

Volunteer Regional Minutes Oct 2013

Chair opened meeting with moment of silence.

12 Concepts read.

Chair read purpose.

Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Chair	Present
ViceChair	vacant
Secretary	vacant
Alt-Sec	Present
Treasurer	Present
Alt-Treas	vacant
ITCC	Absent
RD	Present
RDA	Present

SUBCOMMITTEES:

H&I	Absent
Outreach	vacant
P&P	Present
PR	vacant
VRCXXXI	Present
Financial Legal Adhoc	Present
Exploration Adhoc	Absent
VRC Oversight	vacant

AREAS:

Chattanooga	Present
East TN Ridges	Present
Greater Nashville	Present
Greater Smokey Mtn	vacant
Knoxville	Absent
MidWest TN	Present
Middle Tennessee	Present
Mountain	vacant
Southern Middle	Absent
Upper Cumberland	vacant
West TN	Present

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Secretary Report: Minutes approved

Treasurer Report: ATTACHED TO MINUTES

Will Quickbooks license transfer over?

Yes, it will.

AREA REPORTS

Chattanooga: Couldn't open attachment. Attached to minutes.

East TN Ridges of Recovery:

Hello from East TN Ridges Area. We are happy to participate in Region at this time. Our area is made up of 8 groups located in Cocke, Greene, Hamblen, Hawkins, Jefferson, and Washington Counties. We have 2 facilities in Washington County that our H&I Subcommittee are carrying the message. All of our subcommittees are not functioning, but we do have a website and a phoneline that is active and serving our area.

Our ASC meets on the 2nd Saturday starting at 1:00pm at 5035 West Andrew Johnson Hwy Mosherm, TN.

Our mailing address is PO Box 975 Mosherm, TN 37818. Web address is www.etror.org. Phone # 1-577-354-0353.

Our 3rd Year Anniversary Event will be Oct 19th at Waterville Dam. Exit 451 off of I-40 headed towards NC.

Our concerns are that we are not listed on the Region's web site as an area of the Volunteer Region. We came to the Regional Meeting in Feb of 2012 to register with the Region and we sent a contribution in March of 2013. Are we currently registered with the Volunteer Region? Why are we not listed on the Web Site?

In Loving Service

Edith T

GNA:

Greetings from Greater Nashville,

Not too much to report this month. All of our subcommittees are functioning and fulfilling all services. We are moving forward with VRC 32 and are excited to see it develop in the next year. Also, we are preparing for the CAR and CAT with information overload on the SSP. Finally, at the request of a group this area is bringing a nomination for Craig G for VRSC Alt-Treasurer.

ILS,

Luke H.

Midwest TN:

MWTA appreciates the workshops that the RD and another NA member presented at Free Spirits NA on the lake. The groups have started to do homegroup inventories. The findings so far is that we have much room and need to grow. We have found so far that our groups carry a mixed message, are not supportive of the newcomer, we put more emphasis on fellowshiping and keytags than on the literature of NA. We plan to come together and do an Area inventory after the groups complete their inventories. One of the things we have to decide is whether the groups have a desire or need for an Area Service Committee. Our Area covers a large geographical area. Most groups are rural and isolated. We have 13 groups. ? meetings per week and area H&I carries meetings to Aspel Manor and JACOBA in Jackson. Individual NA members are carrying meetings into Pathways and Turning Point. We have not done a PI Presentation in several years.

Jesse J

Middle TN:

Hello All! Things are going well in Middle TN Area of NA. Unity was successful. It will now be every 2 years instead of every year. We are still waiting for a letter about the taxes which Craig said will be out soon. Other than that, we have very little to report.

ILS,

Sam H

West TN:

Greetings from the West Tennessee Area,
We are counting the days until we have the privilege of hosting VRC 31. Our VRC committees are finalizing all the details for the upcoming event. Please make plans to come CELEBRATE AND ENJOY recovery, at VRC 31 in Memphis, Tennessee-November 27-December 1, 2013. The event will be held at The Hilton Memphis, located at 939 Ridgeway Blvd, Memphis, TN 38120.

Our Area recently held elections for open positions. Nicole S. was elected WTASC Secretary, David T. was elected WTASC PR Chair, Eric N. was elected WTASC Outreach Chair, Marc R. was elected WTASC RCM, and

Lee H. was elected WTASC RCM (Alt.). We are hoping to fill our other open positions, in our Area, in the very near future.

I would like to express a Thank You to Brooks S. and to this committee, for all the guidance, experience and knowledge that has been shared with me, while I was serving at WTASC RCM (Alt.). At this time, I would like to introduce the West Tennessee Areas' new RDM (Alt.)- Lee H. We look forward to serving our West Tennessee Area and this committee, in our newly elected positions.

In Loving Service,
Marc R.

ADDITIONAL VRSC OFFICERS REPORTS

ITCC: N/A

RD:

RD Report

October 2013

Included in this report:

- Workshops in Paris Tennessee
- Topics of Discussion from NAWS
 - Roles of zones
 - Attendance of RDAs at the WSC,
 - Funding of delegates to WSC
 - Seating at the conference
- Regional Workshop at VRC
- Southern Zonal Forum
 - In Oklahoma (October) and Houston (Jan. 2014)
 - Request for info for zonal video for WSC
 - Multi zonal service symposium
- CAR/CAT/SSP workshops
- Volunteer Region Facebook group

Workshops in Paris Tennessee

On August 17 I facilitated (with the help of Susan S from Memphis) 2 workshops in Paris, TN for the Midwest Area. There was not a huge attendance because the weather was bad in the morning and this was an outside event, but we had good participation from those who were in attendance and we thoroughly enjoyed the food and fellowship. The workshops were on Tradition 7 and Sponsorship. NAWS sent us 50 copies each of Money Matters (.48 each) and Funding NA Services (.32 each) and the Sponsorship (.22 each) IPs. Although they didn't send a bill or invoice for these IPs, I do think we should send a check to NAWS to at least cover the cost the IPs, which is \$51. The mileage to Paris Landing comes to \$78 (312 miles at .25 per mile). Cost of copies were \$9.40. What should we do with the left over copies? Divide it up between areas? Give them to an area that is short on funds?

Topics of Discussion from NAWS

There has been much discussion from NAWS and on the Conference Participant Bulletin Board about the following topics. These will most likely be in the CAR and/or CAT materials sent out and we will need to bring our region's thoughts on these topics:

Roles of zones (including decreasing the number of US zones).

Attendance of Regional Delegate Alternates at the WSC.

Funding of Delegates to the conference.

Seating at the Conference.

If any of you want to discuss these issues further, we can certainly do that (now or later). I do believe Ricardo and me will be asking the region's conscience on these for the next WSC.

All 4 of these topics and more were discussed in the August NAWS News which can be found at

<http://na.org/?ID=reports□newsnews□newsmain>. This issue also talks about price increases on literature and shipping beginning January 2014. Please read over the August issue so that if you have any questions we can do our best to answer them or get the answers for you.

Workshop at VRC

I offered for myself and anyone who wants to help from the region to facilitate a workshop at VRC. They would like one on the Tradition Book Project. NAWS has put out some very easy to use tools for workshopping the Tradition book. I really do feel like this would be a great opportunity to workshop the Service system, but we really don't know what the final product is going to be until the CAR comes out the week of VRC. Maybe I can request that we have a space for an informal gathering for questions and answers on the SSP? What are your thoughts?

Southern Zonal Forum

The Southern Zonal Forum meets the last weekend of October in Oklahoma. I will not be attending because of a commitment with the VRC committee, but Ricardo will be going. I will let those working on the Multi Zonal Service Symposium know the outcome of the vote today on our support of the idea or not. And if we do support the idea, will make a motion to send them \$100 to help with funding. Also, at the last zonal meeting a member suggested the SZF make a video about the zone to be shown at the WSC. The information he needs from us are:

of meetings

of areas

of H&I institutions we are active in

of PI presentations done over the current cycle (2012□2014)

and anything else we deem pertinent for inclusion in the video?

And if anyone knows, when the SZF was started.

Am I right in that the only 2 areas not participating in region are Upper Cumberland and Mountain. So, RCMs, I would appreciate it if you could help me out and get this info together for me and I'll contact someone from Upper Cumberland and Mountain area and try to get their info.

The flyer is out for Zonal forum in January 2014 that will have the CAR/CAT workshop.

Dates: Jan 24□26, 2014

Hotel Hilton Greenspoint, 281□875□2222, 12400 Greenspoint Dr, Houston Tx.

To get the discounted rate of \$78 per night, mention SZF

Info needed in October for the summer 2014 zonal forum are: Hotel Information and a topic idea or 2 that Chattanooga would like to have workshopped at the meeting.

CAR/CAT workshops

The CAR comes out the last week of November. The CAT the last of January. We discussed having 3 workshops in the region (like 2 years ago). One on February 1 in Nashville. This one is for those in the central part of the state AND the RCMs so they can get familiar with the material and help me and Ricardo facilitate the other 2 workshop – one in the east and one in the west. It would be good to have the facilities and dates confirmed so that fliers can be ready at the next VRSC meeting in Memphis at the VRC. IF anyone wants a workshop/presentation/question & answer just on the SSP before the official CAR/CAT workshops, let us know. Please note – you need to ask for these workshops, we aren't going to push or force them on you!

Regional Facebook Group

As discussed at the last meeting in response to the regional inventory issue of lack of/ineffective communication, I created a Facebook group. Early on there was a slight issue, which ended in the member leaving the group and now the group settings have changed so that members need to be approved and also original posts need to be approved. If you would like to help moderate this group, the help would be welcomed. A small group of interested members to oversee the group would probably be a good idea, instead of it just being me. If you are not yet a member and want to be a member, send me a message: www.facebook.com/lucyowens/.

I know this is a lot and a couple days late. If I've forgotten anything, I'll update my report and hand it out at the meeting next Sunday.

ILS,
Lucy

RDA:

Go back to areas and start talking about service system!

Discussion:

When can we order CAR reports?

They come out in Nov.

We have budgeted for 100 CAR reports.

100 should be enough.

Cost should be the same for them as last time.

CAT comes out in Jan. \$10.00 per copy. Lucy will make copies for that. Will have more info later about CAT.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

P&P: No report for P&P, but report given for inventory.

Were tasks delegated, solutions delegated to anyone?

Some were.

Trial of telecommunications meeting will be done in November. Brad to try that out.

H&I:

H&I Regional Subcommittee Report
6 October 2013
Final Report

Please accept this as my closing report to the VRSC. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve on this committee. I am impressed with the caliber of service and dedication the trusted servants brings to this committee.

This is my final report and I would like to share my experience, strength and hope with you. I regret I could not attend the committee in person but as many of you know, I have an ailing mother that requires full time care. During my tenure, I found that since World Service Office no longer has a World level H&I Committee, there seems to be little demand for a regional H&I Committee from the areas. Most areas appear to be involved in their local communities and do not need or request any help. They have not reached out or attended any H&I Committee meetings.

However there is a definite need a Regional coordinator and/or contact person to cover institutions that fall outside of the H&I Area coverage. As illustrated in the two examples below:

1. A nurse at Vanderbilt Hospital requested literature for patients who are in the hospital for 6 weeks of IV antibiotics as a result of IV drug use. We sent 1 Living Clean soft cover, 1 Basic Text soft cover, 10 White Books, 10 IPs of: Am an Addict?, For the New Comer and Welcome to NA. Her info was forward to the Nashville H&I Chair.
2. An addict that was locked up in the Warren County Jail was not able to receive NA literature because of jail policy. We spoke with the jailer and were able to have them agree to let the addict receive the NA white book.

Additionally this past year with the help of some other addicts, we compiled a list of all non-profit institutions in the State of Tennessee (see attached). We were in the process in identifying which institutions are covered by local areas and had sent the list to the local H&I Areas chairs but did not receive feedback. The next step I would suggest is to have the new H&I Chair or Coordinator contact every institution and ask if they are covered

by a H&I area. If they are not, then I would suggest we ask if they would like for us to send them literature.

The H&I Committee has a stock pile of literature which will be returned to the Regional Chairperson before the next VRSC meeting.

This service has helped me stay clean for another year and I am glad I could be of service. I am willing to help the new H&I Chairperson with any transactional questions.

H&I Database attached to minutes.

Financial Adhoc: Will be sent as a later attachment.

VRSC 31:

VRSC 31 Status Report
October Report to VRSC

Chairperson: Terry F

Milestones	Actual Dates	Comments
August Meeting	8/24/2013	Meeting accomplished and quorum reached
September Meeting	9/21/2013	Meeting accomplished and quorum reached
October Meetings	Proposed date: 10/13/2013 and 10/26/2013	

Accomplished since last report

Executive Committee:	<p>Things are going well We have no open committee chair positions.</p> <p>I sent off the application for the event insurance but have not received anything back. Can we check to see if the check has cleared? The amount is 468.00 to Shoff-Darby Companies Inc.</p>
Registration:	<p>We currently have 103 registrations. (10 Thur Night Meals, 9 Sat Night Meals, 5 Brunch, 3 Comedian Tickets). We are still working on getting as many registrations as possible. We have ordered the packet registration items.</p>

Hospitality:	We have new chair and have begun collecting coffee and are working on our menu. The hotel has been clear that we are only to provide snacks and no meals or meal items should be provided.
Fundraising:	The bookmarks have sold well as the t-shirts and some of the other merchandise we got from the last VRC. I will be collecting the money or bookmarks from any areas that haven't turned it in yet. Anyone that has brought me anything for the auction I will be glad to take it back.
Arts & Graphics:	We are working on the signs and getting the formatting ready for program and tickets.
Merchandising:	The merchandise has been ordered and we have gotten some in already. The Florida RSO will also be selling in the merchandising room.
Technology & Communications Coordinator:	We continue to update the VRC31 website as information is available and we are taking registrations.
Program:	We have decided on the main speaker, Friday and Sunday brunch speakers. We have three bids for the taping. We are still working on the program topics and workshops.
Entertainment:	We have contracted the comedian (Jay Armstrong), a DJ and a band will be playing. We are also working on some other types of entertainment such as a recovery play.
Convention Information:	We are looking at doing another mailing for some of the flyers, I have brought each area additional flyers to distribute here.

Planned for this month

Continue to push registration
Print the program and Get the signs/Banner ready
Taste test the buffet choices for Saturday night
Get cash registers, radios, banners, coffee and old VRC stuff to Memphis

VRC PROFIT & LOSS ATTACHED TO MINUTES.

RCM's please give speaker info from your areas to Terry!

Discussion:

The insurance check didn't clear?

P&L report shows it was written.

It was written, but not cleared.

Terry will have info on that in Nov.

Will this committee be willing to help in VRC XXXII?

Yes.

Chairperson Report: N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

Multi-Zonal Forum Motion:

Chatt 11-0-1

East TN Abstain

GNA 13-2-2

Midwest Abstain

MTA Present but not voting

West TN 2-16-0

Total: 26-18-3

Motion passed

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS:

1-10-6-13 Craig G. for Alt. Treas.

Do you have experience balancing a check book? Yes

Ever misappropriated NA funds?

Yes, 4 month clean group folded & was left with the envelopes.

Made ammends.

Nominations for Alt Treas closed.

2-10-6-13 Mike S for VRC 32 Chair

NEW BUSINESS:

1-10-6-13 Referred to Policy & Procedures

2-10-6-13 Referred to Policy & Procedures

3-10-6-13 Voted on by RCM's

4-1-1

Motion passed

4-10-6-13 Referred to Policy & Procedures

5-10-6-13 VRC 32 Committee recommends the Music City Sheraton as venue for VRC 32 in Nov, 2014. Homegroups to vote on. Bids and information attached to minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lucy-what to do with extra literature from Paris workshop?

Secretary read business of the day.

Next Meeting- December 1st in Memphis

8am-P&P

8:30-Admin Mtg

9:30-Regional Mtg

Final Treasurer's Report:

\$9,546.40 Starting Total

\$1,005.95 Checks Written

\$8,540.45 Ending Balance

Motion to close-West TN

2nd by GNA

Passed