

Hill Country Area Of Narcotics Anonymous Minutes (March 2010)

(Secretary's note: I would like to thank John M for taking notes as I was late in arriving. As usual, please email me with any corrections at mbrandon111@aol.com)

Roll Call		Absent
Chair	Jodi V	*
Vice-Chair	<vacant>	
Secretary	Brandon M	(late)
Treasurer	Melanie A	(late)
Vice-Treasurer	<vacant>	
RCM 1	Gary R	
RCM 2	Mary W	(acting chair)
Public Information	<vacant>	
Phone Line	Nicole	
Activities	John M	
H & I	Scott S	
Web Servant	Bob T	
Policy Recorder	<vacant>	

Roll Call	Absent
S.O.S.	
Simplicity	*
Tuesday Morning	*
Freedom Group	*
Agape Group	
Phoenix	
Kerrville Group	*
Last Room Group	*
Together We Can	
Conscious Contact	

The meeting was opened at (noon?) with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, Service Prayer, 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts.

Mary W started the meeting with roll call.

Administrative Committee Reports

Recorder:

Minutes read by Mary W. Minutes were accepted.

Chair Report:

(Read by Mary W.) Jodi's report stated that she did not have much to report at this time. The main issue was when the RD's needed the CAR vote, as we may have received some incorrect information at the last ASC. She also wanted to check with the RCM's about the GSR Orientation that the groups have asked for, and she put that as an agenda item. She states that she has made copies of some information about Building Better Home Groups for each group to take read and maybe implement.

Vice Chair Report:

<vacant>

Treasurer's Report:

(Mel read her report after the Phone Line report.) Mel's report stated that our available balance is \$292.07 with one outstanding check for the January ASC hosted by the Last Room Group.

RCM 1 Report:

(Read by Gary. Did not receive copy.)

RCM 2 Report:

(Read by Mary W.) Mary's report began with a report on the Regional Assembly in Bay City. She strongly recommends asking our new RD and RDA to attend Area and help do a workshop on Building Stronger Home Groups. She reports that there were 11 RCMs and only 26 GSR's (out of over a possible 300,) in attendance.

Her report continues with elections, stating that there is a NEW Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Policy: The length of the RD's and RDA's terms will be one conference cycle (2 years, 1 WSC. The RDA automatically becomes nominated for the position of RD if there are no other nominations. As per Regional Policy only RCM's and GSR's can vote, a GSRA may vote INSTEAD of a GSR only if the GSR is not present.

Dawn is now our RD-elect, and Tom K is our RDA-elect.

Her report concludes by stating that the Conference Agenda Track Motions were discussed and that she was disappointed by the lack of attendance to Region by GSR's.

(the report includes the minutes from the Regional Assembly.)

- Mary went over the CAT Motions
- Bob T encouraged attending other groups in the Area
- There was a discussion about Concept 11, that politics had no place in the NA service structure and the bickering made service work unattractive.

- Scott S pointed out that ASC meetings have shown a gradual improvement over the past several months.

Subcommittee Reports

Public Information:

<vacant>

Phone Line:

Nicole stated that she had updated the available information, found volunteers to accept phone calls, and that she would be contacting Signius later the following week to inform them of the changes. She also had a copy of phone list volunteers available.

- Nicole was encouraged to stay in contact with Esperanza Area with regards to schedule updates.

<Treasurer's Report>

Web Servant:

Bob's report began by stating that is has been an eventful month, and as usual our website is doing well. He reminded all of the groups that they each have their own web page/s if they so desire, and also reminded the Area to let him know about any Group events so that he can post them on the website. His report concluded with our hits for February and March (as of the 17th,) and our search rankings.

- Bob apologized for laxness around the time of the Convention.

Hospitals And Institutions:

Scott stated that he did not have much to report until that morning. The Hill Country Area will now be carrying the message to La Hacienda on the last Sunday of each month from 7:30 to 8:30

Activities:

John's report began by reminding everyone that HCANA will be hosting the RSC in Universal City in May on the 15th and 16th. His report lists the planned menu and states the there will be a mini speaker jam afterwards. His hopes are that we can raise money for the Area. His report then lists a proposed budget.

He then asked the body to carry the information back to the groups and stress the importance of everyone's help as far as volunteers to be of service. He stated that he will be holding subcommittee meetings soon and would like everyone to be part of the planning and execution of this event. He then asked the body to strongly suggest our

group members attend the 2nd day.

His next subject was ROAR, which will be held in Boerne this year in the hopes of getting San Antonio more involved, and would like Agape and Kerrville group to be involved again.

He secured a position at Boerne Lake on June 26th and asked for a check from Area to cover the deposit (\$270, \$100 which will be refunded provided we leave the park clean after the event.) Jeff L has agreed to cook again. He then stated the he will need lots of help with this, such as t-shirt and cup designs, speakers, workshops and entertainment. He suggests a no-talent talent show, and is open to any and all suggestions. He will be posting a meeting schedule for the subcommittee soon as well as a flier announcing the upcoming ROAR.

- Bob suggested putting 7th Tradition donation buckets at the Beginning of the food line, when people's hands are free.
- The check for the ROAR deposit will NOT dip into the prudent reserve.

Guideline/Policy Recorder:

<vacant>

Group Reports-

(Secretary's Note: I would like to remind GSR/A's to please submit copies of group reports to me before the end of the ASC. If your group is unable to send a representative to Area, feel free to email our web servant or myself with group reports. Thank you.)

Submitted by: S.O.S. (Ollie S will be speaking April 10th,) Agape, Last Room, Phoenix (requested help with Group Conscience, as they feel the the group is being governed by the more experienced members, newcomers are being silenced, and consensus are not being reached. This was discussed.)

- John recommended having a clear agenda, and to look for support from more experienced members.
- Bob stated that GSR's will find everything they need in the 12 Traditions, but that understanding will take time.
- It was stated that if decisions are being made without consensus to call for a vote.
- It was also suggested to set Point of Order, to not allow individual members to take the meeting hostage, and when all else fails to call for a break.

Old Business

- Bank Account- Melanie stated that Randolph Brooks, in her opinion, held no drawbacks, and many reasons to switch. The body voted 'yes' to moving to Randolph Brooks.
- Nominations- Scott S was nominated for Guidelines/Policy Recorder, tabled until next ASC.
- GSR Orientation- Mary W would like to have a workshop before the May ASC, as the RD/A would be available then. It was decided to see if they can hold one at the RSC, if not, then the ASC in May or June.

New Business

- There is a new Group in Seguin. More will be revealed.

The hat was passed, bringing in \$35, and the meeting was closed with a Moment of Silence and the 3rd Step Prayer.

The next ASC will be held April 18th in Lockhart.