

# Rappahannock ASC Minutes for August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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Welcome new and returning ASC members:

Tony S.



**I.** Serenity Prayer

**Motion 07/01-01:** To record.

Maker: Dot 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Kim

**VOTE:** For-8, Against-0, Abstaining-0 **Motion – PASSED**

**17 home groups** that are members of the Rappahannock Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous.

**24 meetings** in the RANA Area every week.

**II. Readings:** C. 12 Concepts, E. Decorum Statement D. 12 Traditions (7<sup>th</sup> Tradition passed around). These readings were not found or read via group consciences: A. Service Prayer, B. Purpose of Area Service.

## III. Group Roll Call

Legend: P = Present A = Absent \* = Rep in 2<sup>nd</sup> Quorum

GROUP NAME	J	J	A	NAME	POSTION
1. Set It Off	A*	P	P	Jonathan C.	GSR
2. Who Wants to Live	P	A*	A*	Michelle G.	GSR
3. In It to Win It	P	P	P	Kim	GSR
4. Hope Fiends	P	P	P	Tony S.	GSR
5. Standing By Recovery	P	P	P	Steve S.	GSR
6. Clean Works	A*	P	P	Dot	GSR
7. The Lie Is Dead	A	A	A	-	-
8. Start Living Group	P	A*	P	John C.	GSR
9. Freedom from Bondage	A	P	P	Kevin S.	Rep
10. Man Up to the Flatbook	A*	P	P	Cleo J.	GSR
11. A New Beginning Group	A*	P	A*	Tee Tee	GSR
12. Primary Purpose	P	P	A*	Tommy G.	GSR
13. Experience, Strength & Hope	A	P	A	-	-
14. Clean and Serene	A	A	P	Kate	GSR
15. Final Surrender	A	P	P	Mike D.	GSR
16. Noon Beginnings	P	A	A	-	-
17. Colonial Beach Survivors Group	P	P	P	Bill C.	GSR

## RANA Trusted Servants & Subcommittee Chairs

Legend: P = Present A = Absent O = OPEN Position \* = Arrived Late

POSTION	NAME	J	J	A	Report	Comment
Chair	Mark T.	P	A	P	None	Quarterly
Vice Chair	Lachlan P.	P	P	P	Written/Oral	Posted to DB
Secretary I	Teresa C.	P	P*	P*	Oral	Taken from recorder
Secretary II	Christopher K.	P	P	P*	Oral	Taken from recorder
Treasurer I	Antoinette B.	P*	P*	P*	Oral	Taken from recorder
Treasurer II	OPEN	-	-	O	-	OPEN
RCM	Greg G.	P	A	P	Oral	Taken from recorder
RCM II	Rudolph C.	A	P	A	-	-
VCCR Dir.	Gary T.	P	A	P	Written/Oral	Emailed
Activities	Julie C.	A	P	A	-	ABSENT/OPEN
H&I	Latvia D.	P	P	P	Written/Oral	Emailed
H&I Vice	Corey C.	A	A	A	-	-
PR	Kemper B.	A	P	P	Written	Emailed
Literature	OPEN	O	A/O	O	Written/ Oral	Given by Treasurer I
Outreach	Stephanie B.	P*	A	P	Written/ Oral	Emailed

### New Groups :

(\*Must attend 3 consecutive ASC meetings to be recognized and added to RANA Meeting List – 1<sup>st</sup> attendance)

\*Beautiful Butterflies of Recovery

Thurman-Brisbane Center

Sundays 10am-11am (Women's Meeting)

1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of 3 required consecutive meetings

## IV. 1<sup>st</sup> Quorum Call

1 <sup>st</sup> QUORUM CALL -Must 4 per Bylaws	
Group Represented	12
Procedural Votes	11

## V. Adoption/Approval of Agenda:

**Motion 07/01-02:** To approve August agenda.

No Discussion

Maker: Unknown 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Unknown

No Discussion

**VOTE:** For-7, Against-0, Abstaining-0

**Motion – PASSED**

## VI. Approval of Minutes:

**Motion 07/01-03:** To approve July minutes.

Maker: Unknown 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Unknown

No Discussion

**VOTE:** For-7, Against-0, Abstaining-0

**Motion – PASSED**

## VII.-X. Administrative Reports

### VII. Secretary Report I: Given by Secretary I, Teresa C.

*Hi everybody my name is Teresa and I'm an addict. I don't have much to report this month. The minutes were sent out to everybody and didn't hear back as to any issues. Also sent out the updated agenda based on the vote from last month to move Open Sharing and Mark has made adjustments for today's agenda to reflect this change. That's pretty much it from me; does anyone have any questions for me? I will note there were some typos in last month's report. Thanks!*

No Discussion

### VII. Secretary Report II: Given by Secretary II, Christopher K.

### VII.V Chair Report: None given. No Discussion.

### VIII. Vice Chair Report: Given by Vice Chair, Lauchlan P.

This month I have no new information to report. I would like to remind the area that I am still willing to meet with any GSR's that want to, or need help with, placing their own orders to Free State for literature. The literature committee is still under staffed so any attempt at easing their workload is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Love and Respect, Lauchlan P.

No Discussion.

### IX. Treasurer I Report: Given by Treasure I, Antoinette B.

*. Hi Family, my name is Antoinette and I am your Treasurer. I just got this information and I want to share it with you. Secretary if it is okay with you I can evidentially put it into written format for you. I am going to go down what money came in and what we did with it and where we stand.*

*The group total donation was \$146.37, Literature was \$243.10, 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition was \$10, returned RCM/Chair was \$365, to equal a total of \$767.46. The expenses was CARANA \$140, Postmaster was \$100, rent \$30, Freestate \$74.50, RCM \$21, Secretary \$25, for a total of expenses \$390.50. I will share with you that \$767.47 was posted June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012, deposited by our former Treasurer. And just to say thank you to her for an outstanding job and I pray that I can do just a great a job as she did. Thanks.*

**Discussion:** (Mark T.) *Are there copies of that for everyone?* (Antoinette B.) *Yes, here are copies of this for everyone.* (Mark T.) *Any questions for the Treasurer?* (Mike D.) *Have you been able to go to the bank and get your name on the account?* (Antoinette B.) *She (former Treasure, Lili D.) did not call me so I did not go with her on the last deposit, however I do not think there is going to be too much of a problem, when I actually go to make the deposit I can take care of it at that time. If I have any problems I will call the Chair or the Vice Chair as they have their signature on the account and we can come together at that time to take care of it.* (Mark T.) *My name is Mark and I'm an addict. This \$100 to the postmaster, is that for the PO Box?* (Antoinette B.) *Yes, I presume.* (Mark T.) *You presume or do you know?* (Antoinette B.) *It's to the Postmaster.* (Lauchlan P.) *Last month...* (Mark T.) *I saw that.* (Lauchlan P.) *and the price went up on it. So that \$100 will pay us up until we get to make up the new budget, as we will need more money for the PO Box because the price went up 24%.* (Mark T.) *So we are still PO Box 30?* (Lauchlan P.) *Yes, we will just owe them money before the end of the year.* (Mark T.) *Okay. Do you have a key to that?* (Antoinette B.) *No Sir, I currently do not see one here – if she did leave me a key. I can get in touch with Lili and see if I can get that from her.* (Mark T.) *Any other questions?*

### IX. Treasurer II Report: Open Position. None given. No Discussion.

### X. RCM I Report: Given by RCM I, Greg G.

*I'm addict, my name is Greg. Sorry I wasn't here last month and I notified the chair in writing via text message as I was going to be on vacation with my family. This is an off month for Rudy and I, so we don't have anything to report as far as the Region is concerned. The next Regional meeting is in 2 weeks which is August, not this Saturday but next Saturday. So we will be going down to Charlottesville next Saturday. There is one Regional Motion that you guys should be bring back today and I will carry the conscience to the Region.*

No Discussion

### X. RCM II Report: ABSENT No Report. No Discussion.

## XI. Subcommittee Reports

**A. Activities Report:** OPEN POSITION. Pro Temp Chair ABSENT. No Report. No Discussion.

Discussion: (Mark T.) *Julie sent word she was not going to be here. Her term is technically done, correct? (Body) Yes.*  
(Mark T.) *Please announce this position is open.* (Teresa C.) *Julie did agree to serve as Pro-temp Activities Chair last month until the position is filled.*

**B. Hospitals & Institutions (H&I) Report:** Given by Chair, Lavita D.

ASC Report July 2012

Greetings:

H&I has been busy in the month of July. We had our regularly scheduled meeting on July 8, 2012 and our attendance is growing. July 14, 2012 H&I attended the Man Up to Recovery Anniversary Speaker Jam –We thank you so much for allowing H&I to be present and promote our subcommittee service opportunities. Our Panel Coordinator Brandon H. has been doing a wonderful job in recruiting folks to go out to Bowling Green on Wednesday evenings and the meeting seems to be going well. July 24, 2012 we had spontaneous invite from the Stafford Men’s Diversion Center which is an adult male Diversion incarceration program on Eskimo Hill Rd. I went and met with the inmate coordinator and other upper management. They really want Narcotics Anonymous to come in once a month beginning Sept and then once a week beginning in October. I was told how NA’s H&I has been at this facility in the past did a wonderful job and then just stop going. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone who wants a service commitment of this kind. I have applications for background checks with me. Just ask that you bring the completed application to our business meeting on Aug 12, 2012 at our regular meeting place. Women are encouraged to participate! One year clean time required and transportation.

July 28, 2012 we had members of NA conference in to the Writing Steps for Recovery (WSR) Project that was meeting in Lynchburg, VA lots of conversation and we are awaiting the minutes. The next meeting for this project is in Chesapeake VA and again we will conference in as traveling is not an option for many of us on this subcommittee. If you are interested please come to our subcommittee meeting we will need or coordinator for this project in the future.

I would like to know if the upcoming VRCC would consider having a workshop (s) for H&I, PR and Outreach. I have also posed this question to our Regional H&I Chair.

Open positions: Secretary, Co-Panel Coordinator, Panel Leaders for future H&I facilities

Budget: \$350.00

In Loving Service, Lavita D

Discussion: (Lavita D.) *The convention in January, I would like to know if H&I, PR, Outreach can have a workshop(s).*  
(Gary) *I can give you that conventions Chair for you to contact as every convention has control of what goes on for their convention. The VRCC just helps them put on their conventions.* (Lavita D.) *I believe you and Greg would be our liaison to carry our request to that convention. Of course it would be a combined effort.* (Gary T.) *I can carry that back.* (Mark T.) *That is probably something that needs to be written in a motion.* (Antoinette B.) *As a point of clarification, Greg is the Regional liaison for VCRR. If would be great if you got in touch with H&I chair for Region because they are definitely looking for support and participation. Lawrence is the H&I Chairperson at Region and he could help put you on a path to do something awesome with H&I.* (Greg G.) *If you need communication with the Regional H&I Subcommittee, that is where I can help out. As far as VRCC goes I don’t have anything to do with that. They are a separate corporation and they operate under autonomy under our Traditions. Gary knows all about it and he can help you with understanding it better than I can, but certainly if you need to communicate with Lawrence the H&I Chair I can help you with that. If you need to know when the Regional Subcommittees meet or want something brought up at Region than please get with me.* (Mark T.) *I’m going to back up that motion, if you are just offering your assistance to participate, Gary can certainly bring that to the floor that H&I for RANA is willing to participate Gary can do that.* (Lavita) *That is what I wanted.* (Gary) *I am still a bit lost, so please get with me after the meeting. Please keep in mind we only meet every other month.*

**C. Literature Chair Report:** Position OPEN – No Report

(Mark T.) *This is an open position. Is there a report? Are you okay Margret? I understand there was an order placed.*  
(Margret) *I am by myself. We did not place an order because we did not have enough literature needed to place an order that would make the cost of shipping effective. Lili is helping me with it.* (Mark T.) *I thought in the minutes Lili said she placed an order.* (Margret) *She was going to place an order, however she did not see that we had a great need to place an order. Therefore we did not place a literature order this month. It would cost more in the shipping surcharge than the order was itself.* (Mark T.) *Thank you for you service.* (Margret) *You are very welcome. my pleasure.*

**D. Outreach Report:** Given by Chair, Kemper B.

Dear Fellow Trusted Servants,

I apologize for my absence last month at the Area Service Committee Meeting. Outreach has made a trip to the Tappahannock Meeting location on Friday nights. I am reporting back that there is no longer a meeting taking place at this location and this time. Efforts are being made to contact previous Group Representatives for this meeting as to whether a new location and time has been obtained. Shana C. was nominated and voted as the new Outreach Subcommittee Vice Chair. The Outreach sign-up sheets are being collected for the upcoming Subcommittee Meeting next Sunday. This particular Sunday, Outreach Subcommittee will be scheduling groups of support for all struggling meetings we have people available for in our area service. Outreach continues to support H&I efforts at McShin every Wednesday with panel meetings. The budget remains the same, unused at \$100.

New information was brought to Outreach Subcommittee attention recently and will be discussed further at the upcoming subcommittee meeting. The Oxford House is in need of supporting transportation for women to area meetings. Any information area service committee or other area subcommittee's provide in support of this request is much appreciated.

In Loving Service, Stephanie B.

No Discussion

**E. Public Relations (PR) Report:** Given by Chair, Kemper B.

PR Subcommittee Chairperson Report

8-5-12

Kemper B.

Good afternoon,

I would like to thank you all for allowing me to serve. PR Met on Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at the normally scheduled time. We discussed the meeting list format, and voted on a color. The new meeting lists have been delivered and I have them with me. I will be giving them out to groups in bunches of 50 meeting lists, and will do my best to keep track of the amount that each group gets to try to get replacements out to you all when you run out again.

I will be working on updating the meeting list on the website and uploading the new meeting lists for download today, as well as the other monthly changes to the site. Our next meeting will be held at the regularly scheduled time on August 12<sup>th</sup>. We already have plans to discuss an H&I Page on the site and hopefully other ideas at this meeting. I have no other things to report at this time.

In Loving Service, Kemper B. (RANA PR Chairperson)

Discussion: (Kemper B.) *I did hear that the Tappahannock Meeting was no longer meeting and will be sure to get that off the meeting list on the website and for the next printing. We are still in need of support. 800 meeting list were printed for \$97.30 and a motion will be submitted for reimbursement, this is part of a budgeted expense.*

(Mark T.) *GSRs he has a request for support if you will please write this down and take it back to your meetings the next PR meeting will be help on August 12<sup>th</sup> at the Thurman-Brisbane Center.*

(Kemper B.) *At 5 – 7pm*

(Mark T.) *I have 8pm on the agenda, I have to correct that. So PR meets before the meeting.*

**F. VRCC Director Report:** Given by VRCC Director, Gary T.

I attended the VRCC meeting on 7-22-12. Quorum was met with 6 Directors.

The VRCC is in need of a Treasurer II. Needs 4yrs clean time with working knowledge of 12 Steps, Traditions, and Concepts. One Year VRCC EXP.

The Tax Return has been submitted from my last report.

The 31st Convention is progressing nicely with all committee positions filled.

There were 2 bids for the 32nd AVCNA. The Richmond Area and a combined bid from Almost Heaven and Shevana. The Bid was rewarded to the Joint bid and the 32nd AVCNA will be held in Hagerstown MD. This will be the first time the AVCNA will be held out of the state of VA. And yes they are Part of the CAR.

The Richmond Area was willing to re-submit their bid for the 33rd AVCNA. Thank You for letting me serve, Gary T

Discussion: (John C.) *What is that called?* (Gary T.) *The AVCNA – The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Virginia Convention of Narcotics Anonymous. That is the 2014 convention.* (Mark T.) *What is the date for the Roanoke Convention?* (Gary T.) *Do we still have flyer for that?* (Teresa C.) *Yes, we still have flyers – it is January 11-13<sup>th</sup>.* (Mark T.) *GSRs please write that down and take flyers back to your groups.*

(Mark T.) *I have to go back and address the Treasurers Report. Because what this is, is June's Treasures Report given in July. This is not for this month. I did not read the header so I missed it.*

(Lavita D.) *Did that come in our packets today?*

(Teresa C.) *With minutes you got for last month that I emailed out, is the same report that Antoinette reported today.*

(Lavita D.) *Given at the July ASC?*

(Teresa C.) *Yes. So report that we should have, and I did not look at the header either, should have read Report of July 2012 Business given at August 2012 ASC.*

(Antoinette B.) *She (Lili) does have a worksheet she handwrote. Can we void what I gave as a report and give me a chance to get this report all the way together?*

(Teresa C.) *Yes, but can you give us an oral report from that sheet and then turn in a written report for the minutes?*

(Antoinette B.) *The thing about it is I have no deposit slip on this.*

(Greg G.) *She (Lili) it was on top of the checkbook in the brief case.*

(Antoinette B.) *Hold on, let me look. I just want to make sure my information is accurate and I want to make sure I am doing what I am supposed to do.*

*I am going to have to go to Lili and get all the information; I just don't have it present. Give me a moment to get it together and I will have it all in order for you.*

(Mark T.) *If it's not ready, then I have to keep moving.*

(Antoinette B.) *It's not ready.*

## XII. Group Service Representative (GSR) Reports

HOME GROUP	GSR/ALT	DAYS AND TIMES OF MEETINGS	# GROUP MEMBERS	# AVG. WKLY ATTENDANCE/NEWCOMERS	GROUP DONATION	LIT. ORDER
<b>1. Set it Off</b>	Jonathan C. - GSR	Sun. 7 - 8:30pm	4	35/5-10	\$15.00	\$5.00
Great!! Need more home group members. Group Anniversaries: None						
<b>2. Who Wants to Live</b>	Michelle G – GSR Teresa N.– Alt. GSR	Mon. – Fri.12 - 1:00pm	15-20	80/3-5 per wk	\$111.80	\$167.70
Nothing @ this time. Group Anniversaries: None this month						
<b>3. In It to Win it</b>	Kimberly K. – GSR Matt J – Alt. GSR	Mon. 7:00 - 8:30pm	18	50/20	\$0.00	\$0.00
Meeting has been growing, lots of newcomers. We have lots of great speakers scheduled, some speaker scheduled coming from Maryland and you don't want to miss out! Thanks for letting me share. Peace out! Much love. Group Anniversaries: Sarah K 3 years, Aug. 13 <sup>th</sup>						
<b>4. Hope Fiends</b>	Tony S. - GSR	Tue. 7 - 8:15pm	3	18-20/3-4	\$15.00	\$27.00
Only group who has a book studies from It Works How and Why! Group Anniversaries: <i>None reported.</i>						
<b>5. Standing by Recovery</b>	Steve S.- GSR Heather M.–Alt. GSR	Tue. 7:30 – 8:30pm	5	7/0	\$25.00	\$19.00
Meeting has been really slow and we have not seen many new people at all. It usually is just the core 6-7 attending. Group Anniversaries: Lavita, 23 years on 8/7/12, anniversary is today 8/5!						
<b>6. Clean Works</b>	Dot - GSR	Wed. 7 - 8:00pm	8	45/5	\$0.00	\$10.00
Letter from inmate requesting meeting liss – H&I? How long has the group been running? <i>Mark T. – almost 9 years ago. That is probably why they get mail time to time.</i> <i>Lavita took the letter and will address at next H&amp;I meeting.</i> Group Anniversaries: None.						
<b>7. The Lie Is Dead</b>	Robert - GSR	Wed. 7 - 8:15pm	-	-	\$0.00	\$0.00
**Absent at Area 3 or more consecutive months**						
<b>8. Start Living Group</b>	John C. – GSR Robert – Alt. GSR	Thu. 7 - 8:00pm	8	8/1	\$10.00	\$18.00
Group Anniversaries: Angela K., 2 years on Aug. 30 <sup>th</sup> .						
<b>9. Freedom from Bondage</b>	Kevin S.– Rep	Thur. 8 - 9:00pm	6	12-20/2	\$5.00	\$60.00
Group is getting support, has new home group members and is looking a new location. Group Anniversaries: Steve S., 18 month, August 9 <sup>th</sup>						

## XII. Group Service Representative (GSR) Reports *(continued)*

HOME GROUP	GSR/ALT	DAYS AND TIMES OF MEETINGS	# GROUP MEMBERS	# AVG. WKLY ATTENDANCE/NEWCOMERS	GROUP DONATION	LIT. ORDER
<b>10. Man Up to the Flatbook</b>	Cleo J. - GSR	Thur. 7 - 8:30pm	-	15-20/UNK	\$0.00	\$0.00
All is well, (thank-you). Group Anniversaries: <i>William C. will be celebrating 5 years on 8/6.</i>						
<b>11. A New Beginning Group</b>	Tee Tee. - GSR	Fri. 7 – 8:15pm	-	30-35/6	\$50.00	UNK
Meeting is doing well. We are doing better with having home group members. Not all positions are filled at the moment be most positions are. Group Anniversaries: Kenny & Dianna 3 years on August 10 <sup>th</sup> .						
<b>12. Primary Purpose</b>	Tommy G - GSR	Sat. & Sun. 12 – 1:30pm	-	-	UNK	UNK
<i>Arrived late - No report.</i> Group Anniversaries: <i>None reported.</i>						
<b>13. Experience, Strength &amp; Hope</b>	-	Sat. 7 - 8:30pm	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
<i>ABSENT - No report.</i> Group Anniversaries: <i>None reported</i>						
<b>14. Clean and Serene</b>	Kate W. – GSR Brandon K.– Alt. GSR	Fri. 10- 11pm	5	12/1-2	\$0.00	\$7.00
The group is doing well, we had steady attendance. Most of our home group positions have been filled. Group Anniversaries: <i>None reported</i>						
<b>15. Final Surrender</b>	Michael D. – GSR	Mon., Tue., Fri. & Sat. 7- 8:30pm	UNK	10-20 per wk/ 4-6 per mo	\$0.00	\$3.00
Meeting is going well, it is growing. Group Anniversaries: Rob, 2 years last week.						
<b>16. Noon Beginnings</b>	NONE	Sat.-Sun. 12 -1pm	UNK	UNK/UNK	UNK	UNK
<i>ABSENT</i> Group Anniversaries: <i>None reported.</i>						
<b>17. Colonial Beach Survivors Group</b>	Bill C. - GSR	Fridays 7-8pm	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
<i>No report submitted.</i> Group Anniversaries: <i>None reported.</i>						
<b>*Beautiful Butterflies</b>	Terry Q.- GSR Dawn – Alt. GSR	Sundays. 10-11am	4	6-8/3	\$10.00	UNK
Meeting is going well. Growing each week, newcomers each week, good network. Group Anniversaries: <i>None reported.</i>						

### XIII. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quorum

Legend: P = Present A = Absent

HOME GROUP NAME	P/A	NAME	POSTION
1. Set It Off	P	Jonathan C.	GSR
2. Who Wants to Live	P	Michelle G.	GSR
3. In It to Win It	P	Kim	GSR
4. Hope Fiends	P	Tony S.	GSR
5. Standing By Recovery	P	Steve S.	GSR
6. Clean Works	P	Dot	GSR
7. The Lie Is Dead	A	-	-
8. Start Living Group	P	John C.	GSR
9. Freedom from Bondage	P	Kevin S.	Rep
10. Man Up to the Flatbook	P	Cleo J.	GSR
11. A New Beginning Group	P	Tee Tee	GSR
12. Primary Purpose	A*	Tommy G.	GSR
13. Experience, Strength & Hope	A	-	-
14. Clean and Serene	P	Kate W.	Alt. GSR
15. Final Surrender	P	Mike D.	GSR
16. Noon Beginnings	A	-	-
17. Colonial Beach Survivors Group	P	Bill C.	GSR

Beautiful Butterflies	P	Terry Q.	GSR
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2 <sup>st</sup> QUORUM CALL -Must 4 per Bylaws	
Group Represented	14
Procedural Votes	13

### XIV. Old Business

#### Regional Motion:

#### Motion 156-4

*Mover: Bill M Policy Chair 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jimmy W Peninsula*

To change CARNA G&RO Section V: Reports #1:

From: Only reports e-filed, typed, handwrote or emailed no later than one day following RSC will be included in the minutes.

To: Only reports read on the floor and e-filed, typed, handwritten or emailed no later than one day following the RSC will be included in the minutes.

Intent: To ensure that the RSC has the opportunity to hear, discuss and questing the report.

**VOTE: For=6, Against= 1, Abstain= 0 Motion –PASSED**

No Discussion

#### Area Motion:

**Motion 07/01-04:** Maker: Etta F., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dot

That verbiage be changed from “unfinished business” to “old business” on agenda and by laws.

**Intent:** Accountability – unfinished suggests that our business is not closed out. For clarity reasons “old business” more clearly defines the order of business.

**VOTE: For=5, Against= 1, Abstain= 1 Motion –PASSED**

No Discussion

### XV. Open Sharing

(Mark T.) *As per the Areas conscience we have reached Open Sharing of this agenda. I put it before election of new officers as it was not clear, it just said before new business.*

(Kevin S.) *I went to the post office to check on the PO Box and pricing and options. They have two sizes, one is \$47 and the other is \$72 as opposed to \$124 that we are paying now. They will forward our mail for up to one year. If we get a bigger package that can fit in our box they will hold it and stick a note in our box. So that is an option. Personally my suggestion would be to keep the box we have so we can keep PO Box 30 since we have had it for so long. It is another \$24, it is \$124 every six months. I say we keep it. Thanks for letting me share.*

(Mark T.) *So you’re saying the difference between the current Po Box size and the little one is \$24?*

(Kevin S.) *No. There are two that are below the size that we currently have, size 1, 2 and we have size 3. Size 1 = \$47, size 2 = \$72, if we received a larger package than would fit in those sizes, they would put a note in our box and we can go pick it up when they are open.*

(Mark T.) *Okay. Thank you for that.*

(Greg G.) *We have had that PO Box for about 10 years and in the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous all the way up to the World Service they have that address for us. The home groups, that is your address, if you every need anything sent to you, if you sign up for the NAWS magazine, they can send it to that PO Box. Other Regions and Areas have that address so when they have a convention they pull up their previous mailing address and they will mail us flyers and things that are happening. Information does not travel that fast in Narcotics Anonymous so change our address is a risk that we may not get information that we should. I am sure in a couple of years it will all work itself out, but it is really just a couple of dollars to keep PO Box 30.*

(Mark T.) *Any other discussion on the PO Box? Any other discussion in Open Sharing?*

## XV. Open Sharing *(continued)*

(Greg G.) *So I brought this up the month before last regarding what constitutes an Area conscience. We as an Area have, our quorum today was 12, and now it is 14 and how many home groups do we have in this Area, does anyone know off the top of their head? 16? 19? 20? We know groups are struggling to fill positions and send representatives, but on average we have 13, 14, 15 GSRs that come to this meeting. When we get a result that is 5 to 2 or 4 to 1, does that really constitute an Area conscience? Out of 20 groups? Should there be a requirement of a number of votes to have a true Area conscience? If we have 20 groups or are average 14 GSRs and only 5 are voting because, quite honestly GSRs aren't doing their job and taking the information back to their groups to vote on it does that really constitute an Area conscience or do we need to abstain? The discussion has always been don't fault the few for the inadequacies of the many and if a group takes the time to have an opinion then their opinion should be heard, but when I am carrying your vote to the Region, but when our collective opinion turns into 1 out of 16, is our 5 groups out of 20 really worth the one? The one vote carries a lot of weight at the Regional meeting. I just think there should be some sort of minimum, like 10 yes and no votes. Then if it's 9 to 1, so be it. If it is 5 to 4, then so be it but have a minimum of 10 voting groups before we can say we have a true Rappahannock conscience. That is my opinion, thank you. Love to hear some discussion on that.*

(Teresa C.) *I don't recall exactly, but the area I came from in Florida there were 58 groups and the way that their quorum worked was it changed monthly per a formula based on attendance, this many groups showed up a certain percentage had to vote to do business. It was not a solid number every month. With 58 groups, to be quite honest some groups wanted nothing to do with voting at Area, they would come every so often to drop off a donation or pick up literature and that was a per their group consciences on involvement. I can find out what it is, but I know it wasn't a solid number, like we have 4. We have to have 4 votes for something to pass, like today during 2<sup>nd</sup> quorum we have 13 procedural votes and of those 13 and 7 exercised their vote for the Regional vote. 5 for, 1 against and 1 abstained. That means 5 groups didn't vote for some reason, either they didn't read it, bring it to their group. Beautiful Butterflies doesn't count because they have not yet been recognized as a group so their vote is not procedural.*

(Mark T.) *It would be a no vote, not an abstention if I am correct, because an abstention is a vote. We as an Area can abstain, but it is still a vote.*

(Teresa C.) *The abstention vote would go to whichever resulted as the majority – for or against.*

(Greg G.) *I guess what I am saying is what constitutes an abstention? Right now we won't abstain because if we sent a motion back to groups for the Region and 3 groups come back and vote 2 to 1, then that is a yes and it passes according to the current way we do business. So 3 groups out of 20 voted on something that could be monumental to Narcotics Anonymous and we agree and we are going to pass it with a 2 to 1 vote. It can certainly stay that way, but I would like to hear what the GSRs have to say as to whether or not that constitutes a conscience of the Rappahannock area. Doesn't have to be decided on today, maybe the prudent course of action is to take it back to your home group and discuss it. The percentage thing always works; I've seen that in a lot of different areas. If 14 show up then 60% have to vote to do business, so that would be a minimum of 8 votes. The vote would be an abstention. And an abstention is a vote but we don't have a way to determine what is an abstention, unless it was a tie vote we would not vote.*

(Mark T.) *An abstention means we as an Area agree with the majority on the Regional floor. Which is not a non-vote, it is actually a vote.*

(Lavita D.) *This brings back needing a GSR orientation. I would like to hear from the GSRS are you having difficulties holding your business meetings, what is it you need to be able to bring back these votes?*

(Mike D.) *I would like to apologize as I am one of the guilty parties for not bringing this information to my group, but I do feel like just because I did something it should not penalize the rest of the Area.*

(Gary T.) *I thought policy was 2/3<sup>rd</sup> and if you have 13 and 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of them don't vote how is that majority? (Mark T.) It is a simple majority an 4 for quorum. (Gary T.) So if you have 4 show up then you can do business, but you have 13 and that is not 2/3<sup>rd</sup>. (Mark T.) 13 didn't people didn't vote and that is the contention. (Gary T.) But that is not 2/3<sup>rd</sup>. (Teresa C.) Not according to RANA Bylaws. Quorum is met at 4. (Mark T.) What Greg is bring up here is that this is not a true Area conscience and what can we do to make that happen? Do we need to change the policy to reflect the majority of the Area?*

(Greg G.) *I don't know if the question is necessarily what we can do to make it happen because this is truly a voluntary fellowship and we can't make people do anything they don't want to. If you choose not to take the vote to your group and your group is cool with that, then there is nothing we can do and we don't force our will on the groups. No one on this committee dictates anything; I guess contention in it as your Regional Representative is am I really representing everyone? If only a couple people are voting then is that truly a representation of the Area? Our policy doesn't state anything about 2/3<sup>rd</sup>, simple majority, it is very, very, very unclear and gray. At this point the way we do business is, even if every single group has a GSR and 20 GSRs show up and only 4 have a vote and it is 3 to 1, the motion passes. That is only 4 out of 20 and 16 didn't vote is that really a true representation? Should we have to have a minimum amount of votes to pass a Regional motion? That is what I am asking. How do you fix it? That is the long time question in Narcotics Anonymous, how do you motivate people to do service?*

## XV. Open Sharing (continued)

(Dot) I am still new to Area so if I say something that is incorrect please let me know. Greg touched on what I think, but if someone takes on the responsibility of GSR then they should bring the information back to the group to get the vote. I understand that you can't make anyone do anything as this is voluntary. If a GSR doesn't get a vote from their group and they come to Area can they vote without the group conscience?

(Greg G.) If your group says you can. Each group is autonomous and if your group says you can vote however you want to vote and they are okay with it. This committee does not tell GSRs how they vote or don't vote.

(Teresa C.) Your group has to specifically say to you, for instance at my home group Steve is my GSR. If we all get together and say we really don't want to have a home group meeting and Steve says there is a motion about... And we say – Steve, go ahead and vote what you think is best, we trust you. Take the group conscience we trust you. So when he shows up and votes, we as a group told him he was allowed to that. However, he is not allowed to just come here, not tell us anything or bring us the motion and then decide to vote however he wants to. Does that help?

(Dot) Yes.

(Gary) 4 is quorum, so that means we have to have 4 to do business. However if 4 vote that is still not a majority. The majority would be ½ or more of 13. So there is some skewed thinking in their about what actually majority is. Just seems wrong to me.

(Kim) The people that are taking the time to vote should have a say.

(Greg) I can address the quorum, that quorum was initiated back in 2004 when we had around 10 groups as we have grown over the last 9 years. Every year it is brought up, do we raise quorum and the answer is always we are afraid to raise quorum because we might not be able to conduct business. If we raise quorum to 12 and 11 shows up then we can't do business. The second thing I want to address is what Kim said, at Region there are Bylaws that specifically address this. And what it says is, when a result is brought back to the floor there is a motion and they motion goes to groups and it comes back in 2 months and out of the 17 people there has to be 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the groups actually having a yes or no vote. If there is not 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the groups with a yes or no vote then it goes back to the groups again. Then when it comes back a second time, it doesn't matter – there could be 4 votes. So there is a second opportunity for the committee to say "Hey groups what you want to do? You didn't participate the first time, do you want to participate the second time?" If they decided not to participate the second times, then they don't and the business is moved forward. That is a compromise on both ways.

(Jonathan C.) Don't we have an average number of GSRs that are here every Area? Can we take that number and change the quorum?

(Mark T.) Is that the formula thing Teresa was discussing? I'm interested in that.

(Teresa C.) I will find out more details on that.

(Lauchlan P.) If Beautiful Butterflies is included that is 19, not 20. But if we made it a 3<sup>rd</sup> that is 6, maybe if we added a few more than that for quorum that would be reasonable. I like the formula idea, but 4, that is not representative.

(Teresa C.) You have to remove the Lie is Dead.

(Lauchlan P.) So that is 18, and 6 is 33% of the Area and if we can't get 6 then that's a problem.

(Gary T.) I believe it was 6 months ago it was shot down. That does not mean that GSRs can't bring this up every time. If you want to make a motion you can do so when you think it is important. If you think it needs to be 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the amount of GSRs that are here then you write up a motion for that and it will go back to groups because it is required to change policy. You are always asking what should we do, this is part of what you do.

(Greg G.) I just want to close with I think we have something to talk about. You guys have something to talk about with your home groups, I would strongly encourage this discussion. There are a lot more members out there with experience that aren't here today that may have some good ideas, opinions and experience from another Area. This is what we do in Narcotics Anonymous, someone has been through this before. Unless we get open communication going then we can't come up with a good solid God-conscience solution.

(John C.) I would like to offer something of a solution. Is there a way to note who didn't vote to find out why? I wouldn't want to be on that list.

(Mark T.) I like your whole list of shame thinking but the truth of the matter is you can choose as a group to not participate in anything and still show up here. So we have to be careful about crossing that line.

(Terry Q.) I don't have a lot of experience here, but what I am hearing is two separate issues. On one hand you have quorum, quorum is completely different than taking a vote on a particular issue. Quorum from the way I understand it is, the amount of people required to conduct a business meeting. We are mixing apples and oranges then. The amount need when voting is a separate issue that is the average number of people that are voting. You can't force people to vote. Is it a problem we need to discuss to figure out how to get people to bring back a vote? But when you mix the quorum and the average amount they are separate issues.

(Mark T.) Any other discussion on this or any other issues for Open Sharing?

## XVI. Elections for Open Positions

\*Treasure II

\*Literature Chair

\*Literature Vice Chair

\*Activities Chair

*\*See your copy of the Bylaws for qualifications*

No new nominations.

## XVII. New Business

(Stephanie. B.) *I looked through the Out Reach handbook and it is mostly is about getting support to groups from other groups. For the request from the Oxford House they in need of transportation for the women to get to our meetings I looked through our Bylaws for reference on how to address this issue. I assume this falls under Out Reach, per the Bylaws I want to make sure this request qualifies before I organize a group effort for support.*

(Mark T.) *Within the confines of your budget, definitely.*

(Lavita D.) *What do you mean?*

(Mark T.) *If the Out Reach committee votes to donate \$50 to give addicts rides they can do that if it falls within their budget.*

(Greg G.) *The Oxford House is asking for rides?*

(Stephanie B.) *Not the Oxford House, addicts at the Oxford House was directed to me to ask for rides to meetings. I wanted to make sure this is something Out Reach is to handle before I bring this to the subcommittee meeting.*

(Greg G.) *There is liability there that may be an issue.*

(Teresa C.) *Can't GSRs be made aware of this need an make announcements at their groups that struggling addicts need rides so members can reach out and be of service?*

(Stephanie B.) *That is another question I had, is this considered an outside issue? Is transportation something we can announce a need of?*

(Mark T.) *If members on Narcotics Anonymous are in need that would not be an outside issue.*

(Stephanie B.) *I am looking to for guidance on what is this best way to address this issue and support them. Should it be announced at meetings or at the subcommittee and coordinated through us?*

(Lavita D.) *Was H&I ever suggested to them?*

(Stephanie B.) *I don't know. Apparently they are required to attend four meetings a week but they have no support in getting to these meetings.*

(Lavita D.) *Would they be opposed to having meetings come to them?*

(Stephanie B.) *I haven't spoken to anyone from the actually facility.*

(Cleo J.) *I never heard of Narcotics Anonymous providing rides or social services.*

(Greg G.) *I strongly encourage any subcommittee to not get involved in something where there is liability. If someone from the Oxford House needs a ride and you tell them someone from the Rappahannock Out Reach committee is going to pick them up, then someone from the subcommittee gets into an accident and they are killed. Then their family sues Narcotics Anonymous. We don't have liability insurance to protect ourselves which is why NA is very careful to lend its name and provide outside support such as this. Perhaps the best way to tell the girls to get some phone numbers of women for rides or direct them to members that don't have a car so they ask them how they get to meetings.*

(Stephanie B.) *Thank you for bring up the liability issue as I wasn't sure and uncomfortable bring this to the subcommittee as I was not sure where this would fall. I did give them meeting lists and told them I would let them know once I brought this to the Area for direction.*

(Mark T.) *We are in the New Business of the agenda but I am going to call again for New Officer Elections – anyone?*

(Lauchlan P.) *Treasure II, Literature Chair, Actives Chair are the open positions.*

(Mark T.) *We only have one motion to be announced.*

### **Area New Business Motions:**

**Motion 08/05-04:** Maker: Kemper B.

\*Budgeted item no 2<sup>nd</sup> or vote

To reimburse the PR Chairperson \$97.20 for 800 meeting list printed as per receipts to be given.

**Intent:** To pay for meeting list printing using budgeted area funds from PR budget.

No Discussion.

## **XVIII. Review of Group Status and Business**

(Mark T.) *Any groups that have not been present at Area for 2 consecutive Area meetings, any groups that need help that GSRs need to know about so they can announce these groups need help at their home groups?*

(Teresa C.) *The Lie is Dead is still being researched by Out Reach to determine if the meeting was moved, correct?*

(Stephanie B.) *Right. When I went to the location it was locked up. I waited until 7:20pm before I left and there was no sign of any meeting. Lili contacted me and said she had contact emails for members and she had contact numbers from old minutes for GSR that were coming. She has not gotten back to me yet.*

(Teresa C.) *She had said last month per the minutes that their names were John C. or Nelson. So we are ensure we have done due diligence before we remove this meeting from the schedule.*

(Mark T.) *I just want to clarify this. You took a trip all the way to Tappahannock and they doors were locked, correct? I just want the GSRs to be aware of that so you guys can put the word out there and see if we can find out what is going on. At the very least get someone to contact us before someone drives to Tappahannock for a meeting that isn't there.*

(Teresa C.) *This was tabled for discussion last month so we are discussing it this month in an effort to determine what is going on with this group.*

(Greg G.) *But it is still is on the meeting list wrong.*

(Mark T.) *Kemper can you be sure to address this on the website as we just printed the meeting lists. How long has it been since they attended Area?*

(Teresa C.) *At least 6 months if not longer*

(Kate) *Why wasn't this address before now?*

(Teresa C.) *We did not have an Out Reach committee; we have only had an Out Reach committee for the past few months.*

(Mark T.) *GSRs please let everybody know and really it should not be on the meeting list if I am not mistaken*

(Kemper B.) *For the record this meeting was not removed prior to printing because last month the discussion was to leave the group on the list until further research.*

(Teresa C.) *Was the day the same for this meeting on the old and new printing the same? Stephanie is saying the meeting is on Friday, but the new meeting lists say they meeting is on Wednesday.*

(Mark T.) *It's a Wednesday meeting isn't it? I don't remember it being a Friday meeting.*

(Stephanie B.) *I thought it was on a Friday so that is probably the reason it wasn't there.*

(Greg G.) *Next Sunday I will see if I can find someone at the next Region from that meeting or someone that knows Nelson to see what is going on so you don't have to drive down there again.*

(Mark T.) *Before we talk about adjournment, how is the Treasurers Report coming?*

(Teresa C.) *I think she talked about having it for next Area and she would send a written copy to me once she gets with Lili. So for the following month there would be two Treasurer Reports.*

(Antoinette B.) *Yes, I don't have all the information together to give a proper report now. We can say the deposit for last month was \$513.00.*

(Teresa C.) *So I will put both reports in the minutes for next time (September).*

(Mark T.) *The literature order, how are we going to resolve that?*

(Antoinette B.) *The literature order - \$251.50 was the amount of literature that was sold. The group total is \$180.64. The 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition was \$7.37. The total I got was \$442.51, but she has \$16 here in expenses and \$24 that went out to the Post Master. \$21 in receipts and \$25 to the Secretary and all receipts were turned in.*

(Christopher K.) *Apologize for being late due to work. I have 5 copies of minutes if anyone needs one and did everyone turn in their GSR Reports?*

(Mark T.) *Is there anything else?*

(Kemper B.) *I have meeting lists for groups if they haven't picked them up from me yet.*

## **XIX. Adjournment & Serenity Prayer**

**Motion 08/05-05:** Maker: Kevin S. 2<sup>nd</sup> By: Kim

\*Procedural Vote

Motion to Close

VOTE: For=13, Against= 0, Abstain= 0

**Motion – PASSED**