

HILL COUNTRY AREA NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

ASC Minutes

July 14, 2013

Meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Julie B read the Twelve Traditions. And Twelve Concepts was read by April. Service Prayer read by Jennifer J. Service Prayer was read by Shelly.

ROLL CALL	ABSENT
SOS	
Simplicity	
Dam Recovery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agape	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Phoenix	
Kerrville Group	
Practical Foundation	
Conscious Contact	
Freedom Group	
Full Circle	
Boerne NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Be Here Now (NEW)	
It Works How & Why (NEW)	
Service Positions	Roll Call
Chair	
Vice-Chair	
Secretary	Absent
Treasurer	
Vice-Treasurer	Vacant
RCM I	
RCM II	
Public Relations	Absent
Phone Line	
Activities	
Activities Co-chair	
Web Servant	Vacant
Outreach	Vacant
H&I Chair	Vacant

Guidelines & Financial Policy	
Literature Review	Vacant

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➤ RECORDER reports:

Written by Jodie T. & copied report of minutes submitted by Jennifer J.

➤ TREASURER Report:

Written/copied report submitted and summarized by Jodie T. Our available balance is \$ 1,179.49. ROAR information profit \$471.00-\$1134.00 (return money) less seed money and facility rent (\$663.00).

➤ FASILITATOR Report:

Written/copied report submitted and read by Jodie T. Glad that ROAR VIII was a success. Just wants to remind everyone giving reports to only read your report. When adding things verbally to your report it doesn't get into the minutes and then it doesn't get into the archives and causes to drive way off topic. If adding something to your report please put it in the new business area. She asks all groups to please seek out people in your groups that would make good trusted servants. At the end of the year when her commitments are up she will be taking a break from ASC service. She stress that people need to find a treasurer and facilitator sooner rather than later so there will be ample amount of time to train and acclimated to the position.

➤ CO-FASCILITATOR Report:

Written/copied report submitted and read by Halbert G. He wanted to express a formal apology to Anthony by doing him a great injustice by electing him in to a demanding position. We have reestablished communications with EANA in making sure there is correct information with the schedules. He has already forward the 11 errors and will continue to work with them to maintain the accuracy of our meetings. He made an outreach trip to Seguin Here & Now and it was probably one of the few "smoking" meetings left. He took them ROAR fliers and meeting schedules and reinvested them to the area. He was reimbursed \$20 for his trip. Halbert has continued to assist Phil with Phone line. In a recent email He is stepping down as co-facilitator. He feels he can best serve the groups and this body on a technical sense. We as groups and service bodies cannot afford to be lead by personalities. His sponsor and himself are focusing on his recovery. He is mentioning this because since the inception of HCANA has been driven by passionate strong personalities which were positive in nature and some not so much. Many groups haven't regularly supported this area and we have had to rely on fundraiser and other area's members for financial or service support. We can afford to allow our groups or this body to be run or directed by personalities or

popularity alone. He asks this body our groups and members to look deeply inward at our involvement service and NA as a whole. Are we practicing recovery, principled based service or are we practicing service, personality based recovery? Do the groups of this area really want a rural service area, and if so, how can they better offer support?

➤ PHONELINE Report:

Submitted by Phil. He couldn't get online to receive the numbers for his report was brief.

➤ PUBLIC RELATIONS Report:

Absent day of ASC. No written report sent in.

➤ WEBSERVANT Report:

Written/copied report submitted by Halbert. Wants to thank Anthony for helping get the website off the ground with a fresh new look. Even though the database crashed on blue host Halbert was able to recover most of the files including minutes and former ROAR archives. Since there are no password capabilities on our new site, he has devised a way to keep our archives hidden and blocked. There is a request form under the archive link. He is excited for some of the new features. Here is the cost for the start-up of the new registration and hosting:

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We are paying a little more than normal website to able to utilize of full features on Weebly and for domain privacy. We are looking to the future where we may have technologically challenged persons need to maintain the website. He doesn't have any SEO (search engine optimization) reports for this month due to the site being new. We are rated 100% safe site by Avg antivirus, Google safe browsing, and siteadvisor.com. Our domain net worth is \$1978.00. Hobie Class Association of North America may be a prospective buyer if we get hard up.

➤ RCM I Report:

Written/copied report submitted by Dickie B. He attended ROAR and thought it was a good turn out for so much going on in the region. Hopefully can plan better for next year. TBRCNA 14 Corpus Christi is coming along good. They are looking for speaker tapes for possible speakers. SZF is meeting on January 24-26 in Houston. Dickie has fliers for you if you are interested him know and he will email you a copy. Room rate \$79 per night at the Hilton if you mention SZF. They will be discussing CAR components. The RD is working on a method of

collecting group votes/conscience for the CAR this year. TBRCNA 15 CAC meeting will be hosted by EANA/HCANA. Esperanza has asked Dickie if we have anyone interested in being Chair of this committee. He let them know he was not aware of this position, let alone know anyone with the experience with conventions. They need to be nominated and vote in August's RSC. He will attend TBRCNA 15 CAC meeting with a couple of board members and with one of the local hotel and convention centers to look at possible sites in 2015 and get bids.

➤ H&I Report:

Position is vacant. Nothing to report.

➤ Guidelines & Financial Policy Report:

Written/copied report submitted by Jennifer M. She updated the guidelines with the proposals that were brought to the table of last area in May. If need a copy you can retrieve it off of the HCANA website. And wants to remind everyone those new proposals needed to be submitted in writing before being considered.

➤ ACTIVITIES Report:

Written/ copied report submitted by Dickie B. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped out with ROAR VIII. The event was a great success both financially and spiritually even in the light of the other events that were going on at the same time. It was a learning an experience and hopefully a two day event and start earlier. The event made a little over \$400.00 plus had 25 t-shirts left over. We broke even on the shirts and with what is left over will continue to sell the t-shirts for auction items. Activities is always looking for new ideas and encourage groups to get involved with upcoming events to throw.

➤ GROUP REPORTS:

Group reports written/copied submitted by: SOS, Phoenix, Simplicity, Freedom, Conscious Contact, Kerrville Group, Practical Foundations, and Full Circle. With two new groups It Works How & Why from New Braunfels and be here Now from Seguin.

➤ OLD BUSINESS:

April has been nominated to become treasurer.

-3.5 yrs. clean, has been treasurer before at group level, she needs a couple of weeks to decide and GSR's can take it back to groups. And decision will be made next ASC.

There was discussion about the bank account and the signers on the account. Need to do some house keeping on our bank account. Jodie will do some double-checking with Bank of America to see what we can do to make our Area checking account up to date.

FISCAL PROJECT-

Financial Policy should be amend as follows:

Funds to be held will be prudent reserve plus operating funds in the amount of _____ and donate the rest ½ to World and ½ to Region. Operating funds will be increased as needed to accommodate functions or increases in operating costs.

➤ NEW BUSINESS:

Halbert brought up setting a PayPal account for our Area to receive donations. The downside is that there is a fee of \$2.50 per \$100.00. This is not to be taken to the groups and visited and at the next ASC.

We have 25 ROAR VIII t-shirts leftover. Dickie is suggesting that we “tie dye” them. Dickie will be taking them to other functions.

Jodie brought up RCM’s need to attend the group consciences of each group and also need to hold two workshops by the end of the year.

Dickie brought up the idea of 10th Anniversary for HCANA. Mike from Seguin suggested a possible location of in Seguin. Dickie also expressed the difficulty in getting activities done due to the lack of participation from people in the groups. This lead to discussion to how to get subcommittee members involved.

It was brought to attention that Peggy from PR has not been attending meetings regularly and not submitting reports. Jodie will be calling her to touch base with her to see what is going on.

Marcus brought up asking Esparanza to take over our H&I committees until we get an H&I subcommittee chair. All agreed. We have asked Marcus to contact them but also to get their H&I person’s contact info so we can communicate.

We also talked about having subcommittee meeting 1 hour before Area begins to encourage participation. Dickie stated that activities subcommittee would meet 1 hour before next Area. We do not currently have and H&I subcommittee and PR subcommittee was not at this ASC.

➤ Announcements:

New Flat Book Study Meeting, Thursdays 7:00pm at 408 Gruene Rd., New Braunfels, TX

Recovery by the Sea July 26-28, 2013 Costal Bend, TX

Regional Meeting August 10, 2013 in Beaumont, TX 9am-5pm

Frolic in the woods October 2013

The next ASC will be: September 15, 2013 location is at Schertz, TX where Full Circle meets.

➤ closed with Third Step Prayer.

Trusted Servant Reports

Copied and pasted or scanned and added as an addendum to the minutes-

July 2013 ASC Agenda-

HILL COUNTRY AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS AGENDA FOR July 14, 2013

Open –Please silence cell phones and no talking or texting on cell phones in meeting

Read Traditions & Concepts of Service

Read Service Prayer

Roll Call- Agape, Phoenix, Freedom, SOS, Kerrville Group, Simplicity, Conscience Contact, Dam Recovery, Full Circle, Practical Foundations, Boerne Group,

Are there any new groups?

Minutes-Everyone should have a copy, if you have any changes or corrections, please let us know at this time

Administrative Committee Reports

- ◆ Chair Report
- ◆ Vice Chair Report
- ◆ Treasurer report
- ◆ RCMI Report
- ◆ RCMII Report

Area Subcommittee Reports

- ◆ Public Relations
- ◆ Phonenumber
- ◆ Activities
- ◆ H & I
- ◆ Web Servant
- ◆ Guidelines/Financial Policy Recorder/Literature Review

7th Tradition

Group Reports-Agape, Phoenix, Freedom, SOS, Kerrville Group, Simplicity, Conscience Contact, Dam Recovery, Full Circle, Practical Foundations

Old Business-

- ◆ Trusted Servant Nominations/Elections: Treasurer, H&I, CoFacilitator, Webservant?
- ◆ Fiscal Proposal

New Business-

Paypal Account

Housekeeping items for policy/guidelines

10th Anniversary Celebration ??

Announcements

The next Area will be in Kerrville on (date) September 15th beginning at noon.

Chair Report

July 14, 2013

Hello All!

I don't have a lot to report on at this time. I want to thank everyone for attending this ASC a week early.

I am glad that ROAR was a success. Although it didn't make as much money as in the past few years, seems like it was well attended and everyone had a good time. I miss getting to go to NA functions ☺

I want to remind everyone giving reports to only read your report. When you verbally add things to your report, it is not getting in the minutes and it is not going in archives. Also, it causes us to get off topic. If you have something to add to your report, we will discuss it in new business.

As of today, we are going to have even more trusted servant positions vacant. I am asking all groups to please seek out the people in your groups that may make good trusted servants. At the end of this year, when my commitments are up, I will be taking a break from ASC service. I have been a trusted servant in some capacity for the last 9 years and I really need a break. We really need to get a Treasurer and CoFacilitator sooner rather than later so that they have time to be trained and acclimated to the position.

ILS,

Jodie

Final Co-Facilitator Report

July 2013 page 1 of 2

Greetings in recovery! First I want to thank all of you for your prayers and positive energies

during my surgery procedure. I had my first stent placement in my left carotid. Like an old car, I'm

being re-built from the inside out. Hope I run better.

I wish to extend a formal apology to Anthony D. our former new webservant. I feel this body

and myself did him a great injustice in electing him to such a demanding position. I was eager to take

another service commitment off my plate and felt if I did not let somebody new step up it would appear

that I was being selfish and displaying ownership of a position. I thank Tony for getting us off to a fresh

start with the new website template. And thank you Tony for such a mature and graceful resignation!

Once again, it's been a busy couple of months since our last ASC. We have reestablished communications with EANA for the accuracy of our meetings on their schedule. The new June EANA

schedule has 11 errors now instead of 22. I have already forwarded their PI chair the corrections for July. With eleven corrections left, we are half way there. I will continue to work with them on accuracy of our meetings.

I have jumped through a lot of cyber-hoops lately and spent numerous hours getting our website and email system up and working. We are now fully transitioned from Bluehost.com to HostGator.com and Weebly.com. I'll go over all that in the Webservant Report.

I made an Outreach road-trip to the Seguin Here & Now Group in June. It's probably one of the few "smoking" meetings left on the planet. I took them ROAR fliers and meeting schedules and reinvited them to attend area. I have been reimbursed \$20 for that 90 mile round trip.

I have continued to assist Phil with the Phonenumber set up as well as assisting Tony while he was getting situated in his web position.

As I stated in a recent email in June. Effective with this ASC I am stepping down as Co-Facilitator of HCANA. I feel I can best serve the groups and this body in a technical sense. My position as Co-Facilitator could rapidly become Co-Fixer instead of the intended role. I am learning to let go and just let stuff happen without trying to fix it or you. Too, from my perspective, feel that my personality and name are stamped all over HCANA. We as groups and service bodies can not afford to be lead by personalities. They can and often do get in the way of principles. I have become painfully aware that for many years I have "enjoyed" service based recovery - not recovery based service. My sponsor and I are focusing on my recovery but, my recovery does depend on NA Unity that Unity depends on how well we are following traditions! So, please follow them; don't make me call the NA Traditions police (smile).

My home-group Conscious Contact is an example of a personality lead "meeting" not "group". I have become aware that all NA Groups have meetings but not all NA meetings are groups. A group has elected servants that rotate and set regular group conscience or business meetings. Some of the groups in our area, like Conscious Contact, have self-appointed leaders and don't have a regular real group conscience. We are just beginning to have a semblance of a group conscience at CCGNA but our newly

elected GSR stepped down for personal reasons. I will not carry the group conscience as it would primarily be my conscience and not that of NA members. I am mentioning this because since its inception HCANA has been driven by passionate strong personalities. Some of those personalities were positive in nature, some not so much. Many groups have not regularly supported the area financially or in service. We have had to continually rely on fundraisers and other area's members for financial and service support. If I read the concepts correctly, the ASC is supposed to be the groups not personalities coming together to form a bond of service. We can not afford to allow our groups or this body to be run or directed by personalities or popularity alone. If this is truly God's work, and I believe it is, we will survive and new fresh servants will come forward. But like I have said before and quoting my sponsor "a hole can not be filled if it ain't dug yet". I am not looking only at my perspectives here folks, but that of our literature as well. The concepts state, "*The effective leader also knows that, in order to maintain the distinction in service between principles and personalities, it is important to observe the practice of rotation.*" Many of us for many years have simply traded "hats" or left for a "vacation" from service to return again. All too

often we may have done what our literature says we should not do, from "It Works"- "*Groups can practice the Fifth Tradition by reminding their members that the recovery message, not individual personalities, is primary in Narcotics Anonymous. ... (we should) ... keep a group, service board, or committee from becoming a mere extension of one or two members' personalities. ... Our primary purpose, not the personalities of our trusted servants, is what defines NA. ... So long as we place the practice of these common principles before the exercise of our individual personalities, all will be well.*"

It occurred to me after the March ASC, that had I been a newcomer or new to service at that ASC, and witnessed the behavior of myself and others, I would have surely thought, "*Gee, I hope I don't grow up to be like them.*"

I ask that this body, our groups and members to look deeply inward at our involvement in service and NA as a whole. Are we practicing recovery, principled based service OR are we practicing service, personality based recovery? Do the groups of this area really want a rural service area, and if so, how can they better offer support?

In service only through your unconditional love,
Halbert G.

HCASC

7-14-13

Dickie B. RCM1

Happy Independence Month to all you independent and codependent addicts out there, lol. Hope

everyone had a safe and sane 4th of July..... Not too much to report here.....

I attended ROAR and thought it was a good turn out for so much going on in the region, hopefully we

can plan better next year and have a clearer Calendar with the region.

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possible speakers. If you know of anyone with an NA message please submit their cds.

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and I will email you a copy of the fliers for your group. Room rates will be \$79 per night at the Hilton

if you mention SZF. They will be discussing some of the CAR components.

The RD is working on a method of collecting group votes/consciences for the CAR this year. A way of

setting up a web toll so a group can log on and deliver results in their group. More will be revealed.

TBRCNA 15 will be hosted in 2015 by Esperanza/Hill Country. Esperanza has asked me if we have

anyone interest in being Chair of this committee. I told them I was not aware of anyone that was or

anyone with even Convention experience. If you know of anyone intersted please let me know. They

need to be nominationed and voted in at the August RSC. Esperanza's RCM said he will be attending

our Area meeting to discuss this.

I attended a TBRCNA 15 CAC meeting with a couple of the board members and with one of the local

Hotel and convention centers to look at possible hotel sites for upcoming convention in 2015. We

discussed bids with another hotel in San Antonio. And looking for the best match for what we want.

The CAC is also working on guidelines and submitting proposals to the RSC in August.

New Meeting Flat Book Step Study Thursdays 7:00 pm at 408 Gruene Rd New Braunfels

Next Regional meeting will be on August 10, 2013 in Beaumont TX 9am to 5pm

Thank you for letting me be of service

Dickie B.

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HILL COUNTRY AREA OF NA ACTIVITIES

7-14-2013

Dickie B

ROAR VIII

First of all I want to thank every one who attended this last ROAR function and a

special thanks to everyone who helped in the Festivities. You guys and gals did a great

job and worked really hard. And everyone who cook or donated food and T-shirts. Thank

you thank you thank. I think in spite of all the other events in the Region it was a great

success, both financially and spirituality.

I think that it was a good turn out and we did make it a learning experience for things we

can do better next year. Hopefully a two day event and want to start earlier.

I believe we had a good time had good fellowship ate well and made a profit of a little

bit over \$400.00 plus have 25 shirts left over. We ordered a little too many T-Shirts but

got as good price on them. We still broke even on them and have shirts left over and will

continue selling them and using them for Auction items. We thought of also making

some of them Ty-dyed shirts and hopefull being able to sell more.

Will have financial statement at ASC

Activities is always looking for new ideas and would like to hear from you and your

group. We are working on some new ideas. We would like you to get involved. ROAR is

our areas biggest function. Maybe next year a 2 day. Ask how to get involved.

Thank you for letting me be of service

Dickie B.

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ROAR 8

Expenses

	Food	\$24.05
		\$58.24
		\$13.63
		\$45.07
		\$60.67
Country Bob	Charcoal	\$20.00
	Total Food	\$221.66
	Seed	\$500.00
	Park Rental	\$163.00
	T-Shirts - Owed	\$10.00
	Fliers	\$4.06
	T-Shirts	\$276.75
		\$1,175.47

Income

	Seed	\$500.00
	Auction	\$272.00
	Food Donation	\$170.77
	7th	\$57.47
	Simplicity	\$200.00
	Agape	\$100.00
	T-shirts	\$280.00
	Misc	\$0.00
	Total	###

Income

	\$1,580.24
Expenses	\$1,175.47
Total	\$404.77

Deposit

	\$904.77
Cash deposit	\$784.77
Total	\$120.00
Agape/GQ	\$120.00
Total	\$0.00

Seed	\$500.00
-T-shirts	-\$276.75
-Fliers	-\$4.06
seed left	\$219.19
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cash deposit	\$784.77
T-\$ owed	\$10.00
DB check	\$1,014.00
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Agape/GQ	\$120.00
Cash to Area	\$1,134.00

MEEKER JENNIFER Jul 13

to asc.hca

Hi, everybody this is Jennifer M. I updated the guidelines according to the proposals at the last ASC Thanks to Halbert, taking the time with me and practicing love, tolerance, patience. I really just know the very basics of this computer stuff. If you need a copy you can retrieve on website. I want to remind everyone all new proposals need to be in writing before being considered. See yall tommorrow. Have a blessed day. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Jennifer M.

HCANA-ASC

July 2013

Acting Webservant Report

First and foremost I thank Anthony D. for getting us off the ground with a new fresh website look. When the database on the old website crashed, he quickly found and deployed the new site in no time at all. Thank you Tony as well for your honesty and mature presentation in your resignation as Webservant. I am hoping he will accept a nomination for Web assistant for the remainder of 2013 and 2014. I am willing to officially step back up as webservant through the election process.

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I am excited about some of the new features on the site. Loads of new links and an online PDF copy of both the Basic Text and It Works. Now you can do word and phrase search. I have created group pages as requested in the past and invite each group to send me update posts as well create new art for your pages. We have added something new - walking directions from parking. Some of our meetings are a little hard to find and this should help.

Also new are the maps for HCANA and the meetings. I was able to create them using Google technology and the pointers can be very accurate with satellite imagery.

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I am including the HCANA history page as a second page. I really hope that activities or a group would be willing to put something together for our 10th anniversary as an area. Our area actually formed in late 2002 but was recognized at the Feb. 2003 RSC. Come on let's celebrate!

Please folks, this website really does belong to the HCANA groups. Please click around on it for errors and fun. I am always open to any and all suggestions.

In your loving service,
Halbert G. / Acting Webservant and Technical Advisor

least we forget...



Original website art 2004



From our current website-

A dream, vision, and reality...

This page is dedicated to our HCANA predecessors; three passionate individuals and their home-groups who had but a dream. That dream became a vision and with hard work through spiritual principles, that vision became a reality. To those predecessors who had but a dream ...

Thank You!

At an RSC in August of 2002, three NA rural groups in South Central Texas began discussions of a new NA service area.

These rural groups often felt neglected due to isolation from the large metropolitan service areas. Their trusted servants would drive long distances to attend an area service committee meeting; often losing their voting rights due to "consecutive absence" rules in some area policies.

Discussions continued with road trips rotating between the Never Alone Group in San Marcos, Simplicity Group in New Braunfels and SOS Group in Universal City. Through these discussions Hill Country Area was born.

On February 8, 2003 Hill Country Area NA joined the Tejas Bluebonnet Region. The vision that became a reality was to provide services and support that would facilitate the continuation and growth of rural NA meetings in South Central Texas, and Narcotics Anonymous as a whole.

Today, our Area Service Committee rotates between the towns and groups it serves. New groups gain voting rights at their first ASC and do not lose those rights. Our ASC utilizes consensus based decision making not Robert's Rules, and a simple eight page set of ASC Guidelines and Financial Policy. We work to keep things simple and informal. The vision that began in 2002 is still alive today!

