

COLORADO REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES, JANUARY 9, 2000

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. CAR Workshop. February 26, 2000. 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Church of the Holy Comforter in Broomfield at Highway 287 and 10th Avenue.
2. Please see Pikes Peak Area report for local activities.

MINUTES

1. Meeting opened with serenity prayer.
2. Roll call: Present were Torri S., Chair; Chuck C., Vice Chair; David E., Treasurer; Judy G., Secretary and RCM Foothills; John R., RD; Bob D., RDA; Mike M., Website Manager, RCM Foothills; Ryan C., RCM Boulder; Hal C., RCM Denver; Mary Kay A., RCM Pikes Peak; Steve B., CRCNA XIII Chair; Steve, Treasurer CRCNA XIII; Brenda E, DASC Chair; Debi R.J., CRCNA XIV Chair; Jeff C., CRCNA XIV Vice Chair; Joann D., FASC Chair; Patrick CRCNA XIII F&E Chair. Not Present: Off the Wall RCM, Southern RCM, Western Flyers RCM.
3. Motion to Accept Minutes. Motion passed.
4. Chair Report: I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. I want to thank Judy for All of the organizing she has done the last couple of months. I am looking forward to the CAR workshop and I plan on attending the Multi-Regional Assembly in Utah. This meeting needs to adjourn by 11:00 a.m. Let's try to keep things as brief as possible. Thank You. In loving gratitude. Torri S.
5. Vice Chair's Report: Chuck C. distributed copies of the guidelines with the latest changes. The guidelines will be posted to the website.
6. Treasurer's Report. Written Report submitted. Please see attached Treasurer's Report.
7. Secretary's Report: How did you all like the minutes posted on the website? I really used the email system a lot this month to try and schedule our workshop, etc. I think I got everybody confused with the date of this meeting, but hopefully I cleaned that up last week. I have \$77.00 left from last year's budget for expenses. I will not be submitting a request for reimbursement until this is used up. I will need to buy a printer cartridge and I will turn the receipt in next meeting. Remember to announce that all CRSC positions will be open in April at the Assembly. In Loving Service, Judy G.
8. RCM Reports:

- A. Boulder. Written report submitted. -- The Boulder Area of Narcotics Anonymous is pleased to report that while we are by no means flourishing financially, our bills have been paid and we did have enough this month to make a \$20.00 donation to the Region. Meetings continue to show decent attendance. The Tuesday night "Women's" meeting is now a regular nongenderspecific meeting and has seen a strong jump in the number of addicts attending. The BASC donated \$20.00 in literature to help the meeting get rolling again. Please make the appropriate changes on the next regional meeting list and website.

All area positions are filled except for P.I. Chair and CRCNA liaison. Elections are in March when all positions will be open (and hopefully filled).

Our phonline is solid and received several calls from addicts upset about the Denver phonline.

On Sunday, 01/09/00, at 7:00 p.m. there will be a meeting to rewrite our guidelines. Any input from other areas would be appreciated.

Gratefully, Ryan Christoff

- B. Denver RCM: -- Greetings from your long lost member. I come a bit hat in hand to this meeting. I have been gone and feel a need to explain, at least in part. I have been a bit crashed and burned. I spent part of November in the VA hospital. This fall my life stuff intensified and my ability and willingness to use the tools of recovery decreased. The end result, predictably, was emotional crisis. God is most merciful in giving me the VA as a resource in my life. After gathering my stuff together one more time, I have returned to my life. My knowledge that I can make anything worse by using, and the grace of God, kept me clean through the process and with the committee's indulgence, I will resume my responsibilities as the Denver representative.

The Denver area is in great shape. We have just experienced an orderly transfer of power in our Chairpersonship. Marie A., after a long and wonderful run on the Executive Committee, has retired to new challenges in recovery. The area's gratitude for her committed service is inexpressible. She has played a strong leadership role in bringing the area out of chaos into order and leaves us much improved from how she found us. Many thanks and kudos to her.

Our new chair is Brenda who has served as Vice Chair for the last year. Her commitment to the area, as demonstrated in her active participation in the sub-committees over the year, bodes well for her leadership of the area circus. We welcome her and pray God's blessings on her efforts in the coming year. Her ascension leaves the Denver Area Vice Chair's position open.

The Area also elected a new H&I Chair. Lenny has served the H&I committee in a number of positions, including Chair, in the past and we are delighted to have his willingness to serve again. The H&I Committee is strong right now with all executive positions filled, but as always, there is more demand for services than people available.

There is not currently a newsletter Chair. For myself, I can say that I sorely miss local news in print and would hope you all might help spread the word that a semi-literate, committed addict is needed to head up a newsletter effort.

Denver needs an RCM to help keep me in line. We also have an opening for an Activity's Chair.

I bring you all news of the phone line. I am not sure what it is about Phone line, but it seems to be a traditional trouble spot for our Region and Areas. Money trouble, leadership problems, organization, definition, all seem to repeatedly cause distress. It is my observation that the root of all of these is a lack of a committed corps of folks willing to serve. What else is new? Currently there is an ad hoc committee working hard to bring some order to the process. One of our long time members stood for election as Chair at the December Area meeting but the committee felt that it was not fair to throw her to the wolves, so to speak, so the ad hoc group is continuing to attempt to straighten things out. At the moment our phone line is an information only resource. What is being looked at is whether there are the resources and/or the kind of commitment or the desire to have the phone line be more than that. All interested addicts can participate by attending the ad hoc meeting Monday 17 January, 7:15 PM at 809 S. Washington.

I am pleased to report that the Denver Area voted to increase its monthly contribution to the Region to \$60.00 per month. It is my feeling that what was an ongoing bone of contention about financial accountability has been resolved to the Area's satisfaction. I am including in this report some information about WSUC. There were 450 registrations, 600 people in attendance Saturday night. The final balance was \$2063.95 in the black. Denver is currently holding the \$2000 seed moneys awaiting an Area stepping up to hold the next WSUC. By all measures, WSUC was a great convention and a booming success. Our congratulations to the committee and all who helped demonstrate that Denver is a world class place to have a convention.

The Denver Area voted to finance this addicts attendance at the Multi-regional Assembly in Heber City, Utah on March 25th. I look forward to seeing what is going on and will report back to both the area and you as to what my experience is.

In loving service, Hal C.

- C. Foothills RCM. -- Our area continues to do well. All positions are currently filled for the first time in a long time on our committee. All subcommittees are doing well. We recently held a New Year's Eve Dance in Boulder, with the gracious help of members in the Boulder Area, and cannot report a financial success, but a good time was had by all who attended. We have no donation this month.
- D. Pike's Peak Area RCM: -- The Pikes Peak Area of Narcotics Anonymous met December 2, 1999, and January 6, 2000, and donates \$195.21 to the Colorado Region.

The following vacancies have been filled as follows:

ASC Vice Chair – Miles, filled December 2, 1999

PI Chair – Ty, filled Jan. 6, 2000

Our thanks to John, R.D., for spending a Sunday in December with us at the second of a two-part workshop on Traditions/Concepts. John clarified some areas in questions with his experience, strength and hope.

Subcommittee reports showed Phonenumber, Literature, Policy, Unity, ASO Steering and PI to all be providing their services effectively. PI Chair, Ty P., reports that mailing lists have quadrupled in number along w/requests for presentations which continue monthly. PI is rocking. Unity Chair, Mike, reports the new Unity Vice-Chair is Becky. The "New Year's Bash" was a great success, good fellowship, food and fun.

Upcoming activities in the Pikes Peak Area are:

1. January 29, 2000 Night Owls group hosts their monthly birthday/potluck beginning at 9:00 p.m. with dinner followed by the 10:30 p.m. Nightowls group. Jan B.-Day's speaker meeting.
2. February 26, 2000 Day Trippers group will host a BBQ following their regularly scheduled noon meeting.
3. February 11, 2000, Pikes Peak Area/Unity will sponsor a Valentine's w/a potluck at 8:00 p.m. and dance beginning at 9:00 p.m. at the Alano Club.
4. Plans are currently being made for both a St. Patrick's Day and 4th of July events by the Unity Sub-committee.

Pikes Peak Area would like to thank the CRCNA Committee for appointing Joyce P. as their Convention Information Chair.

In Loving Service, Mary Kay Abeyta, RCM.

1. RD Report: -- I would like to start by thanking the Pikes Peak Area Service Committee for inviting me to their Traditions Workshop. I had a great time and great food. It feels good to know that my own enthusiasm for the fellowship and service is shared by your area and its members. I would also like to personally thank Tommy O. for taking the time to also drive down from Denver to help. Thanks for the input and spiritual support.

Once again a lot of information has been coming in from WSO and the World Board (WB). Way more than I have time to share today or sometimes even to read. But, I have made some copies of a couple of the communications for each Area and the Regional Secretary, Judy, so that you will be able to read and appreciate the concerns and hopes that the WB and others at World are trying to convey.

One of the documents that I have is the Narcotics Anonymous World Services (NAWS) combined financial information based on the unified budget. The second document is a copy of the Conference Report that I thought gave a lot of

Conference Agenda Report (CAR) like information. Some of this info will be in the CAR and this may act as a heads-up about the issues in the CAR, which we should receive later this month. (SORRY!).

This is also my opportunity to make another pitch to remind all of the Regional committee members about the Multi-Regional Assembly in Heber City, Utah. The more of us that have information, the more functional our own workshops will be. Oh, yes and information regarding group travel rates and hotels and airline discounts is forthcoming regarding WCNA 28, in Cartagena, Columbia – August 30 –September 3.

Lastly, my email has changed both at work and at home so here they are: Home 0- johnramirez@uswest.net and Work – johnramirez@gambrobct.com.

In loving service, John Ramirez.

Please note: The NAWS quarterly report will be scanned in by Hal C. and posted as soon as possible. The document was distributed at the RSC Meeting by John R.

10. RDA Report: Bob read the following. Judy will type into minutes.

POSSIBLE GRASSROOTS SOLUTION FOR RESOLUTION A GOAL

At the Central California Regional Assembly there was a groundswell of willingness evidenced among GSRs and Regional Representatives to address the goals of Resolution A. Since then several people in the Gold Coast Area have met regularly to discuss possible scenarios to reduce the number of representatives at the World Conference. The results of these discussions are presented here for consideration and discussion at the Western States Forum, and we hope these ideas will be helpful in implementing the Resolution A goal regarding representation.

We propose here that each Region consider combining their representation with another neighboring Region or Regions, and that those Regional Representatives alternate representation at the World Conference as Rep and Alternate Rep for the two combined regions. The example we present is of the combination of two Regions, though more than two could agree to combine.

We propose that neighboring regions who have a willingness to consider combining representation, meet at a Multi-Region CAR Workshop OR a Multi-Region GSR Assembly. The purpose of either of these assemblies would be for discussion of CAR issues, fellowship, promotion of understanding among GSRs from other regions and areas to build trust and to identify leadership. At the first meeting it could be decided which Regional Rep would be the World Rep and

which would be the Alternate World Rep.

At a Multi-Region Assembly decisions could be made by GSRs regarding the CAR from previously gathered information from their area's groups. At a Multi-Region CAR Workshop GSRs would learn more about CAR issues in order to inform their groups and then tabulate results of group decisions and forward that information to Reps.

At either assembly, through discussion, we would allow many viewpoints to be heard, and the fellowship could achieve a higher level of understanding on issues. This information can be taken back to the areas for a collective consensus.

We discussed the cost of doing a multi regional assembly, and while it would increase some cost initially, the eventual savings of one Region sending only one rep to World should offset that cost. The benefits are tangible in dollars, as will be seen in the outcome of the regions experiencing healthier finances as a result of the GSR involvement in the assemblies and also by the improved communication and enhanced awareness for GSRs and their groups.

Example:

1. Region A and Region B agree to consider combining representation and decide to have a Multi Region Assembly for the GSRs and delegates of both regions. (For the purpose of this example, we are limiting the combination to two regions, but in Real Life, any number of regions could agree to combine representation and it would be up to those groups how to choose their delegate and alternate.)
2. A Multi Regional Assembly is held, attended by the GSRs and delegates of both regions. The Conference Agenda Report issues are discussed in general in smaller groups, and again in a general meeting, with the goal of attaining some consensus.
3. At the first assembly, before the MRA is concluded, the group decides which Rep will be the Delegate to World and which will be the Alternate. Then, those Reps will switch roles at the following World Conference. The delegate's duty is to carry the consensus of the whole group (i.e., both regions combined) to World and vote that conscience.
4. This MRA forum would be an excellent place for GSRs to practice consensus based decision making, which allows for a lot of discussion and compromise in reaching a decision, and also allows for minority viewpoints to be heard and considered, something that the parliamentary procedure and majority voting process does not do too well.
5. The World Delegate and Alternate would also be responsible for bringing back the outcome of issues and information from the World Conference and effectively disseminating that information to GSRs to take to their groups. Communication can be addressed by presentation at Area Service Committee meetings, in the newsletters, and by printed reports carried to the groups.

In conclusion, we respectfully present this possible solution for your consideration, discussion, adaptation,

rejection, or whatever any region decides to do with it. We believe that a voluntary, grassroots movement to achieve the goal of a more workable World Conference will ultimately bring our World fellowship to a higher level of ability to address our primary purpose. We see this as the beginning of the process of our fellowship's growth in understanding, cooperation with each other to achieve collective goals, and our group recognition of the working of a higher spirit within the fellowship.

1. Subcommittee Reports:

- A. CRCNA. CRCNA Treasurer's report submitted and distributed at the RSC. In addition, a breakdown of budget compliance is attached to your minutes as a separate document, because of formatting, it will be posted to the website separately.

The final check issued from CRCNA XIII to RSC was \$4254.66.

Chair's report: Our first meeting was held on December 18, 1999. The following positions were elected:

Fundraising/Entertainment: Greg K. Foothills Area

Registration: Neal Denver Area

Convention Inf. Joyce Pikes Peak Area

Webmaster Don Boulder Area

Host/Hospitality Rick C Western Flyers Area

Merchandise Aile Boulder Area

Program Chuck S. Denver Area

The positions still needed are H&I Chair and Printing and Display Chair. Our next meeting will be Jan. 15, 2000, at 11:00 a.m. at 703 Eldorado Blvd. Several of the subcommittees have already had their first meeting. The Host/Hospitality committee is looking for a site for the convention and we hope to have that at the March RSC. For directions to the next CRCNA meeting, please have people call Debi RJ (303) 433-7010 or Jeff C. (303) 469-8988.

- B. Website: Mike m. gave verbal report regarding guidelines/format for entering new meetings, etc. at the Website. There was discussion about areas having their own web pages, etc. Mike will create a page for each area. The forms that appear on the website for entering meetings were distributed.

1. NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION #1: That each area have a page on the regional website.

Made by Ryan C.

Seconded by Judy G.

Intent: To get our message out to the addict who still suffers.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION #2: To include the regional POB (mailing address) on the web page.

Made by Joann D.

Seconded by Judy G.

Intent: To give addicts and the public at large an opportunity to contact the region.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion #3: That the CRSC finance the RD and the RDA for the multi-regional meeting in Heber, Utah. Cost not to exceed \$250.00 total. Receipts requested.

Made by: Hal C.

Seconded by: Mary Kay A.

Intent: To support the gathering of information about our adjacent regions.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

*Regional Register Form given to Judy to be filled out after Elections.

*Mike M. will create a link for a printable meeting list.

*The Chair will create an Ad Hoc to get information regarding any final tax information and/or processes related to CRCNA.

13. Ending Treasurer's Report: Balance - \$6430.06. See attached document.

14. Adjournment: Next meeting will be March 12, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. at Villa del Sol, 6026 W. Alameda.

Colorado Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Treasurers Report

January 2000

Starting Balance **\$1,465.05**

Expenses:		Check #	YTD
<i>Rent - Villa del Sol March 12</i>	\$ 15.00	1164	\$ 15.00
<i>WSC</i>	-		-
<i>Web</i>	-		-
<i>Copies</i>	-		-
<i>Secretary</i>	-		-
Expense sub-total:	\$ 15.00	Total YTD 1999	\$ 15.00

Receipts:		Check #	YTD
<i>Off the Wall Area</i>	\$ -		\$ -
<i>Denver Area</i>	140.00	670/682/688/691	140.00
<i>Boulder Area</i>	20.00		20.00
<i>Foothills Area</i>	-		-
<i>Pikes Peak Area</i>	195.21		195.21
<i>Southern Area</i>	-		-
<i>Western Flyers Area</i>	-		-
<i>Aspen Group</i>	-		-
<i>Golden Group</i>	-		-
<i>Continued Deflation</i>	-		-
<i>Clean and Serene</i>	220.24	1239/1242/1250	220.24
<i>Southern Serenity</i>	-		-
<i>Hope w/o Dope</i>	-		-

<i>Anonymous Amends</i>	-	-	-
<i>Recovery in Denver</i>	150.00	127	150
<i>CRCNA XIII</i>	4,254.56	1565	4254.56

Receipts sub-total:	\$ 4,980.01	Total YTD 1999	\$ 4,980.01
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Balance Forward	\$ 6,430.06
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Dave E, CRSC Treasurer

Sunday, Jan 9, 2000

C.R.S.C.N.A 2000 Budget/Actual

Sunday, January 9, 2000

Budget Actual

January:

Rent – Villa Del Sol \$ 15.00 \$ 15.00

Secretary Fee 50.00

Web Site 20.00

Misc – Copying 10.00 _____

\$ 95.00* \$ 15.00

March:

Rent – Villa Del Sol \$ 15.00

Web Site 20.00

WSC – CAR Forum Heber City 250.00

Misc – Copying 10.00 \$295.00*

May:

Rent – RACNA \$ 40.00

Secretary Fee 50.00 Web Site 20.00

WSC (RDA and Alt RDA) 2200.00 Misc – Copying 10.00

\$2320.00*

July:

Rent – Villa Del Sol \$ 15.00

Web Site 20.00

Misc – Copying 10.00

\$ 45.00*

September:

Rent – RACNA \$ 40.00

Secretary Fee 50.00

Web Site 20.00

Misc – Copying 10.00

\$120.00*

November:

Rent – Villa Del Sol \$ 15.00

Web Site 20.00 Misc – Copying 10.00

\$65.00*

Total: \$2,940.00**

Dave E.

CRSC, Treasurer