

# **USANA Minutes December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

## **Park Congregational Church 283 Broadway 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 16 voting GSRs and Alternate GSRs present at the time quorum was established.

Dale F., Area Chair, There has been some progress on the regional website. March, April, May area minutes have all been posted to the website. Anthony M. will provide the minutes since May as well as a list of positions to the Webservant.

Dale F., Area Chair, Went to the Middletown Learning Day with Aldo P. to get more information and some ideas for the Learning Day Ad-Hoc for the Northwest corner of our area.

Dale F., Area Chair, The CAR report is available as a free download on the world website.

Dale F., Area Chair, There still has not been a final decision on the insurance issue for sporting events. Information is still being collected for our area to make an informed decision on where to go from here.

### **OPEN FORUM (20 Minutes)**

Elizabeth E., Former ECCNA Chair, After distributing the NA Basic Text donated to the prisons up and down the East Coast from ECCNA, there were 18 extra books that could not be distributed equally. ECCNA has donated them to the USANA H&I as is customary to donate any extra books to the host area H&I. If there are any questions or concerns about ECCNA, please direct them to Elizabeth. Also, a reminder that Dopes on Slopes is coming next month, January 19-20-21, 2018.

Howard O., The BOD seat for this area is still open even after someone has been voted in at the area and regional level?

Tad V., Alt. RCM, The USANA Recommendation for the BOD seat has not attended a BOD meeting to be voted in. Our Area votes for someone to fill the seat, but they are only a recommendation until that person attends the BOD meeting and is officially voted in.

Hi H., Alt. GSR, The meeting, Getting Better in Brooklyn has not been added to the schedule yet?

There was some discussion about this. When a new meeting is formed, it is policy in our area that a representative from that group come to area to officially join the Area. There has not been any representation at Area from that group yet so they cannot be added to the schedule.

### **REPORTS**

Anthony M., Area Secretary, Read Minutes for November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Howard O., When moving forward please add to the minutes if the motions are included in "New Business" or "Old Business". Also, it is customary to add the dates to each motion.

Anthony M., Area Secretary, moving forward I will make sure to add those changes to the minutes each month. Minutes were voted on and passed.

Aldo P., Area Vice Chair, Read Vice Chair Report. No discussion. Report Passed.

Steve B., Area Treasurer, Read the Treasurer's Report. Donations totaled \$1819.98. Expenses totaled \$1819.98 which includes a fund flow of \$396.61. USANA is at Prudent Reserve. No Discussion. Report Passed.

Nick S., Area Literature Chair, Read Report.

Dale F., Area Chair, added that the CAR reports have been ordered and will be available for GSRs to pick up at next area. Report passed.

Katie L., Activities Committee Chair, Read Report. No discussion. Report Passed.

Al D., RCM, Read Report. There was some discussion about the insurance issue. Al D. mentioned that the RD Troy is looking into it and we will be given the information as soon as it is available. Report passed.

Sheila B., H&I Chair, Read report. No discussion. Report passed.

Stephen A., PR Chair, gave verbal report. The poster drive was a success. There were 13 addicts present. Stephen attended a presentation at St. Ann's church about what NA is globally. 4 addicts shared at that presentation. December 20<sup>th</sup>, from 6-8pm. The committee will be speaking at the Groton Library. All are invited to attend.

### **AD HOC Reports**

Bekah P., Policy Ad Hoc Chair, gave verbal report. The Ad Hoc met at 6:00pm before area. There were 3 addicts present. They are nearing the end of the policy and motion to follow at the next area.

Aldo P., Learning Day Ad Hoc Chair., gave verbal report. Aldo attended the Mid-State learning day with Dale F. to gather more ideas and information.

### **New GSRs and Alternate GSRs**

Britt E. – GSR for the Sesame Street Group

Kayla O. – Alternate GSR for the Sesame Street Group

Traci B. – GSR for the New Wave of Recovery Group

Dale F., Area Chair, Reminded the Area of the orientation for new GSRs/Alternate GSRs which is held at 7:00pm before area when needed.

### **Old Business**

### **Elections**

Dale F., Area Chair, Read the qualifications for each of the following:

Alternate Treasurer – There were no nominations or volunteers. Position is OTF

RCM – Gail S., GSR, nominated Tad V. The nomination was seconded by Bob C.

Tad V. stepped down as Alternate RCM to accept the nomination. Al D. added Tad has been a tremendous help to him as the alternate over the last 1+ years and feels he would be an excellent RCM. Tad was voted in as the new RCM. CONGRATULATIONS Tad! Thank you Al D. for your 2 years of service as the RCM!!!

## **Old Business Motions**

None

## **New Business Elections**

Alternate RCM is OTF for 30 days.

## **New Business Motions**

Regional Motion #1 11-18-17 To move the CTRSC permanently to Middlesex Hospital on the third Saturday of each month beginning at 2pm. To donate NA literature in the amount of \$240 per year and to be displayed in the NA literature rack. Literature will be given in lieu of rent. Regional PR committee will maintain the literature rack. INTENT – To centralize the CTRSC meeting and to keep in line with the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition to be fully self-supporting. MAKER – GHA RCM SECOND – CCA RCM

There was some discussion and a motion to table to groups was made by Gail S. and seconded by Howard O. The motion to table to groups passed 13-0-3.

Area Motion #1 12-3-17 In policy III.C.4 after “tabled to areas by the RSC” add “and will be tabled to groups by the area”. INTENT – To obtain a conscience of the addicts in the area. MAKER – Outer Limits Group SECOND – Three Steps Forward Group.

During discussion of Area Motion #1 there was a motion to table to groups. This motion was voted 6-6-4. In the event of a tie the Area Chairperson votes to break the tie. Dale F. voted against the motion to table to groups. The motion was voted on by the area body 2-10-6. The motion failed.

Area Motion #2 12-3-17 In policy III.A.8 change “quarterly” to “every other month”. INTENT – To keep meeting lists current. MAKER – Outer Limits Group. This motion was based on an out dated copy of the Area Policy so it was ruled out of order.

Area Motion #3 12-3-17 in policy IV.B.4.d add “any NA member in the area who requests them”. INTENT – To foster communication in the area. MAKER- Outer Limits Group. There was no second to this motion so there was no vote.

Area Motion #4 12-3-17 To waive the 30 OTF requirement for the H&I Chairperson position. INTENT – To allow uninterrupted service of the H&I Committee. MAKER – Sheila B. current H&I Chair SECOND – Three Steps Forward.

Before motion could be voted on a motion to extend Area business to 9:15pm was made by Gail S. and seconded by Artie T.. This motion was made because Area was not finished will business and it was 9:00pm. The motion to extend passed 8-4-1.

Dale F., Area Chair, read Area Motion #4 12-3-17 again.

The motion passed 13-1-1

Gail S., GSR, asked if we could return to elections to vote in a new H&I chair. Sheila B. nominated Kris M. as new H&I Chair, the committee's recommendation as the new chairperson. Leigh S., GSR seconded the nomination. Kris M. accepted and qualified. Kris M. was voted in as the new H&I Chairperson.  
CONGRATULATIONS Kris!

## **AGENDA**

Agenda Item #1 12-3-17 USANA CAR Workshop

Tad V., RCM – Referred to the RCM report for the dates available for the RD to come to our area to host the workshop. The Area Body came to a group conscious that the best date for the workshop would be Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup> before area.

Motion to close at 9:10pm

**The next area will be held on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.**

Thank you all for allowing me to be of service.

In Loving Service,

Anthony M.