

CTRSC 2016-05-21
Opened at 2:01pm

Visitors - Jeff, Bryan, Howard, Chick

New RCMs - Alex (Representing SFCA), John (Alt. RCM CCA)

Moment of silence... Serenity Prayer

Jimmy C. read the Traditions

Jeff J. read the Concepts

Tony F. read the Service Prayer

Roll Call - The RSC Secretary, Public Relations chair, and Ad-Hoc Learning Day chair were not present. The RSC Vice-Chair, Alt. Treasurer, Alt. Webservant, Writing Steps for Recovery chair, Schedule Facilitator, and Policy Facilitator are all OTF.

New Areas - None

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting –

Q: we took a straw poll, have a question about them. Chair states that this isn't time to discuss what was in the minutes, it's for corrections to the minutes.

Q: Bill D. wasn't listed as new RCM for GHA.

Minutes accepted by Unanimous Consent with the correction (Bill D. as new RCM for GHA).

Chair - Was an accident in New Haven... person is suing church. Church's insurance told the church they should get rid of NA. Chair encourages us (NA) to take a little extra care at the facilities... bring a shovel to take care of snow or ice if needed, etc. Also, chair would like to start using a projector/screen at region so everyone can see where in the agenda we are and what motions are, etc.

Chair also read the mail. Two from Philadelphia Insurance; a loss acknowledgment letter, and a claim letter. Also a flyer from the Pig Roast.

Q: Which church in New Haven was the accident at? A: Chair isn't sure off the top of his head, he'll look.

Vice-Chair - OTF

Approval of Financial Statement –

Q: The two schedule transfers aren't listed on budget recaps. A: Treasurer will correct.

Motion to approve the Financial Statement 7-0-0 Accepted with corrections.

RD – Read the report. Mostly recap from the World Service Conference.

Q: Motion #11 from CAR... that's on their own dime, right? A: Yes. The zonal forum would have to fund their delegate themselves.

Q: statement from an RCM that he was at the WSC and RD worked his butt off. Clapping.

Q: (forgot to type this question)

Q: What does it take to pass Motion #7. A: RD explained that it was deemed that it would be an addition to the Guide to World Service which means 2/3 would be needed. There was a lot of discussion at the conference and ultimately the parliamentarian made the ruling.

RDA – Read the report. Mostly recap from World Service Conference.

Q: Why did you decide to confront the World Board chair at the time you did? There were several opportunities to do it in private, etc. but you chose to do it at the WSC. A: My understanding is that that's what the Open Forum is for.

Q: You mentioned something about non-participant region. Policy at the conference is that only RDs/ADs can participate. But you felt differently about that? A: I saw non-participants participating in the sessions while others were being told they couldn't so I felt it was an inconsistent application of the rules.

Q: Why did you think it was okay to stand up and make a statement and the WB had to ask you to sit? (At this point the Chair asked that if this is not your Area conscience then please leave it to the sharing session).

Q: Do you feel you are representing our Region and its wishes? A: Yes.

*The chair had the body voting on the reports up to this point. A point of information was raised asking when we started voting on reports. In the past we only approved the minutes and financial statement. The chair acknowledged that and apologized for voting on reports.

BOD - No written report. \$8,810.00 starting balance \$8,614.00 left. Meant to go over budgets, most were approved. 3 BOD positions OTF (MSUA, GNHA, GDA). Two at-large positions filled. Discussed the issue of locations. Hope to have report in the next 60 days.

Q: When trying to elect BOD at Area we couldn't find a description in our area policy. A: It's in Regional policy.

Convention – Read the report. No questions.

H&I – Read the report.

Q: Were these facilities closed permanently or just put on hold? A: Put on hold.

Q: Why were they closed? Is it because no addiction services? A: Addiction services is seen as extra so those positions were cut. So we're trying to get in without the addiction services.

PR – PR Chair dropped off the report but left before the meeting started. The report was not read.

WSR - No report. No representation.

Web Servant – Read the report. Does have the current results of survey if anyone wants to see them. No questions.

Schedule Facilitator - Report was read. RD filled in.

Q: You mention the service schedules. My Area is interested in pursuing. Should we bring it up in sharing session or make a motion, etc.? A: Yes, I did mention it. And I don't know when or how to move forward with it.

Q: On the service schedule. Is that information available on the website? A: The meeting information is available on the website (business calendar). The essay about getting involved in service is not available anywhere else.

Q: How many of the 3000 were sold? A: About 950.

Policy Facilitator – Not present, no report.

Ad-Hoc Unity Day – Not present, no report.

Areas

CCA - No report. Fund flow of \$468.00 this month.

GDA - Alt. RCM, PR chair, Vice-chair OTF. Fund flow of 1478.31.

GHA - Alt. Treasurer OTF. Rock n Blues BBQ (July 24). Concern... asking for information from webservant to update website.

GNHA - Alt. Policy OTF. Clean on the Green (June 17). Activities info is online.

GWA - All positions filled. Poster Drive (July 9). Still looking for suggestions for fund raising.

MSUA - All positions filled. Surrender to Win Independence Day picnic (Jul 19). Fund flow \$166.

SFCA - Vice-Chair, Alt. Treasurer, GSR Liaison OTF. Yankees/Red Sox trip (July 16).

TVA - All positions OTF. Picnic at Paderewski Park (Jun 18).

USA - Alt. RCM, Alt. Treasurer OTF. ECCNA meeting tomorrow.

Break - 3:21pm - 3:49pm

Sharing Session -

- **Service Schedules** - My area suggestion is to do a one sheet thing we can put in our binders. Chair announces that a motion has been submitted about the service schedules and we can discuss it more then.
- **Printer/Scanner** - Since we have this, could someone from the hosting Area hold onto the device? RCM USA: I would have no problem with it for now but I can't speak for any other RCM. Chair: do we want to straw poll that? One of the responsibilities of the Area hosting would be to hold onto the printer for the three months. Everyone was in favor of that. Q: What about the supplies? A: Chair says it should come from Administrative budget.
- **NEZF Services Survey** - RD explained it. Q: Does the funding you mention for the trusted servants come out of pocket or out of the budget? A: Out of the budget.
- **AD carrying Regional Conscience** - RCM asked during report whether you could carry conscience. I see a lot of your opinion in your report compared to others. Can you possibly make your reports more fact-based and less opinions? A: That's a good possibility. Maybe 7-8 out of 10.
Q: Maybe leaving some of that out would help us form our own opinions.
Q: Confused with regards to the position you represented with the talk of illicit literature. What you represent here and what you said there... clearly you knew going in that you were

going to bring this up. Why wasn't that brought here to this table? We were not offered solutions. Your representation seems opposite than what our conscience was here at the Region. We voted one way and then there's a voice from the region going the other way. We send our delegates to carry our conscience and not their opinion. A: First, whenever I had the clicker, I voted our conscience. The breakout sessions are not designed to just get regional conscience, but to get experience and input from the participants. I asked the RCM from our region that was there, after the WB chair shared her opinions, whether it's appropriate for me to share my opinion. I've done the best I can. I've read some stuff about how breakout sessions are managed and I felt after last time that the sessions are highly managed. If I see a discrepancy in what is shared I will speak up about that.

Q: Respectfully, if the position you're going to take is going to be counter to this body's then it should be brought here first. We should have the right to know ahead of time. And there's a process for what you're talking about and it usually starts at the group level.

Q: About the breakout sessions. The breakout sessions were not to carry policy but to guide World Services. A: Yes, I would agree.

Q: Doesn't the world board bring the breakout topics? A: Yes, and they frame the questions.

Old Business

Motion #2 (11/21/2015): JC (GWA)/Devon (TVA)

To send a survey of information about the Convention location possibilities to groups.

Intent: To have the groups and addicts have a better understanding of the convention process and the needs and to bring a full conscience on how the addicts feel about the possibilities.

November 2015 - Referred to the Convention and BOD.

December 2015 - Referred to BOD

January 2016 - Still referred to BOD

March 2016 - BOD hasn't had time to discuss this... haven't met in Jan or Feb. Going to let this stay at BOD until April.

April 2016 - BOD formed an ad-hoc. Still tabled to BOD.

May 2016 - BOD still discussing it. Still tabled to BOD.

Motion #3 (11/21/2015):

To consider moving the Convention to the different hotel other than the Hilton Stamford for 2019.

Intent: To better meet the needs and unity of the CT fellowship.

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Elections

- RSC Vice-Chair – 4 years clean and completion of one commitment at the RSC.OTF.
- Alt. Treasurer – 5 years clean. OTF
- Alternate Webservant – 2 years clean and 6 months prior involvement in RSC. OTF
- Schedule Facilitator – 2 years clean and 6 months involvement in RSC in last 2 years. OTF.

Q: How many cases do we get each order? Where are they picked up? Where are they stored?

A: 18 cases per order. Picked up from printer in New Britain. Storage facility is in Wallingford, or they can be kept in home if convenient.

- WSR Chair - 2 years clean and 1 year service on WSR. OTF.
- GDA BOD – Out to the GDA until September
- GNHA BOD – Out to the GNHA until September
- MSUA BOD – Out to the MSUA until September
- Policy Facilitator - Bryan D. nominated. Accepts. Meets qualifications.

Q: Have you read Robert's Rules of Order?

Q: Have you fulfilled a one year commitment recently. A: I've filled many in the last 25 years.

Q: In the last 2-3? A: I meet the requirements.

Q: Why did you step down out of region? A: Personal.

5-3-1 Elected. Congratulations!

New Business

Motion #1 (5/21/2016): M/S: MSUA/GWA

To have a reduced batch of updated service schedules printed and made available to interested Areas.

Intent: To encourage support of our region's subcommittees by making the committee meeting information readily available to all addicts.

MSUA: When we brought this back to our Area there was a lot of interest in this. Members would rather have this than going to the web. Our literature chair wants to know if they can add it to the order forms for our Area. They understand that 3000 might be too much since we only sold 950 last time.

Q: Did I hear right, a reduced number? A: Yes

Q: How many are still left over from original batch? A: 1000 - but they're not up to date.

Chair: What we discussed last month was that we didn't think the Areas got the information. That's why we gave all RCMs some of those to take back to their Areas. A lot of groups didn't even know they existed.

Q: I know in Hartford it was said everyone could take 10 back to the groups so they were disseminated and no one said they wanted more.

Q: Where does that scan code go? A: To the business calendar.

Q: We used to do a single page calendar that was the vice-chairs responsibility.

Q: In CCA there was interest shared there as well. Maybe we could eliminate the writing and cut it down to 4 panel (single page)

Q: My Area voted no to have this. There's too many changes to even do an annual printing.

Q: The motion states reduced number. A motion should be clear and reduced is not clear. It should have a specific number.

MSUA: Maybe 800?

Q: I spoke against this at the time because I've seen versions of this and they've always failed.

Q: I think if it was on the Area order form the groups would know about it. And it's the GSRs responsibility to bring it to the group.

Q: From my notes... the price for 1000 was \$415.00 which would be \$.41 per instead of the \$.17 it cost when we did 3000.

Vote taken. 2-7-0 Motion Failed.

Announcements –

Next area to host is Mid-State Unity Area. They should secure a location for August, September, and October and bring the information next month.

Adjourned at 4:38pm