

**ARKANSAS REGIONAL SERVICE
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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OPENING:

- Laura C. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- Bill L. read the 12 traditions.
- Bill L. read the 12 concepts of service

ROLL CALL:

Arkansas River Valley Area.....	David Ru, RCM.....	Present
Central Arkansas Area.....	Dan B, ASR.....	Absent (1 st)
Clean and Serene Group.....	David B, GSR.....	Present
Cope Without Dope Group.....	LD, GSR.....	Present
Foothills Unity Area.....	Davia W, RCM.....	Absent (1 st)
Northeast Area.....	Jenny.....	Present
Northwest Arkansas Area.....	Larry Q, RCM.....	Present
Texarkana Area.....	John C, RCM Alt.....	Present
RD.....	Bill L.....	Present
RDA.....	Vacant	
RSC Chair.....	Billy B.....	Absent (1 st)
RSC Vice Chair.....	Laura C.....	Present
RSC Secretary.....	Barb H.....	Present
RSC Treasurer.....	Valerie Mc.....	Present
Activities Chair.....	David B.....	Present
H & I Chair.....	Jackie H.....	Present
Literature Chair.....	Tim A.....	Absent (1 st)
Outreach Chair.....	Maily K.....	Present
PI Chair.....	Cindy Mc.....	Present
Phoneline Chair.....	Doug H.....	Present
Webmaster.....	Valerie Mc.....	Present

Alternatives and Other Representatives:

Unknown, or undocumented

Waive order of the day: The vice chair waived the order of the day in order to hold elections. Currently there are two open positions on the RSC Phoneline and Secretary. Area and group Service representatives were to have taken back the nominees for these positions to their groups following our last RSC and should be prepared to vote and/or submit other nominees.

Elections: All nominees to RSC offices must be present at the 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 on the RSC minutes.

Secretary:

Barb H. nominated. No further nominations. Nomination closed.

Barb H. nominated by vote of acclamation. **Congratulations, Barb!!!**

Phoneline Chair:

Doug H. nominated. No further nominations. Nomination closed.

Doug H. nominated by vote of acclamation. **Congratulations, Doug!!!**

SECRETARY REPORT: RSC Secretary position has been vacant. Barb H. was elected into this position at this RSC.

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

No changes to the minutes were noted.

Motion to accept minutes as read. **Motion Passes**

Additional note: I want to thank the RSC for allowing me to serve in this position.

TREASURER INITIAL REPORT:

Ending balance	518.51
Income	314.55
Expenses	275.32
Beginning balance	557.74

See attached Treasurer's report for complete details.

Motion to accept. **Motion passes**

RD/RDA REPORT:

RD: Nothing new to report this RSC. RD read letter submitted by RDA:

Michael R.,

I am sorry that I cannot be there with you this weekend. I realize that this is the second Regional meeting in a row that I have missed, so I will offer my reasons and will leave it to the wisdom and discretion of the Committee to decide how to proceed. Rest assured that I am committed to doing what is in the best interest of the Fellowship and the Arkansas Region, so any decision that the Committee makes I will accept with grace and love.

As most, if not all, of you are aware I suffered a catastrophic injury last November, coming on the heels of almost a year of financial trials that I was just beginning to get a head of. This injury left me unable to work from November until the end of January. I am just now, with the help of some friends, getting back to some semblance of financial stability, and had to take an objective look at what would be in my own best interests, as well as the needs of the Committee. My decision not to attend the RSC this weekend is entirely due to financial necessity. If I were to attend it would jeopardize my already frail economic recovery, so as my love and thoughts will be with you, unfortunately I will not. I attended the Southern Zonal Forum with Bill last February. Aside for leaving a bit early on Sunday afternoon to go to work (and for chasing down receipt books for Dickie) I was there for the balance of the Forum. I am starting to get a better feel for consensus-based decision making, and trying to learn some patience for the pace and rhythm of that type of committee style. I am impressed with the value of sharing strategies and successes that other committees employ to carry the message. The "Writing steps for Recovery" processed that the Show-Me Region presented was an exceptional advance to H & I effectiveness. Addicts not only hear about working the steps,

but they have access to a much wider resource of experience, strength and hope. I have the handouts and my notes, and I believe bill has the entire program on CD. As always I am sure that he presented this information in detail. I am still looking forward to continuing as RD alternate. This means I am hoping that the most disabling of my recent disabilities is behind me, and that I will be able to resume serving the Arkansas Region. However, I realize that I have jeopardized by office by being absent for a second RSC in a row. I accept the consequences of that if it is in the Committees belief that they can be better served by another Trusted Servant. I will accept the consequences however it turns out. I do desire to continue serving as RD alternate, but more importantly I desire to see the Arkansas Region served by the best and most capable trusted servants.

--In service, Michael.

AREA/GROUP REPORTS:

ARVANA

Hi family ARVANA is rock'n. Our tenth annual Hangin in the Fort Convention was a great success. Thanks to everyone who attended.

Upcoming is the Freak Out put on by the Grateful Heads. Dates for the camp-out are, May 16th, 17th, and 18th, at Lake Tenkiller. It's great fun and it will feature NA speakers.

Our fellowship continues to grow so much so that Straight Forward Group has moved their birthday night from 8:00 to 7:30 on the last Friday of the month. This Months birthday bash at that group lasted two and one half hours.

Our area has no requests from the region at this time and I personally apologize for not bringing a check to support our region's activities.

--In loving service, David Ru

Central Arkansas Area

Absent

Clean and Serene

Dear Family,

I have been privileged to have these past months served my home group in the capacity of GSR. In this time I have watched as our group has struggled and grown. God has been good to us and given us the desire and ability to grow. We are still doing H & I work in the local treatment center and have seen some growth from this area. Our Saturday meeting is now seeing regular attendance, and is doing well. As a group, we will be holding a Mothers Day "float trip", May 10th and 11th, at Buffalo Point. Please come on out, and help us support NA in our area. And on a more personal note, I just celebrated three years clean and this is in part because of you all.

--In service loving it, David B. GSR C&R

Cope Without Dope

Hello Family,

My name is LD and I am an addict. CWOD is doing well. We have had 3 birthdays since last region, Doug 17, Jeff 4, and Richard 2. We have got our annual Camp-out at Mt. Zion coming up in May, I passed out flyers yesterday. Our H & I are still going to the Recovery Center and doing well. At this time CWOD is under prudent reserve due to our payment on our camp-out facility so we cannot donate to region at this time. We have continued to have newcomers and are growing daily. I would also like to take this time to apologize for getting back in self and letting emotions get in the way of my reason for being here and my outburst was strictly self. Recognizing this for me is growth.

Foothills Unity Area

Absent

Northeast Arkansas Area

GCCA group in Paragould is growing rapidly. Attendance varies, but we have been getting more people to keep coming back.

Walnut Ridge is going strong. Attendance usually runs around 10 on any given night.

Leachville Group and Rock Bottom Group (Jonesboro) have both joined the Area and have starter kits coming to them.

Our area has had a great response to the "Capture the Banner". Leachville, Walnut Ridge and GCCA have been very active in participating. It has been very good for promoting unity in area.

At this time we have no requests of Region.

--In loving service, Jenny W- RCM

Northwest Arkansas Area

TO ARSCNA

I'm Larry Q. and I am an addict. I was elected RCM at our last area meeting.

The Northwest Arkansas Area is doing well overall. We are getting ready for Beaver Round Up and have decided on artwork. Again the dates are June 20, 21, and 22nd, 2003.

Our area has had many vacant positions and the consequences are starting to show. At our last area five positions were filled and so there is renewed hope that our area will be able to function better. I was no donation to submit today.

--IN loving service, Larry Q

Quachita Area

Folded – will be taken off the roster at the next RSC

Texarkana

Greetings Family,

Texarkana Area is in the process of electing new trusted servants. We are planning a new activity for June 7th; Our Sports Invitational is slated for that time. We have a donation of \$100.00 for the Region. We need no help from the Region at this time.

--Jackie

STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative Committee

Chair – Absent, Vice Chair – Laura C., RD Bill L., RDA – absent, Treasurer - Valerie Mc., Secretary - vacant

1. RDA – 2nd consecutive meeting missed; sent letter. - Elections
2. Change order of the day - elections very 1st.
3. Rotation approved - Quachita becomes Genesis
4. Motions: needing all parts included – we will create a "how to" write motions.
5. Hosting – Tell hosting area/group that they need to coordinate with Vice Chair.
6. Workshop on consensus based decision-making.
7. NEA seated at last RSC?

8. ????? (MBETC) forward to new Secretary.
9. Reg Assy? (Regional Assembly?)
10. Handbooks
11. Quachita folded. Genesis to be seated.

Activities

Dear Family,

This Unity Camp-out will come off, but it may not seem so.

We have set a goal of having a campsite chosen and reserved by the end of April 2003. The fact that we had our first committee meeting gives me hope, and shows that there is a lot of work to be done still.

We would ask cooperation from all areas and or loner groups to be involved.

--In loving Service, David B.

Hospitals and Institutions

Hello Family,

Thank you H & I service workers of all areas. Great Job. Texarkana Area H & I is doing fine. I hope all areas received the H & I handbooks at the last RSC. You service workers are doing fine I guess. I've not received a phone call for help, Keep up the good work. If you need me my home phone is XXX-XXX-XXXX, work phone is XXX-XXX-XXXX. Address is <ADDRESS SUPPRESSED>. Remembering all H & I service workers require 90 days clean. All H & I service workers must respect rules of all institutional rules.

--I loving service, Jackie H.

Literature

Absent

Outreach

Opened with "We Serenity Prayer"

No requests for starter kits received since last meeting. Though two requests received at this meeting, which will be reported at next Regional meeting. The group from Magnolia, whom we sent a starter kit, is meeting and doing well.

Sent around and received a list of groups participating in the Banner Game.

Reviewed NAWS list of meetings, which are not associated with area. Received willingness from multiple members to visit these meetings and determine if they are meeting. Group visitation forms provided to volunteers.

The WBR workshop went well, though there was no discussion of implementation due to lack of time for discussion. This info was included minutes from SZF.

--Respectfully, Maili K, Regional Outreach Chair

List of Banner Game participants:

ARVANA

Yellow Frog, Straightforward, Grateful Heads, Potean Hard-core, and any previously listed.

Texarkana

New Beginnings Group

New Freedom Group

NEA

Paragould, Leachville

Clean and Serene Group – Mountain Home

NWA Area

Final Frontier, New Life, Living Clean, Peaceful Dozen, and Free and Clean
Cope Without Dope (CWOD) – Joneboro
Genesis – Hot Springs

Phoneline

Vacant – Valerie Mc. has been maintaining this position in the absence of a Phoneline Chair. See attached report for details. Doug H was voted in as Phoneline chair at this Regional meeting.

Public Information

Hello I'm Cindy Mc. and I am a Addict. I was elected to this position last Regional meeting. I am new to this and have no archives and would appreciate all the help and input I can get.

Discussed yesterday was:

- Asked Groups and Areas to bring back information on what is going on in their corner of the world.
- What can we do to get Area level involved at Regional level.
Input received: define Purpose, Process and Outcomes.
- Get info to Jennifer from Central about Mid-South Summer School and a booth that we have or used to have.
- Texarkana updated they have been invited to C.E.U. for the first time

Webmaster

See attached

OPEN SHARING:

Motion was made and 2nd to spend 20 minutes in Open sharing

1. Valerie Mc. – Webmaster , needs an updated list from Areas and Groups for the website.
2. Discussion on an event that happened at the last RSC regarding consulting a specialist for information on suicide prevention and the reaction of the service committee surrounding that discussion. It seemed that the committee reacted in a “knee jerk fashion” to input received from the floor, by not recording the motion that had been made or any of the surrounding discussion. It was suggested that in the future, when we don't know the answer to something that arises in committee discussion, that we investigate, with the use of WSO and/or other professionals if needed, rather than react out of fear and ignorance. Doug H. will do further investigation onto this issue and the information gathering process.
3. The “Writing Steps for Recovery” workshop was held on 3/29/03. Is the Region planning on pursuing this project? There was discussion on how we as a Region follow up on workshops that we hold, and whether we are holding workshops that people are really interested in, and the best utilization of Regional resources. It was a general consensus that we spend a lot of time in our committee meetings and workshops on discussion but very little, if anything at all ever comes of it.
4. CWOD – brought up discussion of reorganizing/restructuring Saturdays of our RSC and has concerns about how we utilize our committee meetings and workshops.
5. Please!!! Complete and return Regional Assembly I&Q.
6. Results from the Phoneline workshop held at the last RSC were that the people who attended and added their names to the list would be added to the Phoneline list.
7. RDA has missed 2 Regional meetings due to health and financial issues. RDA attended the Southern Zonal Forum but did not submit a report.

Time Expired. Motion to extend 10 minutes. Motion Passed

8. Input given regarding procedures for Open Sharing:

The reading of Min. of Past Meetings

1. Old business should be read at the beginning of old business.
2. Election nominees should be read before elections.
3. New business should not be read.
4. Any motion with ??? Shouldn't be read.

The minutes should be mailed and read before coming to meeting by the group and/or area Reps.

5. Only discussion of the minutes is if there is a correction.

Copies for persons not on the mailing list should be available at the RSC meeting.

Open sharing ends at 1:25 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

M4-02-02-03: Move to change guidelines under rotation of meeting #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

NOTE: this motion was sent back to Areas and Groups for a vote.

Intent: to further the 12-concepts of service. **Motion failed (3-2-1)**

M6-02-09-03: 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.

NOTE: this motion was sent back to Areas and Groups for a vote.

Intent: none noted. **Motion passed (4-0-2)**

M9-02-09-03: 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 the next two years.

NOTE: this motion was sent back to Areas and Groups for a vote.

Intent: To better not conflict with Area's business weekends that they meet on. **Motion Failed (3-3-1)**

M10-02-09-03: To have a receipt produced in hand before getting any kind of payment. Only for non-budgeted items.

NOTE: this motion was sent back to Areas and Groups for a vote.

Intent: To insure accountability and responsibility of individuals and this body. **Motion Passed (3-1-2)**

Elections

A ballot vote was taken on whether to keep our current RDA who has missed two consecutive RSC meetings. (see discussion notes in open sharing). The results of the ballot vote were no, Mike R. is no longer the RDA. Thank you for your service to our Region.

Nominations are open for RDA, to be taken back to Area/groups.

Nominations are also open for RD, to be taken back to Area/groups.

No other positions are open at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Reports from Area/loner groups joining the region.

Hi Everyone,

Genesis Group is asking to be seated as a loner group.

Hot Springs is still involved in Service and is continuing to plan the next ARSCNA Regional meeting, June 7-8th in Hot Springs.

We will send out information to everyone and be ready to host the meeting on time.

Our Activities Include:

1. Spring Fling
2. Camp outs
3. Many outside meetings and activities visits
4. Banner capture

Information on all our activities will follow.

--In loving service, Marvin D. 129 Murray St. Hot Springs AR 71913

Treasury Request Motions

None

Pre-arranged agenda and motions from the floor

M1-03-30-03: There has been a lot of discussion at the last 2 RSC's regarding the effectiveness of our committee. I would like to make a motion to appoint an ad-hoc committee to review our current 2-day, BI-monthly meeting structure and comprise a recommendation including re-structuring/re-organization of our RSC meeting.

Intent: Review the effectiveness (time and cost) of our current structure and propose a more effective, time and cost structure.

Point of order: This motion was ruled out of order. A motion is not needed to form an ad-hoc committee. The Chairperson can appoint one at any time, should the need arise. An ad-hoc committee was appointed, to be lead by LD and Maili, it will be time limited. Progress will be reported at the next RSC.

M2-03-30-03: All motions submitted to the ARSC as new business must be reviewed by at least two Administrative Committee members, one of which must be the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, or Regional Delegate. Any changes or revisions to the motion and/or intent must be affirmed by the maker of the motion prior to the submission of the motion in new business.

Intent: To ensure that the content and language contained in the motion is clearly written and is consistent with the intent of the motion. **Motion passed (6-1-0)**

There are no other new motions.

ENDING TREASURES REPORT:

Beginning balance	\$557.74
Income	\$100.00
Expenses (budgeted)	\$208.09
Expenses (non-budgeted)	\$87.51
Ending Balance	\$362.14

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Nominations for RD and RDA are to be taken back to groups.
2. Don't forget to complete and return the Regional Assembly Questionnaire.
3. Update the Trusted Servant form.
4. On 7/26/03 there will be a workshop on Consensus Based Decision Making.

NEXT RSC MEETING:

May 31st and June 1st, 2003 hosted by Genesis Group in Hot Springs AR.

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

Your in Service, Barb H.