

Called to order at **6:47 p.m.** by Facilitator **Ivy S**

Concept **11** read out loud by various members

ROLL CALL - Present except if noted as 'open' or 'absent'

Facilitator - Ivy S

Co-Facilitator - Open

Treasurer - Jenny A

Secretary - Alan S

RCM 1 - David C - Absent with regrets

RCM 2 - Dave H

H & I Chair - Erin N

Literature Chair - Skylar S

Newsletter Liaison - Kelly J

Outreach - Open

Phone Line Liaison - Open

Postal Communications - Steve R

PI Chair - Sheena E - absent with regrets

Policy & Procedures Chair - Rob Z - absent without regrets

Spring Clean - Mike G

Women's Retreat – Open

Web Coordinator - John P

GSR REPORTS:

Marco D - Eye of storm - Wednesday @ 8 pm

- Average attendance 15 - 25
- In need of support since lots of members in early recovery
- All trusted service positions open
- Group donation \$100

Matt M - Return to Grace - Friday @ 7:30 pm

- Average attendance 10-25

- In need of support, specifically more women
- Alt. GSR position open
- \$100 Donation

John P - Little Meeting In Kits - Thursday @ 7:30 pm

- Average attendance 30
- GSR position open

Roger M - GSR The Growing Circle - Tuesday @ 7:30 pm

Marc - Alt. GSR The Growing Circle

- Average attendance 30 - 40 / Meeting could always use support
- Open service positions are Alt. secretary and Literature person
- Having some banking issues but 7th tradition is good
- Group consensus in favour of Area proposal re: term limits

Cakes: Sean 0 - 19 years January 6

Elaine B - GSR Addicts With New Hope - Sunday @ 7:30 pm

- Average attendance 65 with lots of people from treatment centre
- Recent potluck and group inventory went well. Plan to have door greeters and give basic text to anyone who needs one. Temporary sponsorship list provided at meeting

Cakes: Arie - 1 Year January 18

Renee D - Women in Recovery - Thursday @ 7 pm

- Alt. GSR position open
- Average attendance 15 - 20
- Holiday potluck being planned, date TBD
- Donation to Area \$ 500

Cakes: Rita - 2 years November 6

Paul S - GSR The Alternative Group - Saturday @ 7:30

Laura P - Alt. GSR

- Average attendance 40
- No open service positions

Steve R - GSR Clean Freaks - Monday @ 7:30 pm

- Average attendance 8 - 12. Group could use support

- Alt. GSR position open

Cakes: Sandra D - 3 years November 10

Dal S - GSR Lust For Life - Saturday @ 12:30 pm

- All service positions filled / 7th Tradition is good
- Average attendance 15

Cakes: Lexi - 4 years November 8

Joe S - Alt. GSR New Direction (Lynn Valley) Sunday @ 7:30 pm

- Attendance 10 - 15 / Group could use support
- All Alt service positions open

Chris H - GSR Clean Life - Wednesday @ 7:47 pm

- Average attendance 40 - 45
- Alt. GSR position is open
- Could still use support of members with clean time to help run business meeting (next: Nov 26)

Murray L - GSR Devious Frightened Loners - Sunday @ 5:00 pm

- Average attendance 20 and growing every week. More support coming from women now
- Group gives basic text to newcomers

Cakes: Tom O - 29 Years Nov 23 / Tom J - 32 Years Nov 30 / Asya - 12 Years Dec 7

Daniel M - GSR Awakening of the Spirit - Wednesday @ 7:00 pm

Sat B - Alt. GSR

- Average attendance 35. In need of members with clean time and women
- Area donation \$ 100

Cakes: Renata C - 2 years November 26

Dave H - New Attitudes

- Average attendance 10 - 50. Always need members with clean time for support
- GSR & Alt. GSR positions open
- Area donation \$200

Cakes: George - 11 Years November 9 / Bill 30 Years Nov 30

Daine V - Promises of Freedom - Thursday @ 7:30 pm

- **JP** will be new GSR since Daine is stepping down
- Average attendance 25 - 40

Cakes: John S - 2 years November 8

Shelby - GSR Third Tradition - Wednesday @ 7:30 pm

- Average attendance 10 - 15. In need of help to run business meeting

Cakes: Darcey - 26 Years Dec 3

NA Members at Large:

Kerisma / Tony

MINUTES:

Minutes from October 1, 2014 VASC meeting accepted with change below:

- Page 4 under 'treasurer's report': \$550 not \$440 was amount of returned cheque from group

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS & SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

FACILITATOR'S REPORT - Ivy S

- The draft of the first few chapters of the new NA Traditions book is available on-line at:

http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/conference/project/trads/Trads_RI_and_Memo_20141024.pdf

- Hoping that Vancouver groups can become more active in having input into Regional decisions. Concern about process at Region used to make a recent decision re: funding the insurance policy at a cost of \$7,850.00. Perhaps there should have been more discussion with groups? Ultimately Region is accountable to the groups pursuant to Concept 2.
- Suggestion of two proposals, detailed under New Business item # 2 to encourage more alignment at Region with Traditions and Concepts.
- VASC current policy states that all motions must be seconded by a GSR or GSR Alt. The intent of this was to put the 2nd Concept into practice. Suggestion by Ivy S that VASC adapt our current policy under the new consensus decision making model by asking that a GSR in attendance support any proposal made at Area that isn't made by a GSR. If there is no GSR support then the proposal(s) will not come up for discussion / decision.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Jenny A

Opening Balance: **\$ 2,314.80**

***includes \$1,400 prudent reserve plus \$600 RCM travel**

-Meeting list invoice not yet received

-Multi-Area phone line bill was over paid; no payment in November & December (approx. \$200 credit)

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Alan S

- Minutes have been circulated via FB group and VASC email distribution list.
- Please advise if you are not receiving minutes and would like to. Also please advise if you would like to be added to the secret Facebook group for regular posts of minutes and related documents.

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RCM 1 REPORT - David C - absent with regrets

- No report

RCM 2 REPORT - Dave H

- Both RCM's to attend Regional - all are welcome to attend:
Nov 29 & 30 at Rosemary Heights Retreat 3690 152nd St. Surrey
- Any expenses incurred will be receipted and brought back to December Area

H AND I CHAIR: Erin N

Jeremy, Vice Chair present

- All panel leader positions are filled
- Still struggling to find women to attend Heartwood meeting **GSR's: Please take this back to your groups**
- Possible interest at Onsite treatment centre for NA meeting. Uncertain if such meeting would be run by H & I or the facility. This sub-committee to discuss and get back to Area
- Erin and Vice-Chair Jeremy H to attend Regional meeting this quarter
- Financial report:
Opening Balance: \$ 460.23
Closing Balance: \$ 107.74
- Asking for full monthly allotment of funds from Area

LITERATURE CHAIR: Skylar S

- Still struggling with the Area website
- Some orders have been delivered and doing the best to reconcile inventory
- \$691 in bank \$312 collected today
- Brought medallions for sale and plan to have available at each Area in future
- Got named on bank account as signatory

NEWSLETTER LIAISON: Dave H / Kelly J

- Please remember to put 'support needed' under clipboard that circulates during Area meeting if your meeting needs support. Please also remember to put initial for last name when entering cakes on the list
- Thanks to Dave H for picking up the newsletters
- Basic News editor is looking for assistant to mentor into position of editor. **GSR's please bring this back to your groups.** (Note: a GSR can hold this position and a GSR position at the same time)

OUTREACH CHAIR: Open

PHONE LINE LIAISON: Open

POSTAL COMMUNICATIONS: Steve R

- Apologies for missing last week - had the location wrong
- Brought mail, met with Jenny after October Area.

PI CHAIR: Sheena E

- Second Sub-committee meeting held October 21st at VRC with 5 members in attendance
- Identified next steps with the support of Dan who sat on previous PI Sub-committee. Next steps include:
 - Reaching out to organizations in the community to provide information about NA and meeting lists.

- Planning to have PI training in the near future. Currently pulling together training materials for the training. The committee wishes to encourage members of the fellowship to attend this training and any upcoming PI events. **GRSR's please bring this back to your groups**
- Next meeting November 16, 2014 @ 2 pm in Dance Hall at VRC

POLICY & PROCEDURES - Rob Z - absent without regrets

- No report

SPRING CLEAN: Mike G

- This sub-committee meets the third Sunday of every month in the Spanish Room at VRC
- Fundraising, chocolates & soaps are coming out soon
- Possible dance in Coquitlam in early December as fundraiser

WOMEN'S RETREAT: Open

WEB COORDINATOR: John P

- Minutes are up on the website and Basic News has also been posted
- John P to consult with Skylar S to confirm that literature price list is accurate.
- **GSR's - Please check your meeting place, time & location and confirm legend items.** Send any corrections or changes to webcoordinator@vascna.ca Also let John P know at same email if you want your group VASC email to be activated

TREASURERS UPDATE:

Opening Balance: **\$ 2,314.80**

Income 1265.76

Expenses 891.62

Closing Balance: **\$ 2688.94**

Less:

Prudent Reserve: \$ 1,400.00

RCM Travel Reserve: \$ 600.00

Total Available: \$ 688.94

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Adopt new VASC website design as presented by Web Coordinator John P

Discussion:

- General group support for the new website design but some questions about access to NA content on site. Concerns raised if there is money attached to this decision. At this time there is no cost impact since all work being done by trusted servant of NA. **Skylar S** finds that literature ordering on current site is still difficult but is willing to work with it. Would welcome a more user friendly way of ordering literature.
- **John P:** Under the current site all of BC is on one server and large amounts of traffic can possibly slow down the website. The new site is more robust and may use more bandwidth than the current site does. Suggested a possible change of web hosting company to minimize server issues at launch. Perhaps a proposal can be made to Region to change the current hosting arrangement. (costs are incurred to host and the annual fee of the domain name) /
- **GSR's and groups:** Please try to order on the new site using shopping cart to test the experience before it goes live at: <http://2014.vascna.ca> (These orders will have no actual impact on inventory)

Consensus: achieved

2. BY-LAW CHANGE: (interpreting the two consecutive term maximum)

- General support from groups for this by-law change to support the by-law change:
Area positions are for a one year term with a two consecutive term maximum. Currently, if someone is elected partway through the year the partial year counts toward the two term maximum. Area would like to change this so that the partial year does NOT count toward the two term maximum. We are seeking the groups' approval for this change. It means someone could serve in the same position for up to two years and 11 months.

Consensus: achieved

3. ELECTIONS:

Co-Facilitator:

Nominations: None - **GSR's take back to your groups for consideration and suggestions**

Outreach Chair:

Nominations: None - **GSR's take back to your groups for consideration and suggestions**

Phone Line Liaison:

Nominations: None - **GSR's take back to your groups for consideration and suggestions**

Women's Retreat Chair:

Nominations: Kerisma V

Kerisma: service resume given / Kerisma elected by secret ballot

- First meeting of this committee will be Sunday Dec 7 @10 am at VRC - **GSR's take back to your groups**
- Room rental is still paid for, confirm with VRC the regular time
- FaceBook page will be used to publicize first meeting date / time
- Basic News to be informed to publish this month

NEW BUSINESS

1. BC Region Donation

- Treasurer **Jenny A** recommends \$600 donation to Region based on current finances

Consensus: achieved

Preamble to Proposals 1 & 2 under New Business #2:

VASC current policy states that all motions must be supported by a GSR or Alt. GSR. The intent of this was to put the 2nd Concept into practice. The Facilitator asks for support from a group GSR at the table for each proposal before discussion or decision can be entertained.

2. Proposals 1 & 2 from Ivy's Report

Proposal 1:

That BC Region adopt a policy whereby all new expenditures over \$2,000 are referred back to the NA groups for group consciences. Proposals for all new expenditures over \$2,000 will be in writing and will include the full financial impact of the proposal and a list of pro's and con's of the proposal. This policy does not apply to donations to CANA or NAWS.

Proposal 1 supported by GSR Mark - The Growing Circle

Discussion:

- **Dave H** - RCM 2: This has been discussed at Region for well over a year and even preceding Dave's time as RCM. Many areas at Region returned support by group conscience but did not want to pay directly. Policy will be paid by Region and funded indirectly by groups through contributions sent up through the NA service structure. Areas will not be re-billed directly. Events such as Spring Clean & Women's Retreat are not currently covered by the policy but can be added for probably less cost than a stand-alone policy. **Dave H** to present this proposal at Regional meeting this quarter.
- Copy of policy is available on Facebook secret group. For further questions or for more details contact Dave H at: rcm@vascna.ca

Consensus:

That Dave H inquire of the Regional service body if there is a policy for significant expenditures to go back to the groups and if not present our proposal.

Proposal 2:

That BC Region seek input from the NAS groups before renewing the insurance policy which was approved at the August 2014 Regional meeting the BC Region will provide the NA groups with a written proposal to renew the policy, including full financial impact, and a list of the pro's and con's of the proposal. BC Region will not renew the insurance policy without the support of the NA groups.

Proposal 2 supported by GSR Murray L - Devious Frightened Loners

Consensus:

To set aside Proposal 2 until action taken under consensus decision by RCM 2 Dave H

Meeting ADJOURNED at 8:59 **pm** by **Ivy S** Facilitator

Closed with the Serenity Prayer

Next Area: **December 3, 2014 with potluck at 6 pm**