

VANCOUVER AREA MINUTES

August 5, 2015

Called to order at **6:53 p.m.** by **Dave H**, RCM 2 filling in for Facilitator **Ivy S**

Tradition **8** was read out loud by various members.

ROLL CALL – Present except if noted as open or absent:

Facilitator - Ivy S – Absent with regrets	Outreach – Marco D
Co-Facilitator - Open	Phone Line Liaison - Open
Treasurer - Jenny A	Postal Communications – Laura P – Absent with regrets
Alt. Treasurer - Open	PI Chair – Laura G – Absent without regrets
Secretary - Alan S	Policy & Procedures Chair – Dal S – Absent with regrets
RCM 1 – David C – Absent without regrets	Spring Clean – (on break)
RCM 2 - Dave H	Women’s Retreat - (on break)
H & I Chair - Erin N	Web Coordinator - John P – Absent with regrets
Literature Chair – Skylar S – Absent with regrets	
Newsletter Liaison – Kelly J – Absent with regrets	

GSR REPORTS:

Bill D – GSR, Addicts With New Hope – 7:30 p.m. Sunday

- Average attendance 15 – 25
- Open service positions: Treasurer, Secretary, GSR and Literature
- Considering changing business meeting to before meeting to improve attendance

Cakes: Daryl G, 16 Years – September 27

Rick O – GSR, Return to Grace – Friday @ 7:30 p.m.

- Average attendance 20 – 25. Low attendance and mostly from Harbour Light
- Open service positions: GSR Alternate
- Donation: \$100

Cakes: Jay (Harbour Light), 1 Year – August 8, 2015

Jimmy S – Alt. GSR, The Alternative Group – Saturday @ 7:30 p.m.

- Average attendance is 35
- No new business to report / all trusted servant positions filled

Steve R – GSR Clean Freaks – Monday @ 7:30 p.m.

- Average attendance of 10 -12. This meeting could use support.
- Starting to get some regularity in attendance

Travis B – GSR, Keep Coming Back – Saturday @ 7:30 p.m.

- Average attendance 5 – 10; a small group
- Changed format to 60 minute meeting without a break
- Could use more members to fill open service positions
- Trusted servant positions open: Alt. GSR
- Looking for suggestions on the various service positions at group level as well as how to run a group business meeting. Suggestion: to download description of service positions available through NA literature and on vascna.ca

Other NA members in attendance:

Mike – Representing The Exchange Group

MINUTES:

Minutes from July 8, 2015 VASC meeting accepted as circulated without changes.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS & SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

FACILITATOR'S REPORT - **Ivy S** – Absent with regrets

- No written report submitted but agenda prepared in advance and circulated

SECRETARY'S REPORT – **Alan S**

- Minutes of July 8, 2015 meeting were circulated via the Facebook group and VASC email distribution list
- Please let the secretary know if you wish to be added to email distribution list or the secret Facebook group
- Please bring GSR reports to the front before leaving
- New GSR's orientation packages are available from the secretary
- Alan S will not be running again in September 2015

TREASURER'S REPORT – **Jenny A**

Presented ledger

\$ 2,190.03 - Opening balance

Income \$ 352.06

Expenses \$ 493.55

Balance \$ 698.54 after prudent reserve of \$1300 set aside

- Treasurer recommends \$500 donation to Region. Jenny A to have Ivy S to sign a cheque and get to Dave H before Regional meeting this month.
Revised Balance \$ 198.54 available for expenditure.
- Need an alternate or substitute treasurer in September if Jenny A cannot make it to September Area.

- Sub-committee room rentals are covered until end of September. New treasurer or alternate will need to pay in September for next quarter in advance.
- Jenny A will not be running again in September 2015.

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RCM 1 REPORT – David C – Absent without regrets

RCM 2 REPORT - Dave H

- Going to Regional this month at Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre, August 29 & 30th
- Dave H recommends NA members participate in the Traditions workshop on Saturday night. It is an opportunity to be a part of new literature that is being developed for NA.

H AND I: Erin N

- H & I is looking for a panel leader at Vancouver Detox Panel – Saturday nights
- Multi Area Learning Day is planned for October 3rd at Sapperton Hall for the purpose of inspiring a passion for service. There will be workshops, food and fellowship. H & I hopes to be involved in a workshop.
- H & I may be going into Onsite. Still waiting to hear from contact there to set up an initial meeting to explain what H & I can offer and if they are interested.

Bank balance: **\$ 854.94** at end of July

Expenses: \$ 250.74 for Bowen panel leader

Receipts: \$ 5.00 cheque from March

Current Balance: **\$ 604.19**

- Anticipated expenses for literature and ferry disbursement for next month will be approximately \$370. H & I is not requesting their usual allotment this month.

LITERATURE: Skylar S – Absent with regrets

Jason - Representing Literature for Literature vice chair

- Brought literature orders, but no stock here for sale

NEWSLETTER LIAISON: Kelly J – Absent with regrets / Dave H reporting

- Clipboard is going around for cakes and names of meetings in need of support. Please remember to use last initials when recording cakes.
- There is an email on front of the Basic News to reach the newsletter editor.
- We now have the correct amount of meeting lists. New lists are coming next month, please take as many as you would like!
- Take lots of Basic News as well since we usually have too many of these. Suggest reducing amount of Basic News by 200 / month from 600 to 400.

OUTREACH: Marco D

- Not much to report; having trouble finding committed members for this subcommittee. Has been attending outreach meetings on his own.
- Attended Promise of Freedom - Thursday night at the Hospital on the North Shore
- Still concerned with mixed messages at NA meetings on the North Shore

- Suggestion: Maybe post a message on the secret FB group to request people interested to attend meetings targeted by Outreach.

PHONE LINE: Open

POSTAL COMMUNICATIONS: Laura P – Absent with regrets

- Laura P has stepped down. **GSR's please announce at your groups this position is open**
- Mail needs to be picked up this month: Bill D volunteers to pick up mail this month only. P.O. Box 1695

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Laura G – Absent without regrets

- **GSR's please also announce** at your meetings that orientations are the third Sunday of every month at the VRC @ 2:00 pm in the Dance Hall @ at VRC

POLICY & PROCEDURES: Dal S – Absent with regrets – Jeremy H read written report provided

- This subcommittee met July 10 to finalize the suggested changes to VASC policy and procedures manual. It was decided to distribute the existing manual as well as proposed changes to GSR's via the 'First Wednesday of the Month' FB group and via the VASC email distribution list so GSR's could review and bring back to their groups. Most of the big changes have already been made and the proposed changes are minor and more 'housekeeping' in nature. (*Proposed Changes as circulated attached to these minutes*)
- In addition to VASC By-Laws there are also about 10 pages of various policy & procedures that this subcommittee will go through next.
- Any questions or comments please contact Dal S at: 778-988-5112 or dalsingh76@gmail.com
- Next Policy & Procedures meeting will be August 9, 11:00 a.m. in the Spanish Room at the VRC

SPRING CLEAN: (On Break)

- Sunday, September 13 - BBQ fundraiser at Jericho Beach. 2:00 p.m. until sunset

WOMEN'S RETREAT:

(On break)

WEB COORDINATOR: John P – Absent with regrets

- Written report provided in advance of meeting
- No changes to online meeting lists at this time
- Any questions or concerns please contact John P via contact info published on the Basic News and the VASCNA.ca website

Service Learning Days – No report

- Ivy S provided circular to seek interested persons to speak at Service Learning Days (*flyer attached to these minutes*)

Open Sharing:

1. Alternate or substitute for Jenny A at September Area
 - Bill D has messaged a possible substitute or nominee but no confirmation at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

1. ELECTIONS

CO-FACILITATOR:

- 2 years suggested clean time
- No nominees; bring back to groups

PHONE LINE LIAISON:

- 2 years suggested clean time
- Meeting is held the third Monday of each month in Coquitlam
- **Jimmy S** volunteered to stand / Service resume given / Jimmy S elected by secret ballot
- Acting Facilitator **Dave H** confirmed that this election is for a truncated position of one month and that the position will be formally elected for the new year at September Area.

ALTERNATE TREASURER:

- 5 years suggested clean time
- No nominees; bring back to groups

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Elections for positions of Chair and Vice-Chair on H & I Subcommittee
 - Currently these positions are elected in February each year by the subcommittee
 - **Jeremy H** intends to stand as H & I chair at September Area which will leave a vacancy of Vice-Chair from this September until February 2016
 - H & I Chair cannot be panel leader and Chair simultaneously; need to approach P & P to seek a way to align H & I elections with general elections of VASC in September.
 - H & I will discuss at subcommittee level and bring suggestions back to Area in September.

ADJOURNED at **8:09 p.m.** by Dave H

Meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 2, 2015 – ELECTIONS