



Area Service Committee Minutes for April 2009

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Attendance.

Julie secretary, Joanne vice-chair, John ASC chair, wendy gsr 12 monkeys, john h asc brews, john r gsr blackpool wed, cindy gsr colne, sally PI chair, kerry visitor, peter gsr, james visitor, rob visitor, david visitor, louise visitor, steve b gsr rawtenstall, jeanette gsr Carlisle, martin visitor, nicky gsr preston, barry visitor, phil gsr, gail gsr, christelle visitor, sue stand in for tony gsr, stuart gsr Manchester sally army, adam m gsr/post box, phil c gsr, john mc gsr, matt s gsr mens blackpool mtg, mark p gsr Accrington Friday night, carl gsr st. helens, craig gsr Bolton, Robbie cd tape library, stu b gsr Monday preston, karl p gsr Thursday burnley, andy o rcm.

Concepts Read By.
Joanne

Apologies.

Bill webservant, tony phone line, ruth treasurer

Last Months Minutes.

Passed

Treasurers Opening Balance.

£1441.71

GSRs and Group issues.

1. Stuart gsr preston, issue with the increased cost of literature.
2. Tuesday blackpool mens mtg, issue with the increased cost of literature
3. john r, issue with increased cost of literature.

4. we didn't have an RCM at the time when the information of increased costs was given. It was said that in future if we don't have an RCM then we should at least get the region minutes emailed to one of the steering committee to keep us up to date.
5. phil step 11 mtg, issue with not yet appearing on the mtgs list. Carl is new in the mtgs list position and will make sure this is sorted out this month.
6. peter gsr issue with the increased costs of literature. They would also like information of where they can get a basic text in greek, it was suggested he go to UKSO. They would also like people with clean time to attend their mtg as there are a lot of new members who need support.
7. Cindy gsr colne mtg would like for a volunteer to visit and do a share in this next month. A number of people have responded, thankyou.

Positions Vacant.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Servant</u>	<u>Start Date</u>
ASC Chair	john	January 09
ASC vice Chair	Joanne	Oct 08
ASC Treasurer	Ruth	April 08
Alternate ASC Treasurer	Position Vacant	5 yrs
ASC Literature	Adam	Nov 08
ASC Literature Alternate	lee	Nov 08
ASC Secretary	Julie	Sep 08
ASC Secretary Alternate	Position Vacant	6mths
ASC Brew person	John H	July 08
Regional Committee Member	Andy	dec 08
R.C.M Alternate	Position Vacant	4yrs
CD & Tape Library	Robbie	dec 08
Convention Chair 2008	Carl	june 08
Helpline Chair	Position Vacant	2 yrs
Hospitals & Institutions Chair	Andy	May 08
Meetings List	Carl	jan 09
Outreach Chair	Position Vacant	2yrs
Parents & Carers Chair	Position Vacant	2 yrs
Fundraising & Entertainment chair	Position Vacant	2 yrs
Post Box	Adam m	march 09
Prison Sponsorship	Matt	July 08
Public Information Chair	Sally	Nov 08
Webservant	bill	jan 09

Alt webservant
Share Review Chair

Martin
Position Vacant

march 09
2yrs

No one put themselves forward for service positions this month.

Old business.

No old business brought forward by anyone.

Prison sponsorship.

Prison Sponsorship
Sub Committee Meeting

Sunday March 22nd 2009.

Minutes Silence

Attended:

John S, Emma C, Diane P, Kim, Matt I, Matt L, Phil O, Rob H.

Concepts read.

Apologies:

Lorna.

Treasurer's Opening Balance:

£206.80p

Positions Vacant:

None:

Matters Arising:

Rob brought a concern for himself, that he is struggling financially to

Get to Prison Sponsorship meetings every week.

It was agreed by all members that expenses would be paid for Rob to attend, after working out how much it would be.

Kim is to open 1st letter from sponsees, and then any other letters with pen names will go direct to the sponsor.

H@I is to get back to Diane to discuss sponsoring sponsees in Styal Prison.

Matt I to ring Barbara in Lancaster Castle to arrange the review with the governor.

Matt, I to ring Mike in London, to get more Prison Sponsorship guidelines.

Phil O to get the H@I guidelines to get an idea.

Kim suggested that all committee members get guidelines on their own service positions.

Phil O has had £20 to buy stationary for future minutes of the meetings.

Closing Balance:

£186.80p

Close with Serenity Prayer:

Next Meeting:
Sunday 05/04/2009.

Cd and tape library.

Robbie is now back from holiday and is going to sort out and organise the CD and tape library. It was suggested that the steering committee minutes be taken in future as Robbie had notified steering committee he would be on holiday but no one remembered as no minutes were taken. This will now be done as from next area. Craig gsr Bolton would like the share cds list to be put on the website so that people can see what they may want to hire. Andy RCM to get clarification on the cd and tape library from region regarding copyright.

Post Box Report.

Post brought to area this month, not much this month just a couple of letters. Thankyou Adam.

Meetings list.

There is outdated meeting information still on the UK meetings list, including meetings that are no longer operating. After much discussion it was said that Carl could amend the UK meetings list to match our own ACCURATE North West meetings.

Convention committee report.

No report to attach. No body from the convention committee attended ASC.

Hospitals and institutions report.

No report to attach. No body from the committee attended ASC.

Public information report.

No report to attach as yet.

Literature.

£737 taken in sales. Last order was for £503.75. There was a proposal put in for the cd shares that have not sold for a long time to be handed over to the cd and tape library to make better use of. This was 2nded and the vote was carried.

Region report

RCM Report to ASC from March RSC Leeds

Treasurers opening balance - £13,321.65

Treasurers closing balance - £10,443.11

- A Fund Raising Committee does not have the power to make decisions around the money it raises. This power lies with the conscience of the Committee that the funds are raised for or the Area. This can be found in the Guide to Local Services. A question was asked as to why so much money was spent on a DJ and equipment?
- The question was raised at the EDM (European Delegates Meeting) about Meditation meetings. The feedback and suggestion was that the group should only use approved literature or silence.

The question was also raised about entry for the newcomer at the World Convention – Newcomers are allowed into any of the meetings. A Newcomer pot will allow a Newcomer to enter any of the other functions/events when the funds allow so and they must be thirty days clean or under.

- A question was raised at why H+I had chosen to pull out from Lancaster Castle. It was explained about lack of and bad communication from the prison. RCM's suggested that we look at ways of maintaining contact. The meeting in the prison can call itself an NA meeting if it chooses to whether NA members from outside attend it or not. IT was asked if the meeting had been sent an Institutional Group Guidelines Booklet?
Also are the positions vacant for service in prisons (panel leaders etc) because nobody is filling them or because they are rotational and due to come to an end?
- Has our PI ever considered putting information about NA in The Big Issue?
- UK NA Helpline is looking for volunteers. This service can be done from your home.
- Online registration and for the first time online Hotel booking for the UK 21st Convention in July is available at www.ukcna.org.
- The UKSCC (UK Service Conference Committee) brought a proposal to Region with its plans and intention for working at conventions and a service workshop in UK Areas. It was voted on that this should proceed. A copy of the proposal is attached to this report.

- The UKSO (UK Service Office) is without a Chairperson or a Vice Chairperson. This is causing some problems with things such as the Where to Find updates etc. A member of the Regional Steering Committee is attending their meetings to look at solutions as the office is also not represented at Region. The clean time requirement for these positions are:
 Chairperson – 5 years and a 3 year commitment
 Vice Chairperson – 4 years and a 3 year commitment.
- An Area in the South is looking at low GSR attendance at their ASC. They are looking at the possibility of one representative (GSR) for a number of meetings so that those meetings can be represented.

In Service and Fellowship.

Andy. O.

UK Service Conference Committee – proposal to RCMS

Region, March 2009

At the January Region, UKSC committee discussed a number of options for taking forward the service conference and agreed to put a proposal in writing for RCMs to consider before the March Region.

Proposal:

That the UKSC committee work with RCMs to develop a service workshop event that can be taken to local areas, with the aim of:

- Building an understanding from the grass roots of what the Fellowship wants from a service conference;
- Gaining a clear understanding of how a conference to meet that need should be run (for example, one national or several regional events); and
- Developing a set of terms of reference for the UKSC committee to deliver that successfully

Intent:

To develop a sound understanding of what the Fellowship needs from a Regional service conference committee.

To do this we are planning to run a few events to test how we can best interact with local NA fellowship to develop services that support their areas and feed the findings from this back to RCMs for discussion at either the July or September Region. We would then expect RCMs to agree how those findings should be taken forward.

We have been speaking to a number of Convention committees about running workshops and hope to work with one area to develop a local service day. If RCMs are content, we plan to deliver workshops at:

- the NW England & N Wales Convention on 27th – 29th March; and
- Hampshire Convention on 24th – 25th May; and
- UKCNA on 2nd – 5th July.
- and will work with one area to develop a service learning day [not firmed up yet with a host area, and happy to take volunteers]

An outline plan for these workshops is at Annex A.

Costs:

The central committee will concentrate on developing content with the host area. We expect that one or two members of the committee will facilitate the events, and the main costs will be travel costs. We are currently holding funds of £532.62. Our current budget suggests that we will spend:

Cost of Chair to travel to Leeds for March Region - £150

£180 on travel to Liverpool

No costs associated with either the Hampshire or UK Conventions – UKSC members attending or local travel only

Leaving a balance of about £230.

We will develop a full budget proposal once we have agreed with RCMs in July/ September how UKSC should be taken forward.

UKSC Committee:

The committee are keen to attract new members to the committee and will publicise this at the events mentioned above. Our next meeting will be on Sunday 5th April at 10.30a.m., in the Boardroom, 38 Ebury Street, Victoria, London. Call Tamba (07944 766430) or Lesley (07977 833054) for details – all new or interested members welcome.

Andy to email H&I chair as there was no H&I committee present at area to answer regions questions.

Questions from gsr to be taken to region are

1. Would they reconsider changing the 3 year commitment for the UKSO chair and vice chair?
2. Could we have national helpline posters put onto our literature order form.

New business

Only one bid for the convention of 2010 put in. Blackpool placed the bid and were 2nded. Some comments were that Blackpool have a lot of convention experience and that in the past conventions in that area have benefited the town.

Steve G put himself forward for the treasurer, was 2nded and voted in. Collette put herself forward for the chair, was 2nded and voted in.

It was stressed that the previous convention committee have not regularly attended ASC. Steve and Collette reassured gsr's and the steering committee that this won't be a problem for this 2010 convention.

Treasurers closing balance – £1376.85

We are below our prudent reserve by £123.15. Only taken £299.10 in donations. The prudent reserve is to be managed responsibly. It was suggested that the secretary write a polite notice for gsr's to take back to their groups and to pass to groups that don't attend, a letter explaining where our funds go and what we need the money for and how important it is. So as to prompt for further donations and also to invite NA members to area.

The next convention committee meeting for 2010 is on Wednesday 15th April 2009 at 6pm at Ibbitson Court, Blackpool

Next meeting will be at.....

St. Margaret's Committee Centre,
Lindley Ave,
Latchford,
Warrington,
WA4 1QB

area starts at 1pm – 5pm, Saturday the 2nd May 2009