

## **USANA Minutes for August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Park Congregational Church, 283 Broadway RD Norwich, CT

**Dale F., Area Chair**, Opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with a Moment of Silence and the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts of NA were read. There were 17 voting GSRs and Alternate GSRs in attendance.

### **OPEN FORUM (20 minutes)**

**Dale F, Area Chair**, There was a lapse in payment for the area's PO Box. The payment has been made and is now active for another year. We have kept the same P.O. Box number. We also receive two new keys.

**Dale F, Area Chair**, Mentioned he had attended the event held by our region on June 10<sup>th</sup>. He said how well informed he was at the event and the topics discussed were Unity and Service.

**Elizabeth E, ECCNA Chair**, The group Miracles Happen Here has a new location. It will now be meeting at the Tree of Life Church, 122 Colman St New London, CT 7:30pm to 8:45pm.

**Josey M, Literature Chair**, The Get Clean or Die Trying Group has changed its meeting time. It will now be meeting at 7:00pm to 8:00pm

**Bekkah P, Policy Facilitator**, If there are any new GSRs or Alternate GSRs who would like to be oriented and receive an orientation package about being a GSR, please see her and she will set up a time to meet with you.

**Al D, RD**, Please see him with any meeting changes, including location or time changes and he will provide the web servant with that information so the website and meeting lists can be updated.

**Steve B, Area Treasurer**, He asked what should be done with the fund flow from last area since there was no quorum. He also asked when he

should dispense the check to the Activities Committee for the learning day in August.

**Gail S, GSR,** Responded that the money from last area should be fund flowed with the money from this area and the check should be given to the Activities Committee tonight. Dale F agreed.

**Bonnie B, GSR,** The Moosetracks meeting will be hosting a New Years Eve event. Dinner will be from 6pm to 8pm on New Years Eve. There will be 3 speakers from 8:30pm to 10pm, followed by a candlelight meeting 10:115pm to 11:45pm. They will be toasting in the new year with sparkling juice and will have meetings all night. Breakfast will be served from 6am to 8am. It is \$10 for the night including dinner and breakfast in the morning. If you choose to only have breakfast, it will be \$5.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Minutes - Anthony M, Area Secretary,** read the minutes. There was no discussion and it passed 17-0-0

**VICE CHAIR REPORT- Aldo P, Area Vice Chair,** read report. There was no discussion and it passed 17-0-0

**TREASURER REPORT- Steve b, Area Treasurer,** read report. Donations and expenses both equaled \$1043.73. \$15.98 was fund flowed to Region and \$300 was given to Activities Committee for the learning day. USANA is at prudent reserve. Passed 17-0-0

**LITERATURE REPORT- Nick S, Literature Committee Vice Chair,** read report. Josey M, Literature Chair has fulfilled her commitment. She has recommended to the area that Nick S take the position. THANK YOU JOSEY FOR YOUR SERVICE. Passed 17-0-0

**ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE- Keith T, Activities Chair,** read report. Keith's commitment has ended and the Activities Committee recommends that Katie L be his successor. The financial statement for the Activities Committee will be presented at next area. Keith thanked the area for allowing him to be of service. THANK YOU KEITH FOR YOUR SERVICE. Passed 17-0-0

**RCM REPORT, Al D, RD,** read report. There was some discussion. Gail S, GSR, asked for clarification on Motion #1 and received it. Gail S also had concern with money dispersed to regional H&I for t-shirts. Sheila B, Area H&I member, clarified that the t-shirts has sold out so

quickly they had to order more. The money had been reimbursed as agreed with an additional \$400. Report passed 17-0-0

**H&I REPORT- Sheila B, H&I member,** Noted that the H&I secretary's report was on the table with the other reports and fliers. She stressed how much support H&I is in need of. Lebanon Pines, for example, doesn't have a panel coordinator and there hasn't been a meeting there in 3 or 4 weeks. Lebanon Pines, Milestone, January Center, York West and Brooklyn are all in need of Panel Coordinators. Sheila has offered to be of service to anyone who would like to be involved and be oriented. **Al D, RD,** added pressing how important it is for addicts in jails and institutions to receive the support from the fellowship.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS- Mark Q, PR Chair,** gave verbal report. PR met on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, the first Thursday of the month. There were 6 addicts in attendance. PR needs support! Mike R is holding down the phone line. Mark Q had to step down as PR Chair.

### **AD HOC REPORTS**

**POLICY AD HOC- Bekkah P, Policy Facilitator,** gave verbal report. They did not meet last month due to the holiday but met this evening before area. They were able to get through 5 more sections of the Area Policy. There will be motions coming to the area soon. Dale F, Area Chair, added that the Ad Hoc meets from 6pm-7pm every month before area at the same location.

**LEARNING DAY AD HOC- Aldo P, Ad Hoc Chair,** He will be attending the next Activities Committee meeting to discuss time and location as well as to get some ideas.

**ECCNA AD HOC, Elizabeth E, ECCNA Chair,** read final report for the Ad Hoc. ECCNA was a big success raising \$23,00 in basic texts to be dispersed to the 22 regions that make up the east coast. THANK YOU Elizabeth for your service!

### **NEW GSRs and ALTERNATE GSRs**

Felix F, GSR, Finding the way

Tim F, GSR, Outer Limits

Roger I, Alternate GSR, Get Clean or Die Trying

George G, GSR, Crystal Clean

Don S, GSR, Sound of Serenity

Leigh S, GSR, Living Clean Today

Kris M, Alternate GSR, Living Clean Today

Bonnie B, GSR, Moosetracks

**WELCOME EVERYONE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**ELECTIONS-Dale F, Area Chair,** Read qualifications for each of the following positions.

**Coffee maker-** Gail S, GSR, asked if a GSR can also be a coffee maker. Bekkah P, Policy Facilitator, checked the policy and answered yes to her question. There were no nominations or volunteers. Position is OTF

**H&I Chair-** H&I is desperate need of support. No nominations or volunteers. Position is OTF

**BOD Seat for the USANA-** No nominations or volunteers, Position is OTF

**Alternate Treasurer-** no nominations or volunteers. Position is OTF

**Literature Chair-** Gail S, GSR, nominated Nick S. Nick S accepted the nomination and qualified. Vote 14-0-0. Congratulations Nick!!!

**Activities Chair-** Keith T nominated Katie L. Katie L accepted the nominations and qualified. Vote 14-0-0. Congratulations Katie!!!

**Area Chair-** Gail S, GSR, nominated Aldo P. Aldo respectfully declined. Al D, RD, nominated Dale F. Dale F, Area Chair, accepted and qualified. Vote 14-0-0. Congratulations Dale and thank you for your continued service!!!

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **REGIONAL MOTIONS**

**Motion #2-** To move the CTRSC to a central location permanently. **INTENT-** to make the CTRSC more accessible to RCMs and all CTRSC members. **Maker-** GWA. **Second-** GDA. Vote 0-12-3. USANA will be voting against this motion at next Region.

**Motion #3-** To add to policy under Schedule Facilitator responsibilities to do an annual review and cost analysis to include 3 bids for the printing of CTRSC schedules to be approved by the RCMs. Also to include in Section IV.E.3.6.V Reports: Out of date loss. **INTENT-** To be financially accountable. **Maker-** Policy Facilitator. **Second-** CCA RCM. Vote 1-1-12. In the event of a tie, the area chair will vote to break the tie. Dale F, Area Chair voted against the motion. USANA will be voting against this motion at next region.

**Motion #4-** Any motion that seeks to add to, remove from or change the CTRSC policy shall be automatically postponed for two months to allow for Area consideration. **INTENT-** To allow the RCMs the opportunity to discuss RSC policy changes with the members of their areas. Keeping in accordance with Tradition #9. **Maker-** MSVA **Second-** GNHA. Vote 15-0-0. USANA will be voting in favor of this motion at next region.

### **AREA MOTIONS**

**Motion #1-** To add, "Except when the motion involves routine and recurring operating expenses." To Article IV.8-RCM Duties. **Intent-** To allow the RCM to vote freely on routine expenses over \$500 at region without having to bring them back to the ASC for a vote. **Maker-** Bekkah P.,

Policy Facilitator. **Second-** Gail S., GSR. Vote 15-0-0. That motion passed and the policy will be changed.

**Motion #2-** To rotate the location of our monthly area meeting on a 3 or 4 month rotation.

**INTENT-** Split the distance as equally as possible between all home groups in the area. **Maker-** Felix F, GSR. **Second-** Roger I, voting Alternate GSR. After much discussion and input from many points of view, a motion to table this motion to all groups in the area was made by Gail S, GSR. It was seconded and that motion passed 14-0-1. This motion will be brought back to the groups for 30 days and will be voted on at next area.

A motion to extend area to 9:15pm was made by Gail S, GSR as area was about to run out of time to conclude all business. That motion passed 6-1-2 and area continued.

#### AGENDA ITEMS

**ITEM #1-** Al D, RCM, The RSC would like to do a workshop in the USANA area. Al D, RCM, then clarified his agenda item. The RD from the RSC would like to come to the USANA area and put on an educational workshop that would be open to all members of NA in the area. The RSC would decide the subjects of the workshop. After some discussion it was decided that our area would most likely welcome a workshop from the RSC and there will be more information to come regarding this workshop.

**Motion to close at 9:06pm.**

The next USANA area will be held on **SEPTEMBER 10, 2017**. Please be aware that the Labor Day Holiday falls on the first Sunday of September so the ASC will meet the week after.

Thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to be of service!

In loving service,

Anthony M