

# USANA Minutes for September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Park Congregational Church 283 Broadway Rd Norwich, CT

**Dale F., Area Chair**, Opened the meeting at 7:30pm with a Moment of Silence and the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts of NA were read. There were 18 voting GSRs and Alternate GSRs in attendance.

## Open Forum (20 Minutes)

**Dale F., Area Chair** - Please try to raise your hands and wait to be called on during area business. This will allow area business to flow easily, allow everyone to have a say and allow everyone to hear what is being said.

**Dale F., Area Chair** - There is a motion to be voted on tonight. This motion would be setting policy and due to our policy the motion will need a 2/3 majority to be passed.

**Dale F., Area Chair** – The Learning Day Luau had great attendance, including newcomers! Our insurance doesn't cover this event because it was a sport event. The day before the event it was decided that we would have everyone playing kickball at the event to sign a waiver. Please keep this in mind for future events.

**Dale F., Area Chair** – I have reached out to the regional web servant and have requested the minutes from the last few months be posted to the website. This has not happened so please be aware our area page is not up to date but the request is in and all information has been submitted.

**Dale F., Area Chair** – Please be aware that our actions and how we choose to behave in public at events or anywhere NA is represented is a reflection on NA as a whole. If we choose to be disrespectful to each other or anyone not members of NA, we are representing our fellowship in a negative way. If we choose to be respectful to one another and anyone not members of NA, we are representing our fellowship in a positive way. It is up to us to make NA as attractive to newcomers and those who haven't found the fellowship yet.

**Bekah P., Policy Facilitator** – Part of the duties of any Sub-Committee chairperson is to submit an annual report as well as an annual budget.

**Tim F., Literature Chair** – Asked when the next new GSR/Alternate GSR orientation is.

**Bekah P., Policy Facilitator** – I am available any Area Sunday before area at 6:45pm to orient any new GSRs or Alternate GSRs.

## Committee Reports

**Anthony M., Area Secretary** – Read Minutes from Area on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. No Discussion. Passed

**Aldo P., Area Vice Chair** – Read Report. Roberta T., Area recommendation for BOD, representing the Serenity on the Sound meeting. On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 The meeting will be moving to St. Johns Church in Niantic. Will not be meeting at McCooks Park due to the season change. It will still be 6pm-7pm. Please note the entrance to the meeting will be in the back of the church. Vice Chair report passed.

**Steve B., Area Treasurer** – Read Report. Donations totaled \$1706.92. Expenses totaled \$1706.92 which includes the fund flow of \$22.66. All money orders must be signed by the purchaser. All GSRs and Alternate GSRs please make sure the money orders you submit to area are signed or they cannot be deposited and processed.

**Tad V., Area Alt RCM** – There was a check kicked back from region. Was it from our area?

**Steve B., Area Treasurer** – No it was not from our area.

**Gail S., GSR** – Was there a service charge for the money orders that were not signed and sent back from the bank?

**Steve B., Area Treasurer** – No we were not charged extra for the unsigned money orders.

Steve's report passed.

**Nick S., Literature Chair** – Read Report. \$1354.17 was spent on literature for the month. Report passed.

**Katie L., Activities Chair** – Read Report. Committee wanted to know what was considered a sporting event. Tad V., Alternate RCM, Read the region report in regards to Katie's question. There was some discussion on the most cost effective way to fix this issue. Tad offered to seek more information about the insurance issue at the next region to allow the area body to find a solution. Report passed.

**Tad V., Region Alternate RCM** – Read report. Passed

**Sheila B., H&I Chair** – Read Report – Dale F., Area Chair, asked about rogue meetings going on representing H&I. Sheila B., H&I Chair, Mentioned that there were people giving out NA literature that were not official members of the subcommittee. The committee is adding more structure to ensure anyone that is representing H&I are actually oriented members of the committee. Angel V., GSR and H&I panel member for Stonington, mentioned that they are putting together lists for the institutions for each meeting so H&I is not being misrepresented. Angel also mentioned Stonington and SCADD Detoxes are both in need of a panel coordinator. Report Passed.

**Aldo P., Area Vice Chair** – Gave PR report. Passed

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Bekah P., Policy Facilitator** – Gave verbal report. The committee is making great headway and only has one more section to go. Motions regarding policy changes will be coming soon to the area body.

**Aldo P., Learning Day Chair** – Read Report. Passed

## **NEW GSRs and ALTERNATE GSRs**

**Chris R.** – GSR for the HOW Group

**Josey M.** – GSR for the Get Clean or Die Trying group

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

## ELECTIONS

**Coffee Maker** – Leroy B., GSR, volunteered. Qualified and was voted in. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

**H&I Chair** – Sheila B. was the committee’s recommendation for the position and volunteered. Qualified and was voted in. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

**USANA BOD seat** – Roberta T. volunteered. Qualified and was voted in. CONGRATUALIONS!!!

**PR Chair** – Sheila B nominated Stephen A. Gail S. seconded the nomination. Stephen A. qualified and was voted in. CONGRATUALIONS!!!

### **The following positions are OTF.**

**Alternate Treasurer**

**Vice Chair**

**Alternate RCM**

**Policy Facilitator**

**Set-up Person**

## MOTIONS

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

**INTENT** – To split the distance as equally as possible between all home groups in the area.

**MAKER** – Felix F. GSR **SECOND** – Roger I., Alternate GSR

**Dale F., Area Chair** – Reminded the body before the vote that this motion will be setting policy and to be passed there must be a 2/3 majority.

The motion failed. 5-12-1. Area will continue to stay in the same location every month.

## AGENDA ITEMS

**Item #1-** Workshop in USANA from the RD/RDA. There was some discussion on dates and times for the workshop. It was decided that our RCM or Alternate RCM would ask the RD or Alternate RD to provide USANA with more information about the event and possibly have one of them come to the next area to give a short presentation about the workshop.

**Motion to close at 8:56pm.**

**The next USANA will be held on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 7:30pm.**

Thank you all for allowing me to be of service! In loving service,

Anthony M.

