

**ARKANSAS REGIONAL SERVICE
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 9, 2003
ARKADELPHIA, AR**

ARKANSAS REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

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OPENING:

- Billy B. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- Davia W. read the 12 traditions.
- “LD” read the 12 Concepts.
- John C. read the first 2 paragraphs of Tradition 2.
- Kim B. read the Definition and Purpose of a RSC.

ROLL CALL:

Arkansas River Valley Area	David Ru (RCM).....	Present
Central Arkansas Area	Dan B., (ASR).....	Present
Clean and Serene Group	David B. (GSR).....	Present
Cope Without Dope Group	“LD“ (GSR)	Present
Foothills Unity Area	Davia W. (RCM).....	Present
Ouachita Area	Ralph S. (RCM)	Present
Northwest Arkansas Area	Allen H. (RCM)	Present
Texarkana Area.....	John C. (RCM Alt.).....	Present
RD.....	Bill L.	Present
RDA	Mike R.	Absent
RSC Chair	Billy B.	Present
RSC Vice Chair.....	Laura C.....	Absent
RSC Secretary	*	VACANT
RSC Treasurer.....	Valerie Mc.	Present
Activities Chair	VACANT
H & I Chair	Jackie H.	Absent
Literature Chair.....	Tim A.	Present
Outreach Chair	Maili K.	Present
PI Chair	VACANT
Phoneline Chair.....	VACANT
Webmaster	Valerie Mc.	Present

- * Admin Committee appointed Maili K. to take notes during the RSC; appointment was accepted.
Valerie Mc. was appointed to type and distribute the minutes; appointment was accepted.

Alternates and Other Representatives:

Arkansas River Valley Area	“TP” (RCM Alt.).....	Absent
Central Arkansas Area	Jennifer N. (ASR Alt.)	Present
Clean and Serene Group	Debby VK. (GSR Alt.).....	Present
Cope Without Dope Group	Kim B. (GSR Alt.)	Present
Northeast Arkansas Area	Eddie W. (GSR - Greene County Clean AIR)	Present
Texarkana Area	Jackie H. (RCM).....	Absent

SECRETARY REPORT: RSC Secretary position is currently vacant

Motion to read only old and new business, elections and open sharing. **Motion passes.**

Correction: M4-120802 read changing ‘... being conducted in their region’ to ‘being incarcerated in their region’; should be ‘conducted’ as typed, the actual wording on motion form.

Clarification: M7-120802; clarification made that “anyone *nominated* to a regional trusted servant position show up to at least 2 consecutive meetings before being elected.”

Correction: M8-120802; this motion **failed (0-4-2)**. (See additional amendment in Old Business)

Motion to accept minutes as amended. **Motion passes.**

Correspondence Report: The RSC Treasurer brought the following items from our mailbox:

- Serenity Chocolates wholesale pricing offer
- Publisher’s offer for purchase of NA books by Bob Stone and Bo S. (not conference approved)
- Plains States Zonal Forum letter - issue to be discussed in RD report
- NAWS Annual Report
- Convention flyers for Lone Star Region, Detroit Area, Northern Utah Area, Oklahoma Region, Unity 5 in Nashville & Capital Area Convention in Trenton, NJ

TREASURER - INITIAL REPORT:

Ending balance	1,536.55
Income	174.31
Expenses	(714.92)
Beginning Balance	995.94

Motion to accept passed.

SEE ATTACHED REPORT (includes budget and final report) - bank statements mailed

RD/RDA REPORT:

RD Report was handed out to all Area/Loner Group Representatives and elected trusted servants of the ARSCNA in attendance. Please contact the RD for additional printed copies. It will also be available on our website.

Discussed staying actively involved with multiple years clean, election of World Board Members, NAWS Annual Report. SZF in Bentonville lost \$500.

RDA Report was not given; RDA was absent.

REPORTS from Member Areas and Loner Groups

ARKANSAS RIVER VALLEY AREA:

Growing and doing well, we are looking forward to our “Tenth Hangin’ in the Fort” convention March 7th, 8th & 9th. Please come and share your recovery with us, we will all be blessed.

Our area has no major problems or conflicts at this time, our unity is showing.

What our area asks of Region is to please supply our area with a simple letter containing Regions duties and/or responsibilities making the individual addicts aware of its (Region’s) usefulness. This in turn would make our area people more aware of how to better utilize Region as a resource.

--In Loving Service, David Ru

CENTRAL ARKANSAS AREA:

Been busy with personal issues. Did discuss responsibility to pass funds up to Region and World. Working on prudent reserve so we can determine 10% to be sent up to Region. Hope to have funds in the future. They will be forthcoming.

--Loving Service, Dan B.

We are doing well in Central Arkansas. Our meetings are well attended and flourishing. We (Dan and I) discussed the motion previously passed to fund 10% over prudent reserve to Region and World. As of current, we are researching our prudent reserve due to changes over the years. As soon as this is cleared up, money will be headed this way. The Recovery Room publication will now be putting all of Arkansas Regional meeting in their publication. This will be out in mid to late February. On another note, our literature committee has upped their stocking levels to be able to meet the needs of our own area and other areas. If you are in need of literature, contact Dwayne D. We are also starting a used bookstore and are in need of used literature. Our Convention Committee has cancelled Mt. Nebo in March and the Field Day in May to help out the Activities Committee. Activities upcoming are on March 1st - Mardi Gras Potluck & Dance starting at 6:00 pm at Recovery Central, also March 22nd - Bingo Night starting at 6:00 pm at Recovery Central. Please come and support these functions as they support the Heber Springs and Pre-Convention, which is held in August.

--ILS, Jennifer N.

CLEAN AND SERENE GROUP:

Hello from Clean and Serene Group of Mtn. Home/Cotter.

We still have 5 meetings a week and 1 H&I presentation a week on Mondays at the local treatment center. We have about 12 constant members with meeting attendance up to 25 addicts on any given night. We do not have an active PI Committee at this time and our Activities Committee struggles to pull itself together.

--In Loving Service, Debby VK. and David B.

COPE WITHOUT DOPE GROUP:

Hello Family

My name is "LD" I am an addict. Cope Without Dope would like to thank Texarkana Area for hosting the meetings this weekend. CWOD has quite a bit going on right now. We have our annual Recovery on the Ridge Weekend coming up. We also have a Valentine's Party on the 14th. Our H&I is still doing well. CWOD would like to nominate Barb H. for Arkansas Regional Secretary position. We would appreciate your consideration in this matter. We've added new meetings in the past few months and we continue to grow in home group members. We had several birthdays last month: Tommy C. 6 years, Gary H. 6 years, Jeane 1 year, Darwin 2 years, Kim B. 2 years, Jeff G. 6 years, Tony M. 2 years, Mike 2 years and Patty 2 years. Needless to say we had an incredible birthday last month. We had 28 years of recovery get coins in one night that was awesome. We are unable to donate this time due to lack of funds. We are doing well and ask nothing of Region at this time.

--Thank you for letting me serve, "LD" G.

FOOTHILLS UNITY AREA:

It is good to be here with my recovery family here. Things are going well with our two home groups. Recovery Connection has nightly meetings at 7:30 pm, Wednesdays at noon and Saturdays at noon. Ties That Bind meetings are Mondays and Fridays at 7:30 pm. Our area continues to take H&I into the local treatment facility every other Friday at 6:00 pm.

Our area Activities has been going through “growing” pains and as a result we decided not to have our Winter Retreat. This decision came after much discussion and soul searching. More will be revealed. We had a New Years Dance and everyone had a great time. We are planning a Valentines Dance but at this time I do not have a flyer. We are still planning our Spring campout but dates have not been set in stone.

Our area recently held election of new officers: Aimee - Chairperson, Becca - Vice-chair, Sheran A. - Secretary, Curt W. - Treasurer, Matt - H&I, Kim H. - Activities and myself - RCM.

I have a \$50.00 donation to region today. I must make amends to this committee for my absence last meeting. Life on life’s terms has kept me very busy. As for this weekend, even though I am sick, I am filled with gratitude to be here with my extended family.

--In Loving Service, Davia W.

PS - We had had several birthdays since last meeting but I must apologize that I cannot recall the in my current physical condition.

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS AREA:

Greetings regional delegates:

At last area meeting motion made and passed that Kelli A from New Beginnings to contact Benton county Sheriff to start up NA meetings at that jail.

Discussed how to improve willingness at group, area and regional levels. Stressed value of encouraging sponsees to get involved and to raise positive language and action.

All meetings are the same. New Life is having a special meeting to close Monday night meeting. More will be revealed. (Closed)

Beaver Roundup is being planned at this time. Dates are June 20, 21, 22, 2003. Northwest is looking for artwork. Anyone may submit artwork. Please mail these to Allen L. Huffman, 4105 W. Olive, Rogers AR 72756, c/o Beaver Art. Deadline for this is March 1st.

Hospitals and Institutions going slowly but forward. Eureka Springs jail has been going steady for 20 months. Starting to reach out now to Washington County jails.

--In Loving Service, Northwest RCM

OUACHITA AREA:

To ARSCNA

The Ouachita Area is still forming and moving forward, although we haven’t had quorum to hold meeting formally. We have all GSRs talking by phone and on-line. We, as an area, have a \$25.00 donation to Region. We will have a bank account next week as well. This is all possible because of a generous donation by the Genesis Group of Hot Springs. All the participating GSRs have expressed a genuine concern to keep progressing. The Ouachita Area sincerely expresses gratitude for our supporting region.

--In Loving Service, Ralph S.

Ouachita Area:

“Genesis Group“	Hot Springs	Marvin D., GSR
“Last Chance Group“	Mena	Melanie S., GSR
“Phoenix Group“	Arkadelphia	Kristal G., GSR

TEXARKANA AREA:

Hello Family,

We are busily involved with preparation of TACNA XIX convention to be held February 21, 22 & 23 at the Four-Points Sheraton, corner of I-30 and State Line Ave, aka Hwy 71. New Beginnings Group

now has their banner and is looking forward to making some other meetings. Our donation of \$100.00 will be remitted to the Region next week.

--In Loving Service, Jackie H. and John C.

REPORTS from Standing Subcommittees

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:

Chair - Billy B., RD - Bill L. & Treasurer - Valerie Mc. present. Vice Chair & RDA absent. Secretary vacant. Maili K. asked to assume responsibilities of Secretary for this meeting, only willing to take notes. Valerie offered to type and distribute minutes again this time, committee accepted.

Old Business:

1) Regional Assembly questionnaire - received 2 in the mail, RD also has 1. Need to remind RCMs to have these completed forms returned. Bill asked to keep file and compile information and accepted the responsibility.

2) New server set-up fee of \$39.00 initially not made clear to the WebMaster. Point of information as money has already been deducted from our account; motion will be presented to the body.

3) NAWS Maintenance - \$20 had been approved for phone card, balance is now \$17.10.

4) Treasury balance is currently \$995.94.

5) Vote count for M8-120802 - original motion form stated (0-4-2). Vote actually failed (4-0-2). Need to amend minutes.

6) Need to discuss pre-funding gas money to Show-Me Representative for Workshop.

7) Motion referred to groups regarding nominees being present at 2 meetings before being elected.

ACTIVITIES: Activities Chair position is currently vacant

There were no nominations for Vice Chair, Secretary or Treasurer. There are no functions listed with the Regional Phoneline. Valerie and David are still working on finding a campsite for this year's Unity Campout. Valerie willing to continue as Activities Treasurer until next RSC.

Activities Treasury: Balance \$1,200.00

SEE ATTACHED REPORT - bank statements mailed.

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS:

There were 5 H&I Handbooks copied and distributed. Jackie was not present but relayed the message. If you need his assistance, contact him and he'll do his best to accommodate you.

--ILS, Billy B.

LITERATURE:

Family,

We had a Sponsorship review workshop on Dec 28th 2002. This event was held at the Straight Forward group in Fort Smith. We had 20 people participate in this day long event. We broke up into 3 smaller groups. I hopped from group to group giving any help if asked. Was interesting to see that all groups brought some of the same concerns. For example all groups wanted more said about suicide. For the most part everyone's thoughts about the review material was the same. A special thanks to all who helped.

WO is looking for any old Group, Area, or Regional Literature that anyone might want to give up. There are plans to have a display at WCNA 30, of old memorabilia. If you have anything that you

would like to have on display please contact WSO for more information.

Everyone is encouraged to write a story for submission in NA Way magazine. Please keep these recovery based. If you would like to do this you can send them to PO Box 9999, Van Nuys CA 91409-9099.

--ILS, Tim A.

OUTREACH:

Opened with "We Serenity Prayer." 10 people.

A major "thank-you" to Valerie McP for efforts related to the Regional Meeting List. Cat agreed to take responsibility for updating the Regional Meeting List.

Discussed "Writing Steps for Recovery" which will be workshopped at next Regional Meeting, March 29th in Jonesboro. *Bring your info from this RD report to next Region.* Bill L. has CD copy of guidelines for this committee. There were multiple questions about establishing a new subcommittee, regional/individual dedication, responsibility, exactly what is entailed and ability to follow through. Maili will make the flyer for the workshop.

Banner Game started in Northeast, Mountain Home and Texarkana.

Agreed to provide (and gave it out) group starter kit to Walnut Ridge Group, c/o Eddie & Jenny W. Yellow Frogs in Fort Smith and New Life in Fayetteville need support.

--Respectfully, Maili K.

PHONELINE: Phonenumber Chair position is currently vacant

Bill L. facilitated the Phonenumber Volunteer Workshop. It went well and there were about 15 people attending. There was some role-playing and the whole workshop was informative and helpful.

--Sincerely, Billy B.

SEE ATTACHED FLYER

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Public Information Chair position is currently vacant

Presentations to schools, factories, and professionals were discussed. No committee report submitted.

WEBMASTER:

SEE ATTACHED REPORT

OPEN SHARING

Motion to limit for 10 minutes. Motion passed.

- 1) How do we want to handle expenses for WSR? At next Region.
- 2) Don't take ...
- 3) Difficulties with Region changing meetings too much! Discussed possibility of quarterly meetings.

Time expired. Motion to extend 5 minutes. Motion passed.

- 4) Literature budget for workshop travel expenses - Lit Chair explained to Treasurer the date of receipt was combined with holiday travel. Do we pay mileage or gas receipt? Pay as requested.
- 5) Question about motion for a central meeting. This had been previously discussed and sent back to groups for discussion. A note to such included in Old Business.

Time expired. Open Sharing closed.

OLD BUSINESS

Central Arkansas ASR Alternate made a request to amend **M8-120802**: vote count to *failed (1-4-1)*.

NOTE: The subject of **M8-120802** was discussed in Open Sharing at the September RSC and referred to groups for discussion.

M7-120802: That anyone elected to a Regional Trusted Servant position show up for at least two consecutive meetings of the ARSCNA before being able to be elected. **Intent:** 4th Concept.

NOTE: After much discussion regarding the intent and wording of this motion and several attempted amendments, it was decided that the meaning of the motion was as stated in Review of Business in the 12-08-02 RSC Minutes: "Before electing Regional Trusted Servants, nominees must attend at least two consecutive RSCs." Roll call was taken prior to final call to vote and found all 8 voting participants present. **Motion passed (6-1-1).**

ELECTIONS

All nominees to RSC offices must be present at time of nomination and election. For positions with only one nominee at the time of closing, indicating a vote of acclamation, the ARSCNA Chairperson will ask for a ballot vote. For positions elected today, terms begin after today's RSC, are to be served through September 2003, except the Activities Chair who will serve through December 2003, and will be considered served as full terms of office. Service resumes for all nominees should be made available for recording in the RSC minutes.

Activities Chair:

David B. nominated. No further nominations. Nominations closed.

David B. elected by vote of acclamation. **Congratulations, David!!!**

Public Information Chair:

Cindy Mc. nominated. No further nominations. Nominations closed.

Cindy Mc. elected by vote of acclamation. **Congratulations, Cindy!!!**

RSC Secretary: CWOD nominated Barb H. No further nominations. Nominations remain open.

SERVICE RESUME: Barb H.

- *Previous service commitments completed:* 2 x 1 year home group chair - Sunday night candlelight; 1 x 1 year group chair - Wednesday Freedom group; 2 year ASR; 1 year Corresponding Secretary - Region; interim/temporary Area Treasurer; fill-in home group chair when needed; volunteer on committees/functions/phoneline.
- *Other current service commitments:* Sponsorship, Phoneline, no other.
- *Service positions vacated by resignation or impeachment (and possibly why):* none.
- *Experience in area of service for which nominated:* computer skills, can use word processing programs, experience writing reports, fairly organized.
- *Clean Date:* 09-15-86
- *Why nominee can and wants to serve the fellowship:* I want to be of service.

No further nominations. Nominations remain open.

Phoneline Chair: Valerie Mc. nominated Doug H. No further nominations. Nominations remain open.
SERVICE RESUME: Doug H.

- *Previous service commitments completed*: Various Groups - GSR, Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer. Ore-Cal Area - H&I Chair, Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Activities Chair, Phoneline Chair, Literature Chair. Pacific Cascade Region - Activities Chair, Corresponding Secretary, Vice Chairperson, Chairperson, Policy/Procedures Chair, Treasurer, Regional Delegate, Parliamentarian. Individual - sponsee, ride-giver, hug-giver.
- *Other current service commitments*: Chair for Sunday Book Study - CWOD Group, H&I member - CWOD Group.
- *Service positions vacated by resignation or impeachment (and possibly why)*: Gave up Regional Delegate Alternate to fill vacant Regional Delegate position. Gave up Regional Treasurer position when I moved from Oregon to Arkansas.
- *Experience in area of service for which nominated*: 15 years on Area helpline contact list; 1 year as Area Phoneline Chair.
- *Clean Date*: 02-10-86
- *Why nominee can and wants to serve the fellowship*: If everyone does a little nobody has to do a lot. My desire to serve NA stems from the understanding that my gratitude speaks through service. I also may be a little insane - seeing as how insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results. (Just Kidding)

No further nominations. Nominations remain open.

NEW BUSINESS

Reports from Areas/Loner Groups joining the Region

Northeast Arkansas was represented by Eddie W., Greene County Clean A.I.R. Group GSR. No report was submitted.

Treasury Request motions

M1-020903: Passed (6-0-1). In addition to pre-payment in advance for 6 months and changing our server to Business Plus plan with AIT, Inc. to also pay one time set-up fee of \$39.00. This set-up fee was not made clear by AIT customer service when original research was undertaken. And in addition, approve payment of difference of \$0.16 for January 1-8, 2003 still on Powersite (\$4.36) and not yet on Business Plus (CREDIT \$4.20). PS - These charges have already been taken from our checking account on 2/3/03 less \$5.00 credit for server downtime from May 2002 through November 2002 - TOTAL ADDITIONAL: \$34.16. **Intent:** 7th tradition - to inform the body of actual expenses incurred to move our domain to the new technology offered by our host.

M2-020903: Passed (7-0-0). To reimburse WebMaster for purchase of 2 (black & color) new ink cartridges for printing website to have present at RSC in the amount of \$67.93. Old cartridges not refillable after so much use. **Intent:** 7th tradition - replace printheads due to wear and tear from use for over a year.

M3-020903: Passed (7-0-0). To reimburse Valerie Mc. for purchase of 25 shipping boxes for mailing New Group Starter Kits in the amount of \$22.52. **Intent:** 7th tradition.

Pre-arranged agenda and motions from the floor

M4-020903: Referred to Groups. Move to change guidelines under Rotation of Meetings #5, (on RSC Workshop Weekend) 8:00 - 8:35 - Administrative (closed meeting), 8:45 - 9:20 Ad Hoc, if any, 9:30 - 10:05 - Activities. **Intent:** to further the 12 concepts of service.

M5-020903: Withdrawn by Maker. To formulate a letter or statement on Region's duties and/or responsibilities. **Intent:** To make individual addicts aware of how to better use Region as a resource.

M6-020903: Referred to Groups. That whoever hosts a RSC meeting that there be adequate accommodations for others while the closed Administration Committee is meeting, without having to wait outside in the weather. **Intent:** None given.

M7-020903: Withdrawn by Maker. That Region require a receipt for any money paid out at the time of the transaction from any area or loner group for any reason. **Intent:** So that we can keep our records in order.

M8-020903: Withdrawn by Maker. Motion was returned to maker for research/possible revision.

M9-020903: Referred to Groups. To change the weekend that the Region meets to the 1st weekend of the month that contains Sunday and that the schedule be set for two years. **Intent:** To better not conflict with Area's business weekends that they meet on.

M10-020903: Referred to Groups. To have a receipt produced in hand before getting any kind of payment from the ARSCNA. No receipt, no payment. Only for non-budgeted items. **Intent:** To insure accountability and responsibility of individuals and this body.

ENDING TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beginning Balance	995.94
Income	75.00
Expenses (budgeted)	(461.98)
Expenses (non-budgeted)	(90.45)
Ending balance	518.51

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NONE GIVEN

REVIEW OF BUSINESS TO BE TAKEN BACK FOR GROUP CONSCIENCE

- M4-020903: change Workshop Weekend schedule (guideline change - Rotation of Meetings #5)
- M6-020903: RSC hosts to provide adequate accommodations during closed Admin meeting (guideline change - Rotation of Meetings #4)
- M9-020903: change the weekend that Region meets (guideline change - Rotation of Meetings #3)

- M10-020903: receipt in hand for non-budgeted items prior to payment (impacts guidelines - Financial page 2)
- Elections: RSC Secretary - Barb H. nominated
Phoneline Chair - Doug H. nominated
- Regional Assembly questionnaires need to be filled out and mailed to the RSC!

NEXT RSC MEETING:

March 28th & 29th, 2003 hosted by Cope With Out Dope in Jonesboro.

For RSC Hosting Rotation (2003 - 2005): *SEE ATTACHED FLYER*

CLOSING: Meeting closed with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer

In Loving Service, Maili K. and Valerie Mc.