maybe we should move RSC meeting a couple times a year versus a complete change of RSC meetings. **Q.** would it be better to leaving meeting as is, and one of the RD's can attend NEZF. **Q.** can we take a straw poll on changing our RSC meeting date. **A.** yes **Q.** how many areas meet on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday? **A.** none.  
**8-4-0passed, Straw poll to change RSC meeting to 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday**
- ⊗ **The Basketball Shoot-out (Steve)** not sure how this claim will work out, **Q.** had surgery very quickly "on weekend" **A.** can be possible **Q.** is the insurance company asking question about injured addict. **A.** don't know **Q.** do we play a role in insurance claim. **A.** underline issue is that the insurance company might go after the City of Waterbury. **A.** we cannot tell insurance company how to manage claim **Q.** if we are going to have events with physical activities we should have participants sign a waiver. **A. no answer Q.** is it a rule that states we have to go through the RSC Chair to make insurance claim **A. no answer Q.** isn't the reason why we have insurance is for this reason, he is not suing NA., so why not let it go (we have insurance to protect NA as a whole) After much discussion it was suggested again to have a waiver. However, it was mentioned again to allow the insurance company to do their job. In closing, this topic is that we may need to have wavier with some events. **NOTE:** Even in the event that we didn't have insurance certificate on this particular event, our insurance company is willing to cover the event, due to NA having insurance.
- ⊗ **Schedule Changes (Cindy)** not getting meeting changed on website. Check minute on procedure, and was not clear. **A.** Chair will contact webservent directly, for answers.
- ⊗ **Schedule Balance-Transfer funds (Keith)** \$6,204.03 is schedule balance; maybe we should take some of that money and move to RSC account, and then Fund Flow to World. Treasurer suggested to capping the schedule to 3,000 and anything over should go to World. **Q.** does RCM need to make motion. **Q.** is NA charging too much for schedules' **A.** yes we are over charging ourselves. **Q.** how often we order schedules **A.** every five months. After much discussion from the body, motion will be made concerning this issue.
- ⊗ **What we gone to do with Adam's presentations (Adam H.)** (Suggestion) next month to start RSC meeting with Adams presentation first. (Suggestion) Would like to see a schedule workshop, to cover all information. **Q.** maybe presentation can be done at the Regional Unity Day **A.** too much going on; PR, H&I, and WSR will be presenting. **NOTE:** ARD spent an enormous amount of time to minimize the WSC information, so all addicts can be included. Also, after being back from WSC for two month the only area asking for a presentation is GHA. (Suggestion) maybe if RD and ARD are available, presentations can be done at all ASC. (Suggestion) RD and ARD have so much information to offer from WSC we should have workshops. (Suggestion) Maybe at Convention we could have ongoing presentation with information from WSC. (Suggestion) if we were going to do a ½ hour presentation at Region, the RCM can bring to ASC reports every month. In closing, the body should think about ways and means to get information out to fellowship. (Suggestion) Maybe cut down time and do in areas and Convention. Give details on exactly what the presentation consist in details. Once again it was brought up to have RSC agenda change for next month, to accommodate RD and ARD presentation.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Motion # 2 (3/31/2012):** M/S: Troy B. (BOD) / Gay H. (RCM GDA)

Increase convention seed money from \$5,000 to \$10,500.

Intent: To adequately cover expenses

Motion M/S Gay H. (RCM GDA)/Matt B. (Alt. RCM SFCA): To postpone for 60 days allowing for area consideration.

A lot of discussion was held regarding this because the convention has been using a \$7,500 seed money figure for at least 10 years. The RSC Policy (pg. 10 - V.A.3.c.) still states that the Convention Seed is \$5,000 (which is why the motion has that amount) but the Convention Committee passed Internal Guidelines (Jan. 2010?) stating the seed money is \$7,500. There was discussion regarding whether or not if a subcommittee brings an new or amended internal guideline to the RSC and no one objects to it, does that mean the RSC has accepted that change de facto?

Some say no... a subcommittee can't create internal guidelines that conflict with RSC Policy. In order to change RSC Policy a motion must be made and passed at the RSC meeting. Eventually...

**Motion M/S Donna H. (RCM MSUA)/Stephanie B. (RCM TVA):** To lay on the table for 1 month.

The intent is so we can research what was discussed when the Convention Committee brought their internal guidelines to the RSC and also a request was made of the BOD to please bring all monthly treasurers' reports from the last year.

8/0/0 Passed (to lay on the table for 1 month)

4/21/12, Passed 9/0/0 (table for 1 month)

5/26/12(to lay on table for 30day)

**6/20/12(to have motion withdrawn) 6/0/0Passed**

**Motion#1 (5/26/12) M/S:** Roberta T. (GNHA)/ Donna H. (MSUA)

To form a Regional Activities sub-committee

Intent: To coordinate activities and ideas between activity committee chairs of entire region

**Motion is postponed for 60days to allow for Area consideration. Due back at July RSC.**

#### **ELECTION**

RSC Alt. Webservant- OTF. 2yrs. clean time required

BOD seat TVA, OTA. 3yrs clean time required

BOD/USA seat filled by Don qualified and was elected.6/0/0Passed CONGATULATIONS!

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion#1(6-30-12) M/S:** Pat C. (WSR) Bill S. (CCA RCM)

To increase WSR budget line item PO Box from \$62.00-\$76.00

Intent: to better reflected how much we are actually paying

**5/0/0 Passed**

**Motion #2(6-30-12) M/S:** (Cindy C.) (Donna H.)

To cap the schedule balance at 3,000, and any amount over that should go to RSC fund

Intent: financial responsibly

**NOTE:** This is going to be a Policy change, motion needs rewording, to fit Regional Policy. Must go to Literature Chair subcommittee first and Treasurer for 30 days.

**6-30-12 /Table for 1month (due back in July 28, 2012)**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

To change order of the day at July RSC meeting, to see presentation of WSC

The next RSC meeting will be on July 28, 2012, 2:00pm at the Masonic Temple, 112 East Main Street, Meriden, Ct.

August, September, and October meeting will be held in TVA, (need to secure location).

The Meeting closed at 5:00pm.

Love to Serve NA,

Mary H.

# Connecticut Region of N.A. Activities Calendar

**SFCA-**Serenity on the Sound Moonlight Cruise, 7/14/12, 10:00pm-2:00am, 42 Seaview Ave, Norwalk, Ct

**GHA-** Rock & Blues BBQ Sunday 7/ 15/12, 12:00-sunset P&F Pond, Silver Lane, E. Hartford CT.

**CCA-**Poker Run 7/21/2012, 12:00pm Dry Dock 68 Quinnipiac St. Wallingford Ct.

**GWA-** Stairway to Recovery 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 7/26/12 6:30 -8:30 Waterbury Hospital Behavior, 88 Grandview Ave, Waterbury CT

**MSUA-** Basically Lit 4year Anniversary, 7/28/12, 3:00-6:00 food, fun, and fellowship, 7:00 speaker, 9:00 Dance, Christ Lutheran Church, 300 Washington St. Middletown Ct

**USA-** Rockfest 9/9/12, 11:00-6:00 McCook Point Park, Niantic Ct

**CCA-** Farmington River Tubing 8/11/12(contact Bill S 203 676-1751)

**MSUA-** All About Change 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Speaker Jam 8/19/12 2:00-7:00 Watrous Park off Geer St. Cromwell CT.,

**MSUA-** Grand Slam Picnic & Waffle Ball Tournament 8/19/12, 11:00-5:00 Veteran's Memorial Park Middletown Ct

**MSUA-** Coming Alive 4year Anniversary" Ice Cream Social", 8/27/2012, 6:30-8:30Fisrt Baptist Church 93 Main St, Middletown Ct (parking in back)

**GNHA** –Hope to Grow Group, Speaker Jam, 8/25/12, 12:00-6:00.Trinity Lutheran Church, Orange & Wall, New Haven CT

**USA-** Halloween Party 10/20/12, 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional Church, Broad St., New London CT

# **GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS (THE ABC'S OF NA)**

**ASC** – Area Service Committee

**BOD** – Board of Directors (for the CRCC, Inc. – Connecticut Regional Convention Corporation)

**BT** – Basic Text

**CAR** – Conference Agenda Report

**CAT** – Conference Approval Track material

**CBDM** – Consensus Based Decision Making

**CCA** – Central Connecticut Area

**CTRCNA** – Connecticut Regional Convention of Narcotics Anonymous

**CTRSCNA** – Connecticut Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

**FIPT** – Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust

**GDA** – Greater Danbury Area

**GHA** – Greater Hartford Area

**GLS (GTLS)** – A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous

**GNHA** – Greater New Haven Area

**GWA** – Greater Waterbury Area

**GWSNA (GTWS)** – A Guide to World Services in Narcotics Anonymous

**H&I** – Hospitals & Institutions

**IW: H&W** – It Works: How & Why (Green & Gold)

**JFT** – Just for Today daily meditation book

**MARLCNA** – Mid-Atlantic Regional Learning Conference

**MRLE** – Multi-Regional Learning Event

**MSUA** – Mid-State Unity Area

**NEZF** – North East Zonal Forum

**OTA** – Out to the Area

**OTF** – Out to the Fellowship  
**PI/PL** – Public Information & Phone Line  
**PR** – Public Relations  
**RCM** – Regional Committee Member  
**RD** – Regional Delegate  
**RDA** – Regional Delegate Alternate  
**RSC** – Regional Service Committee  
**SFCA** – Southern Fairfield County Area  
**SWG** – Step Working Guides  
**TVA** – Tunxis Valley Area  
**USA** – United Shoreline Area  
**WSO** – World Service Office  
**WSR** – Writing Steps for Recovery



