

**Connecticut Regional Service Committee Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2015**

CTRSCNA met at Avery St Christian Reform Church in South Windsor

Call to Order at 2:00pm

Visitors: Paul, Bob C, Allan, Chick, Dale and Shaun

After a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, Bill read the 12 Concepts and Scott read the 12 traditions

Roll Call:

9 Areas present, 0 absent

1 Area late

Approval of last month's Minutes:

Motion to postpone minutes until next month. The minutes were distributed today (9/19/15).

Discussion: To review the minutes from last month during September so there is enough time to review them individually.

How do we take action on the motions from last month?

Minutes are to be reviewed during September and will be voted on in October's Regional meeting. Voted 7/1/0

Executive Committee Reports:

Chair:

Mary- Went to PO Box COI were sent and submitted to insurance company to Area RCM's- See Report

Vice Chair:

Howard- Nothing to Report

Treasurer:

Gail -(August 2015 report) See attached report

Opening Balance:	\$3580.83
Donations Received:	\$896.79
Misc. Donations/ Funds Returned:	\$0.00
Expenditures:	\$1373.48
Donations to WSO:	\$0.00
Closing Balance:	\$3104.14
Schedule Balance:	\$1544.25
Checkbook Balance:	\$4648.39

Questions regarding prudent reserve deficit- Gail answered questions. Vote: 8/0/0

Alternate Treasurer:

Alfred- Nothing to report

Regional Delegate: (RD)

Adam- See report attached: CAR report is scheduled to be released November 25th

Discussion:

Plan a learning day for our areas regarding the CAR: When should we? After January 25th

What reports should we expect from NEZF? Adam will bring back reports that will have any importance.

Can the regional reports for NEZF be posted on the website? There is not someone who takes notes of the entire event to be posted.

USSC conference- Are you attending? No

On a mobile device- na.org will not take you to the traditions page- it continues to take you back to the main page. NAWS is aware of this and working on the issue.

Why do you attend MRLE and MARLCNA? MRLE is discussing the CAR and the factual based information regarding. MARLCNA is discussing the CAT more than the CAR and more questions are generated at MARLCNA- More arguments on the CAR and review *Isn't there an online discussion? Why 2 trips?* Adam believes it is important to go

Alternate RD: (RDA)

Tony- Nothing to report

Web Servant:

Donna See attached report

Discussion: *Are there any outstanding meeting changes?* They are complete

Alt Web Servant:

Bill-Thank you for allowing me to serve

Public Relation:

Mike R- See attached report

Discussion: 4 of 9 groups attended- *Do you make policy when you don't meet quorum?* Policy states Regional PI/PL quorum will be set at 50% of the three previous meetings.

Policy Facilitator:

Mike Q No Report

Schedule Facilitator:

Leonard- See attached report

Discussion:

When are you ordering schedules again? We are out of schedules as of today, so the order will go in shortly.

Discussion on possibly going over budget on the schedules. There is currently a balance of \$1500. Last invoice was for 18000 schedules and cost was \$1799.44. We are profiting over \$700 by selling to outside facilities. *What happens if we should go over the budget?* We will cross that bridge when we get there.

Still have 2 boxes of the Regional Schedules- may have been a failed experiment.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

BOD:

Mike ■: See attached report

Discussion:

Discussion about traveling out of Stamford once in awhile- The BOD is looking for input because they are entertaining the idea of signing a longer contract (currently it is 2 years) Discussion around this was that Cost is a concern. Also there is a criteria that is to be met by the BOD. There are hotels that may or may not send a bid to allow us in. Also there needs to be a ballroom that can fit all the addicts in for the main speaker.

Convention:

Nicole: See attached report

Discussion: Regarding the link for registering for the convention: *Does it put in the group rate when you click on the link? Yes*

H&I:

Shannon:

Didn't realize she needed to bring written report with her, but gave one to volunteer secretary to attach to the minutes.

H&I Chair is OTF/ Danbury voted in new H&I chair

Public Relations: OTF

WSR: OTF

AREA REPORTS:

CCA: Allen C:

Positions Out to Area: Policy Chair, Activities Chair

Area Concerns: Activities is in need of support

GDA: Mike A

Positions Out to Area: PR Chair, Alt RCM, Treasurer

Fund Flow: \$1063.79

Area Concerns: need PR Support Badly

GHA: Bryan D

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

Activities: 8th annual Chili Cook Off- Flyer is available

Area Concerns: Lack of Support/ created ad hoc on how to get involved

GNHA: Antonio H (Alt RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Activities

Area Concerns: Activities will start to fall off the list without support

GWA: JC

Positions Out to Area: Chair, Policy Chair, Events Chair

Activities and Events: 2016 GWANA Family Campout flyer available

H&I and PI/PL Learning Day- No flyer yet

Area Concerns: Support urgently needed , trying to explore and implement area fundraising events and Ideas.

MSUA: Brian E

Positions Out to Area: NONE

Activities and Events: CAR WS Feb 6th- Flyers next month

ASC Learning Event November 14, 2015 345 Main St Portland

CT 11-5

SFCA: Taffy

Positions Out to Area: Alt Treasurer, Alt RCM, GSR Liason

Activities and Events: Bonfire on the Beach Saturday 10/10 8-10 Short Beach in Stratford- Flyer available

NA Bowling Saturday 11/8 3pm Norwalk Flyer is available and on the website (ctna.org)

Area Concerns: Service Commitments, Schedule changes, website changes, regional business accomplished during 'B' Month

TVA: Devon B

Positions Out to Area: None

Activities and Events: Annual Halloween Dance October 24th

Area Concerns: Activities at risk of folding

BOD slot is not filled

USA: Dale (Filling in for RCM and alt RCM)

Positions Out to Fellowship: None

Activities and Events: Talent Show 9/26/15 9pm to 12am St James 76 Federal st New London

Thanksgiving Marathon 11/25/15 10pm St Mary's Star of Sea
Huntington St New London

Break 3:50

Resumed 4:20

Brian E-requested to change order of the day to address motions from July.

Motion #1 (6/20/15): M/S: Taffy C. (SFCA) / Elizabeth E (USA)

We motion that the CTRSC (defined as Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Alternate Treasurer, Regional Delegate, Alternate Regional Delegate, any and all subcommittees and subcommittee chairs including Public Relations, H&I, WSR and any and all ad hoc committee, Executive Director of the CRCC, Inc.. Policy Facilitator. and any and all Resource positions including Web Servant, Alternate Web Servant, Schedule Facilitator, and any WSC nominees) not use any form of social media in providing NA services (services defined as all duties and responsibilities for trusted servants and subcommittees set forth in CTRSC Policy)

Intent: The intent is that we be in spiritual conscience with the principle of anonymity express in the 11th tradition and consistent with the 2nd concept which states the final responsibility and authority for NA Services rest with the groups.

Vote- 7/2/0 PASSED

Motion #2 (7/18/15) M/S Brian E (MSUA)/ Michael A (GDA)

To add language and requirement to the CTRSC policy under Rules of Order, number III.B.4 Workshop/Presentation topics will be decided and published 60 days prior to the next scheduled B month.

Intent: To inform and allow our members if interested the opportunity to attend the workshop/ presentation

Motion to postpone the motion for 30 days

Vote: 8/1/0

Sharing Session:

Gail suggested to have a printer at the regional table to print subcommittee reports and any motions that may come up. Discussion

Woodbury has 2 checks that they won't cash from the treasurer. What shall we do with this money? Will split the money and make a donation to the Library and ½ to the Food bank in town. Straw poll- majority in favor

RDA- NEZF and USSC conference- Tony(RDA) will only be attending NEZF and taking direction from the Adam (RD)

ECCNA books- Books to go to H&I Straw Poll- Majority- Please send books to all the prisons, not just the facilities we serve. Adam will create an itemized list of all facilities that they go to. ECCNA states in the by-laws that all books should go to prisons only

Activities- Jeremy Regional activity subcommittee, should we form one? Fairfield county offered support of activities should you attend. Areas may form to combine activities subcommittee or even other subcommittees to join each other.

Regional Learning Day- Bryan D New Haven area had a unity day and had addicts from around the world- Maybe host a regional learning day to recharge the region? Midstate is having a learning day November 14th- all are encouraged to attend. Maybe June we can have this formed.

Longer Contract- BOD- Mike Q states the BOD wants input on negotiating a longer contract for the convention. Much discussion on this topic. (see BOD report)

B month Purpose and Intent- what is the purpose and intent of the B month? Much discussion around this- Workshops are for learning/ workshops used to be 1 hour prior to Region and had little support. Now the B month helps the addict to learn and be educated.

Taffy requested to change order of the day to address **elections**:

ELECTIONS:

TVA BOD now open to the fellowship- OTF

At Large BOD seat- Bob C nominated and voted in 9/0/0

WSR: OTF

Discussion on how are they accountable without a chair for this length of time (about 2 years) Howard asked as the Vice Chair if he would attend the WSR subcommittee- Yes

H&I: OTF

Secretary: OTF

Chair: OTF

Vice Chair: OTF

Treasurer: OTF

Alt Treasurer: OTF

SHARING SESSION Resumed

RD Communication: How can I do my job if I can't use social media? 25-30 People use the NA social media board. What is the social media board for? Getting information and discussing business. Can't email or phone calls do? Adam(RD) will research most effective way to communicate with the rest of the world. If I continue on the Skype calls and board meetings in the meantime, I won't come back next month to be removed? Correct

Taffy from SFCA Policy and BOD chair wearing 2 hats? Mike says he is not in violation. Looking for proof that this is or is not a conflict of interest. Can we have the SFCA BOD bring it up at the board?

Taffy from SFCA would like references to CRCC inc. BOD positions from Policy.
Discussion

Letter from a person in prison wanting a spanish book. World service will send to prisoner, addict to write to NAWS to request book- normally 2 times to have this request made. Tony volunteered to send the book to the addict.

NEW BUSINESS

Topic for B month- Role of Zones

GDA to bring back proposal for the months of Nov/Dec/Jan on where region will be held

Motion #1 9/19/15 M/S Bryan D(GHA) / Taffy C (SFCA)

To have all CTRSC minutes, reports be distributed to RCM's and ADMIN through the ctna.org website email.

Intent: To set a clear communication policy for the region and to maximize the function for ctna.org web page

Discussion: there is not an email for all admins- referred to Web servant for 30 days

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm

In loving service,
Janette D

Connecticut Region of N.A. Activity Calendar

Event/Activity	Date	Time	Place	Hosted By	Contact Number
Talent Show	9/26	9pm	St James Church 76 Federal St New London	USANA	██████████ Dale
Thanksgiving Marathon	11/25- 11/26	10pm 5pm	St Marys Star of Sea Huntington St New London	USANA	██████████ Dale
GWA Speaker Jam pancake breakfast	10/24	10am -2pm	St Michaels Church 25 South St Litchfield	H&I PI/PL WSR	██████████ Steve C
8th Annual Chili Cookoff	10/18	11am -dusk	P&F Pond 656 Silver Lane East Hartford	Between the Covers	██████████ Glenn