

**Nebraska Regional Minutes January 2004
Giltner, NE**

The meeting was opened by Susan S. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer.

The Twelve Traditions, the Twelve Concepts and the Purpose were read.

The following members were present:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairperson- Susan S
Vice Chair- OPEN
Secretary- OPEN

Treasurer- Joe W
RD-Larry R aka PonyBoy
Alt RD- Mark B

AREAS:

Central NE- Tiff C
Eastern NE- Shawn R
Fremont- Brian K
Great Plains- Ruth S

Northeastern NE- Don J
Elkhorn Valley- Jim S
Southeastern NE- Kevin C
Platte Valley- **absent**

SUB-COMMITTEES:

Hospitals & Institutions- Jeff D
NRCNA 20- Linda F (treasurer)
NRCNA 22- Jeff G

Public Information- Gus R
NRCNA 21- Brian S

VISITORS:

Gary
Joe
Linda
Jeff
Dale
Shelly
Jessica

Diane
Monica
Penny
John
John
Rika
Rick

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Motion by Shawn & seconded by Jim to approve and accept the Oct 2003 minutes
PASSED.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Thanks to Happy Havelock and the 2 Anonymous donation deposits made during the quarter. All other donations received during the quarter were held to make a smooth transition for our new Treasurer, therefore, we will be making a large deposit today.

Beginning balance: \$358.94

Ending Balance: \$1054.24

(SEE ATTACHMENTS)

AREA REPORTS:

Central Nebraska: Hello Good People, Central Area is still doing great! Grand Island meeting attendance is still strong. Hastings Thursday night 7:30pm meeting at 5th & Burlington (St Mark's Cathedral East door) is struggling and could use some help. Our groups are still participating in Lit orders at the Area level and it's functioning well. our Chili Cook-Off and Valentine's Day Dance is coming up Feb 14th at Blessed Sacraments Catholic Church at 518 W State St. Chili starts at 5:30 Speakers Joe & Dane from GI at 7:30 with dance to follow. The Women's Retreat is still planned for March 19, 20 and 21. Continue to keep your ears open for more details. Love, Tiff

Fremont: Hello from the Fremont Area service Committee. It has been awhile since we last visited. Our meetings have an average of 16 people per meeting. We held elections in December and we have new Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary & PI officers. We have revised our Area Policies and Guidelines for H&I, PI, and Phone line. We have also come up with new formats for our Area minutes, Meeting reports, Treasurers report, H&I report. Motion slips, and Volunteer signup sheet. Just in time for our new officers to take office in January.

Our 17th Annual Freeze-Out is coming up on March 6th & 7th. Our main speakers are Happy & Pinky (they were involved with the beginning of NA) If you would like to know the When, Where, and How about the starting of NA they are a MUST SEE!

In closing, our Area would like to thank everyone for helping us with our recovery. In Loving service, Brian K

Southeastern NE: Well, it is a New year and life is good. Hi, my name is Kevin C and I am an addict. Recovery in SENANA is doing well. We have had some problems with our H&I and PI Committee's, but thanks to some newer members stepping up to the challenge and some of the more experienced members volunteering to help them I feel things will get back on track. Dang it's great to see the principles of Narcotics Anonymous working.

Our ASC has a whole new line up as far as our Executive Committee goes. Short of our Activities Committee that is. We have as many first time members as repeat offenders. Maybe I should say Trusted Servants. However one may play on the wording, it is great to see the principles working. We have Shellie H for ASC Chair, Bob G is our new ASC Vice Chair, Angie P is our new official Secretary. Niki Z is our Treasurer and Kevin C is now our RCM. Hey that's me. Jeff W has stepped up as our RCM Alt, Craig D is our new H&I Chair. Mike P is our new PI Chair and Mike W is going to do Lit for one more year. When asked he said he had just got the system figured out and would like to do it for another year. Activities is still open, but I am sure we will still continue to have our celebrations of recovery each month. I would also like to thank all the entrusted servants from last year. Sandy W chair, Niki Z vice chair, Angie P interim secretary, Tom B treasurer, Jerry W RCM, Kevin C RCM Alt, Mike P H&I, Mike W still Lit chair and last but not least Shellie H our activities chair.

Our Area has no Region donation this quarter, but we do have some groups that do a 70-20-10 split of their 7th Tradition donations. There is a \$66 RSC donation from the Happy Havelock group and a \$21 RSC donation from the Sunday Morning Reflections

group.

Our Phone Line is still one of our biggest expenses at around \$300 a month. As far as some of the things that were posted on the SENANA discussion group, it is kind of funny how things can get blown out of proportion from a rhetorical question. Our Phone line isn't perfect, but it does work and has for over a decade now. We still have our Toll-free for Nebraska number which is 1-888-347-4446 and our local number is still 402-474-0405.

We have our Region votes. I will not tell ya them now even though I have them in my report. Yes on Dan M for treasurer and Yes for Sherry S for secretary.

Our next function is our WE LOVE NA DANCE & SWEET TREAT RAFFLE. It will be held at the Havelock United Methodist Church 61st & Morrill Lincoln NE. Doors open at 6:30, meeting at 7, and dance at 8. PM that is! So come up, down, or over and join us. Well, my fellow addicts and trusted servants of Narcotics Anonymous, after a half pot of coffee that's about all this addict has for now. In Loving Service, Kevin C

Northeastern NE: Hi family, The NEASC Recovery is Alive and Willing. Nominations closed last Area and all positions will be filled. Elections are to be held next month. Meetings are having good recovery and attendance is good. Had a couple functions with funds breaking even and good attendance. In Loving Service, Don J

Great Plains: Hi Everyone from Great Plains Area. Our Area is doing very well. Meeting attendance is good and steady. We held elections for service positions at the Area level, and I'm happy to say the positions were all filled. YEA!!

After last Region I reported to our Area that Region would like us to host a dance after Region either in April or October. I'm pleased to report that Great Plains will be happy to host a dance in October following Region.

I am also very proud to report that the Great Plains Area is donating a total of \$330 to Region. GPANA is donating \$100, Day by Day group is donating \$80, Sunday Noon NA is donating \$100, and Just for Tuesday is donating \$50. I sure hope this will help our financial situation.

I am now the Great Plains RCM and will be seeing you on a regular basis. In Loving Service, Ruth

Elkhorn Valley: Hello family, Greetings from Norfolk. All is well in the EV Area. Meeting attendance is good and the ASC positions are being filled and kept. I am happy to say that my area has re-elected me to another term as RCM, so I will look forward to seeing you all at RSC for another two years.

Our activities committee is doing a great job of providing us with things to do throughout the month. We have Karaoke on Jan 17th and Bowling on the 18th. In February we have a dance scheduled for the 7th and a skating party on the 13th. Thanks to those involved in activities, recovery is far from boring in Norfolk.

There is a lot of interest from members in the upcoming NRCNA 22. Many have expressed interest in being involved, and the outlook is positive.

Our H&I and PI plan to attend workshops in Drake on the 17th. In loving service, Jim S

Eastern Nebraska: Greetings all- First, I am happy to announce that I finally have an alternate RCM- and welcome him back to region, Dale B thank you for choosing to serve your "new" Area! We also finally have a new Area Chair, Cliff J.

We would like to remind you all that Close Encounters is fast approaching. I brought registration cards if you need them.

We scrapped our PI Theater project after 1 year and much debate and decided to renew our bus benches instead. I must say they are great and very visible. We are beginning to see an increase in our hotline calls as well.

Our H&I Committee is looking forward to hosting the Regional H&I Learning Day on January 17th! There will be a Chili feed and Dance to follow, so we hope to see many of you there.

I am curious as to why we have yet to hear of any CAR workshops being set up. I am also wondering if there will be any discussion on Resolution A or the Sponsorship approval here today. I do hope we address these issues today.

I will keep it short and sweet today. Oh yeah, I almost forgot.... we have a donation of \$1129.19 today. Thanks, Shawn R

Platte Valley: No report

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

H&I: Greetings family, We met today and passed the following motions:

1. The H&I Subcommittee procedure was changed from sponsoring 1 Learning Day per year to sponsoring 2 Learning Days per year.
2. It was decided that we would be asking for the same budget today from the Regional Subcommittee. The current budget is \$2400 over 2 years.
3. At the next Regional meeting, we will be distributing contact information sheets to the Area Representatives to try to facilitate communication between this committee and the Areas. We would also like to extend an invitation to all areas to attend our subcommittee meeting and help us to better serve the needs of the areas in this region. We also distributed literature to NorthEastern, Great Plains, & central Areas. We invite areas that are in need of literature to contact us with their needs. In loving service, Jeff D

ENNA H&I: All our meetings are going well. We're even considering picking up a couple of new facilities. Support for the H&I committee is up also. We're really excited about hosting the Regional H&I Learning Day next weekend and look forward to seeing all of you there. ILS, Mark B

Great Plains H&I: Our area is doing OK. Jail meetings are very small for women. The men's meetings are doing fairly well. I'm getting more men to volunteer for jail meetings. Hopefully more women will start to come in the future. In loving service, Ruth S

PI: (Shawn & Gus apologized & explained corrections made to the meeting lists.)

Greetings Nebraska Region! In attendance at the PI Committee was Jim S & Jeff G from Elkhorn Valley, Gus R from Central and Shawn R from ENNA. We discussed submitting a budget. It will be \$225 per quarter for mailing meeting lists and \$50 per quarter for the Web Page for a TOTAL of \$275 per quarter.

We discussed what regional PI does:

Website
Meeting lists
Contact with Public
Coordinate with Area PI's
Discuss ideas to help Areas

At the next Region sub-committee we will discuss helping Elkhorn Valley putting on a Public Service Announcement. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Gus R

NRCNA XX: The NRCNA 20 treasurer Linda F, provided written financial reports (SEE ATTACHMENTS) and presented Region with a proceeds return to the Region of \$1447.99.

NRCNA XXI: Hi family. NRCNA @! has shirts and things are starting to get busy. We have received some guidelines & past Convention reports to help us organize the Convention. We are looking forward to coming to the convention fundraisers and would appreciate if you would contact Brian S at 402-849-2620 with times and places. If you would like pre-registrations, please contact us via email at SusanB@hamilton.net or the phone number above. Thanks to everyone for all the behind the scenes work. In loving service, Brian S

NOTE: Pre-registration ends the 15th of April.

NRCNA XXII: EVANA is getting excited about the NRCNA 22 Convention. We've talked with the hotel and convention center about the arrangements that need to be made. We are starting to form committees and I think should have plenty of help from everyone. Thanks, Jeff G

REGIONAL DELEGATE REPORTS:

RD: Family, There is much coming up in the next few months. The Zonal CAR Workshop will be Jan 31st and Feb 1st in McPherson KS. After that if any Areas wish to have a workshop over the CAR please let me or Mark know so one or both of us can be there to help with any questions. I thank EVANA, Survivors Group, The New Day Group, & Happy Havelock Group for their support to the WSC. The WSC has sent out a lot of stuff over the last month and I have not had the time to go over it all. If you want a copy of the CAR report you can order one from NAWS, the cost is \$9.00. You can also review it online. In loving services, PonyBoy

ALT RD: Hello Region, Not a lot to report this quarter business-wise. We met as a Zone on Oct 18th 2003. After our regional reports, most of the sharing was pretty general concerning events and activities in our respective regions. We do have an Ad Hoc PI committee that targets zonal events such as the Governor's Conference, etc type deals and were presented with a list of possible presentation targets.

We are still tentatively planning a US Assembly. We are still looking into hotels and scheduling costs.

We also spent some time discussing the new sponsorship book. We came up with a wide variety of opinions on the sponsorship book, both pro and con.

Even with the logistic problems we had with this zonal meeting, it ended up being a very

good session for all who attended. The Zone made a \$50 donation to ENNA for allowing us to host in their Area at and during one of their Close Encounters fundraisers. ILS, Mark B

GSR ASSEMBLY: Gus reports the the General Assembly will host a workshop after the next Region meeting. Workshop at 5 - Spaghetti dinner at 6:30 - and speaker Lenny L at 8 with a dance to follow.

OPEN FLOOR:

Discussion of the need for Region Policy to be revised and updated. The Region is currently operating with policy developed and written in 1999.

Questions regarding regional meeting minutes and the need to develop Archives to ensure continuity of Regional decisions and business. Gary D and Tiff C provided copies to Shawn R of most of the past 2 years minutes and these will be assembled to an Archival record for future informational purposes.

Concern that Platte Valley is not represented today.

Alt RD Mark B requested clarification of the length of term change voted in at last Region. **For the record it will be noted in the minutes** - the overall agreement is the new terms will not affect the current terms of people in service today.

Treasurer Joe W requested clarification concerning RD budget amounts the Region could not afford to pay at the Oct 2003 region meeting. After much discussion, it was agreed to pay reimbursement for expenses incurred that exceeded the amount already disbursed.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS:

Vote for Dan M for **Treasurer**

6 Areas vote YES 1 Area absent CONGRATULATIONS Dan M

Vote for Sherry S for **Secretary**

6 Areas vote YES 1 Area absent CONGRATULATIONS Sherry S

Nomination for **Vice Chair** - Diane B - Nominations closed TAKE TO GROUPS

SERVICE RESUME:

Clean date 3/13/1993

I've worked the 12 Steps and apply the Steps and Traditions in my daily life to the best of my ability. I have a sponsor and use her and have always attended 3-5 meetings a week to maintain my recovery.

Positions served:

Greeter

Meeting Chairperson multiple times

Phone Line contact person for women

GSR - Tuesday Night Group 1 yr

Alt. GSR - SOS Group 1 yr

Alt/Acting GSR - Cleanway Club - currently

H&I Committee - '96 & '97

Acting H&I Chair - currently

Acting Co-Activities Chair - currently
NEASC Treasurer - Previous term in '90's and for past 3 years
In addition to service work in Narcotics Anonymous, I have held officer positions in several other organizations and have a working knowledge of how to conduct a business meeting.

Nomination for **NRCNA XXII Chair** - Jeff G (SEE OLD BUSINESS)

SERVICE RESUME:

I am respectfully submitting this letter in consideration for the Chair position of 2005 Narcotics Anonymous Regional Convention. My clean date is July 15, 2001. I have a NA sponsor who has worked the 12 steps and has enabled me to sponsor and give back to this program. I work and apply the 12 steps of narcotics Anonymous in my life. I have a working knowledge of the 12 traditions and 12 concepts. My service positions are as follows:

NA Monday Night Meeting Chairperson 2002 - present

EVANA PI Chairperson - present

AA Link Meeting Secretary/treasurer 2002 - present

OLD BUSINESS:

The Storage keys have been located and distributed as follows:

RD - Larry R (PonyBoy)

NRCNA Chair - Brian S

Central RCM - Tiff C

Region Chair - Susan S

The storage unit is located at Apollo Storage in Alda, NE.

Motion 1. To remove nomination for convention Chair under convention bid proposal as per policy.

Motion by- Northeastern Seconded by- Elkhorn Valley

INTENT: To reduce confusion

Central NE- Abstain

Eastern NE - Yes

Elkhorn Valley - Yes

Fremont - Yes

Great Plains - Yes

Northeastern - Yes

Platte Valley - **absent**

Southeastern - Yes

PASSED

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion 1. To pay the Alt RD expenses of \$400 for last April.

Motion by- Eastern Seconded by- Northeastern

INTENT: none noted - see above discussion in Open Floor

Central NE- Abstain

Eastern NE - Yes

Elkhorn Valley - Yes

Fremont - Yes

Great Plains - Yes

Northeastern - Yes

Platte Valley - **absent**

Southeastern - Yes

PASSED

Motion 2. To have the next Regional business meeting at Columbus to be held at St Joe's. (April 10, 2004 starts at NOON & follows the usual schedule)

Motion by- Northeastern Seconded by- Southeastern

INTENT: to help fulfill the primary purpose

Central NE- Yes	Eastern NE - Yes
Elkhorn Valley - Yes	Fremont - Yes
Great Plains - Yes	Northeastern - Yes
Platte Valley - absent	Southeastern - Yes

PASSED

Motion 3. To request the Regional Service Committee to provide the groups with a Regional Financial and Moral inventory.

Motion by- Northeastern Seconded by- Eastern

INTENT: to see if NA's primary purpose is being served and financial expenditures being met

Central NE- No	Eastern NE - No
Elkhorn Valley - Abstain	Fremont - No
Great Plains - No	Northeastern - No
Platte Valley - absent	Southeastern - No

FAILED

Motion 4. To have all the Region meetings held in the Giltner Town Hall unless an Area is willing to host it.

Motion by- Central Seconded by- H&I Chair

INTENT: so we don't show up and not have a key

Central NE- Yes	Eastern NE - Yes
Elkhorn Valley - Yes	Fremont - Yes
Great Plains - Yes	Northeastern - Yes
Platte Valley - absent	Southeastern - Yes

PASSED

2004 schedule of locations due to area's hosting:

April- Columbus
July- Grand Island
October- Kearney

Motion 5. To send an invitation to Area's not attending the region to tell them we miss them.

Motion by- PI Chair Seconded by- Eastern

INTENT: Unity

Central NE- Yes	Eastern NE - Yes
Elkhorn Valley - Yes	Fremont - Yes
Great Plains - Yes	Northeastern - Yes
Platte Valley - absent	Southeastern - Yes

PASSED

(NRSC Chair assigned this to the Region Secretary.)

Motion 6. To create a standing Policy Committee to become effective at the April 2004 Region meeting.

INTENT: we need one

Motion by- Eastern

Seconded by- Elkhorn Valley

TABLED - Take back to groups

(Chair requested volunteers for an Ad Hoc Policy Committee to locate all NRSC minutes, find all motions that have passed and make sure those that affect policy are in the NRSC Policy or amend them into the policy and print for distribution at the April 2004 Region meeting.)

The following members volunteered:

Penny

Jim

Pony Boy

Brian

Gary (provided copies of minutes)

Susan

Shawn (will serve as Chair for Ad Hoc Committee)

Motion 7. That all RSC Committees that receive funds turn in receipts for expenses and any excess funds or over-budget expense receipts be presented to the Treasurer.

Motioned by- Southeastern

Seconded by- Eastern

INTENT: To have a point of accountability

Central NE- Yes

Eastern NE - Yes

Elkhorn Valley - Yes

Fremont - Yes

Great Plains - Yes

Northeastern - Yes

Platte Valley - **absent**

Southeastern - Yes

PASSED

REGION WILL MEET AGAIN ON APRIL 10TH IN COLUMBUS, NE AT ST JOE'S.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY @ NOON

SUB-COMMITTEES @ 2PM

REGION SERVICE COMMITTEE @ 3PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Sherry S - Secretary

attachments:

Treasurer report

NRCNA XX treasurer report