

**Knoxville Area Minutes
2/15/2020**

**Opened with SP
Traditions- Adam
Concepts- Sarah**

Group	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Beautiful Day	A	A								A	a	A
Came to Believe	P	A										
Changes	P	P								P	p	A
Dopeless Hope fiends		P										
Easy Does It	P	P								P	P	A
Glow in the Dark	A	A								P	A	A
HOPE	A	P								P	P	P
How We Live	P	A								P	A	P
Hugs not Drugs	P	P								P	A	P
Just for Today	A	P								P	A	P
Let Go	A	P								P	A	A
Little River Group	P	P								P	P	A
New Attitude	A	A								A	A	A
Nickel and Dime	P	P								A	A	A
Night Shift	P	P								P	P	P
No Name	P	P								P	P	P
Noon Thirty	P	P								P	P	A
One More 24	P	P								P	A	A
Practical Applications	P	P								P	P	P
Primary Purpose	P	P								P	P	P
Recovery at Work	P	A								P	P	P

Remedy	P	A								A	A	A
Serenity In Sweetwater	P	A										
SNL	A	A								A	P	A
Solutions R Us	P	P								P	P	P
Solution Seekers	A	A								A	A	A
Thank God for New Beginnings	A	A								A	A	A
Together We Can	P	A								A	A	P
Vol Group	A	P								P	P	A
Without Parallel	A	P								A	A	P

Quorum- 18/24

Roll Call

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Chair	P	P								P	P	P
Vice Chair	P	P								P	A	A
Secretary	P	P								V	P	A
Alt. Secretary	V	V								V	V	V
Treasurer	P	P								P	P	A
Alt. Treasurer	P	V								P	P	A
RCM	P	P								A	A	P
Alt. RCM	V	V								V	V	V
Activities	V	V								V	V	V
H&I	P	P								P	P	P
PR	V	P								V	V	V
KACNA	P	P								P	P	P
ROR	P	P								A	A	P
P&P	V	V								V	V	V

Group Reports:

**SOLUTIONS R US – Wants to withdraw motion they put up to vote on 501c3
Let Go- Wedensdays at 730 needs support**

Little River Group- needs support, does not have enough money to support through next month.

Dopeless Hope Fiends- needs to be put back on the schedule

Dopeless Hope Fiends is in need of key tags and literature if anybody can help.

Reports

Chair:

Hello Family,

Don't forget that we have our Area Inventory after the Area meeting today. We are ordering pizza. I have yet to meet up with Blake to be put on the ASC Bank Account. I will do my best to do this before the next ASC meeting.

In Loving Service,

Eric P

(865) 454-5161

Vice Chair: No Report

Secretary: Minutes are on the website

Alt. Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: on website

Alt. Treasurer: VACANT

RCM:

KANA RCM Report

02/15/2020

Hi everyone,

I uploaded the VRSC Minutes to <https://www.naknoxville.org/service-documents/> last night.

VRSC met on February 2nd with 8 out of 10 areas represented. There are a few positions that need to be filled in the regional service committee; Vice-Chair, Alt. Secretary, Alt. Treasurer, and Policy & Procedures are all currently vacant.

I delivered our donation of \$2000 to the regional treasurer. One of the discussion topics that came up during the meeting was sending donations to the Zone. The Southern Zonal Forum is the body that we belong to, and we have not been making regular contributions. It has come up as a point of discussion in the last several RSC meetings, and it's time that we discuss this as an area. The zone provides valuable services to our members through workshops and other training opportunities. We believe that they are important to our region and that we are important to them. We feel that we should help support them through our 7th tradition with regular donations. Please take this back to your home groups for discussion.

CAR/CAT Workshop

To assist the RD team, the RCMs from ETROR (East TN Ridges of Recovery Area) MANA (Mountain Area of NA) and KANA have decided to join for a combined CAR/CAT Workshop. **The workshop will be held on March 7th at 10:00am, 1340 George Ave, Jefferson City, TN 37760.** It's about 30 minutes from here. If anyone wants to carpool let me know. **The workshop will also be available via Zoom for anyone that can't attend in person.** GSR's please do your best to attend this workshop. Being able to give the information to your homegroups as clearly and concisely as possible is the benefit of attending.

Here is the Zoom meeting Info:

Topic: ETROR/MANA/KANA CAR/CAT Workshop
Time: Mar 7, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/182718142>

Meeting ID: 182 718 142

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The next item is for discussion only. No vote needed.

A motion was brought to the floor two cycles ago and was sent to Policy & Procedures to see how it would affect the guidelines. It was amended at the last RSC and was voted to be tabled until next cycle. However, we wanted to bring it back to the groups for discussion:

Motion by: Craig G from: PR Chair Second: Julius H. from: MTA

Motion reads:

To change article XII, Section 12C from-

C. Six thousand dollars seed money for the upcoming convention committee

To-

Article XII, Section 12C. To provide the VRC subcommittee an annual operating budget of

\$20,000. The VRC subcommittee can make a withdrawal from that budget to open up their bank account but the remaining funds can be accessed as necessary.

Intent:

To provide funding for a subcommittee of the VRSC without relying on the subcommittee to put on fundraisers. If we do not require H&I, Outreach, and PR to do fundraisers to provide for their budgets, it doesn't seem practical to require VRC to do fundraisers to provide their service.

Questions/comments from Floor:

Discussion only- seeking direction

- This will affect the guidelines: Article XII, Section 13, Volunteer Regional Convention Disbursement of Funds
- Would there still be fundraisers to offset the funds?
- It doesn't say that we can't do fundraisers
- VRC should not rely on fundraisers to fund the party
- PR, H&I, Outreach don't have to rely on fundraisers to fulfill their services
- An amendment will be made to the motion (listed above)

- Second withdrawn, new second added to the motion
- Maybe we should send this to our groups and talk about it again in May
- This was about being flexible, if someone needed extra money then we could do that rather than be specific about how much money they can have on a specific date
- This is just a budget, if they don't use all of these funds, that's great... but if they need it, it would be available.
- Last Chattanooga VRC costed around \$8,000
- Last Nashville VRC costed around \$44,000
- If we don't come up with something, we will end up coming back to groups to ask about needed funds over and over.
- Input from groups so far:
- Spend the money
- We need more information
- With the rising costs of hotels etc., it would be great to increase
- It would be a great idea, just not the \$20,000
- Voted to table: 6,1,1,0
- **Motion tabled until next cycle,**
- **Take motion back to discuss with groups with the new information/discussion above.**

The regional motion we voted on last month passed 69-0-1-35

And finally, we have one nomination to vote on:

Scot Brewer for VRC 39 Chair.

Clean Date 08/17/2008

He has held the following positions:

- **Outreach Chair**
- **H&I Chair**
- **Activities Chair**
- **Alt RCM & RCM**

- Vice-Chair
- Area Chair
- Merchandise Chair for VRC

He has service experience in group, area and regional levels, a strong sponsorship / recovery network, and working knowledge of the NA Steps and Traditions.

He has a sponsor, a home group, attends weekly meetings, has working knowledge of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, and understanding of the 12 Concepts, knowledge of the Guide to Local Service, and accounting and computer skills.

He has helped establish multiple NA groups in the Midwest TN Area, and work and school have allowed him a great amount of experience with public speaking. He feels that any service position in NA is an honor and is looking forward to learning and advancing his service experience with the help of other more experienced members. He has never accepted a service position in which he was not able to fulfill the commitment.

The VRSC meeting will be held:

05/03/2020 @ 09:30am.

403 Hickerson Dr. (Jaycees building)

Murfreesboro, TN

Thanks for letting me serve!

Stephen Z

Alt. RCM: Vacant

Activities: Vacant

H&I:

6/8 people show up for subcommittee, orientation every area meeting before area. Positions turn over in March 2020. It is a good time to get involved. H&I will be putting in nomination for a new chair. Literature order of \$126.43 was made. Looking for men and women to go into Knox County Jail for information ask subcommittee.

PR:

Held first subcommittee meeting 2 weeks ago and went over intent and positions. Wondering about the subcommittee about the clean time requirements? The clean time requirements can be altered and voted on within the subcommittee depending on willingness and person. March 1st at 3pm at Emerald Avenue Church will be the next PR subcommittee meeting. Ordered new business cards,

will start working on fliers soon. Phone line orientation at the next subcommittee meeting.

KACNA:

April 3-5th at the Crown Plaza, room rates are only guaranteed until March 3rd. 20\$ registration or 10\$ at the event. February 29th Speak and Eat at noon thirty. Hugs not Drugs will be doing a Valentine's Day dance for KACNA on February 21st 3\$ a person 5\$ a couple. Might have another fundraiser next month. 4500\$ in the bank they are a little under the money that they need, but in general doing well.

ROR:

Having meeting every other week. Voted on location and date. August 14th, 15th, and 16th. Voted location to be at Big Ridge. Positions still needed to be filled. Need prudent reserve to pay location on Tuesday.

P&P: Vacant

OLD Business:

1st: Solutions R Us

2nd: Recovery at work

Motion:

To hire Blake to establish a EIN number, a state of TN charter agreement, and apply for a 501C-3 status. He charges \$200.

Intent: To remove any personal ties to bank account, bills, and to be exempt of any income tax or sales tax. He will also put together an ongoing budget to accommodate filing fees, yearly return fees, and other resources. This would also allow us to purchase literature at an area level instead of at a home group level. To reestablish a literature subcommittee

Withdrawn by the maker of the motion.

New Business:

ASC Motions/ Nominations

Made by: Primary Purpose

2nd: Nightshift

Motion: to nominate Stephen Z for the RCM position

Qualifications: Current RCM

Intent: For Stephen Z to continue to be **AMAZING...**

Made by: H&I

2nd: No Name Group

Motion: Nominate Becca B. for H&I chair

Intent: To fill vacant position that turns over in March

Qualifications:

Clean date 9/28/12

GSR of her home group

Has been secretary of her home group

Has been panel leader at Centrepont
Never misappropriated funds.

VRSC Motion

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Open Forum:

Knoxville Area's turn to host VRC, the only seed money is \$6000 and the location is \$8500. As a 5013c VRC can only do one fundraiser per year, but home groups can host fundraisers for VRC. VRC is asking for help to raise funds by fundraisers or selling merchandise. Get with Sam D. if any groups have the willingness.

April 18th during area it will be noisy because the building owners will be setting up for a party downstairs.

If you cannot set up the Zoom for the CAR/CAT March 7th please contact Stephen Z. to get it set up. Tallies are due first week in area. Links will be on the website.

Straw poll vote for Dopeless Hope Fiends to get literature ordered because they are struggling.

Announcements:

None

Next meeting is on 21March 2020

AREA INVENTORY 2020

Opened with the Serenity Prayer

Went around the room and introduced ourselves.

Why Inventory?

Because carrying the message is so important, many groups take inventory periodically to help ensure that our primary purpose is still in focus.

What is your purpose of an ASC?

- Serve groups
- Provide Services
- Ensure the message is carried to those who need it
- Get people to meetings
- Help strengthen the meetings
- Foster Unity
- Connect Groups
- Link between other levels of service
- ❖ See guidelines

List what actions or services you do to fulfill that purpose

- H&I
- PR
- KACNA
- ROR
- Meeting schedules
- Website
- Phone line
- Link between service structures
- Supporting Groups
- Meaningful Discussions
- Area Inventory
- Collective Experience
- GSR orientations
- H&I orientations
- Workshops

Assets

- Website
- Phone line

- Meeting Schedules
- 7th Tradition
- Fundraising
- Throwing Parties
- A lot of meetings
- Number of active home groups
- Communication
- Effectiveness of ASC
- A good mixture of Clean time / experience
- Carrying the message
- H&I / GSR Training
- Commitment

Liabilities

- Denial
- Supporting other groups
- ASC Inventory
- Workshops
- Lack of understanding of policy
- Effectiveness of our Communication
- Lack of Outreach
- Too many events
- Too many Fundraisers
- Parties
- Unwelcoming
- Lack of participation in service
- Poor fund management
- Lack of Training
- Disunity
- Lack of Old Timers in service
- Lack of Understanding of Concepts and Traditions
- Warm body syndrome
- Lack of commitment/ Attendance
- Lack of Literature
- Negative Image of Service (OPTICS)
- 61 Pages of Guidelines
- Lack of Public Relations
- ASC meeting is rushed

Top 4

- Workshops/ Lack of Training
- Poor communication
- Use of Funds/ fundraising
- 12 traditions and 12 concepts

Solutions

Lack of Training/ workshops- Blake V.

- Have an Activities Chair to facilitate the workshops
- List of topics for workshops
- Consult with other areas of service about how to have a workshop (ask for help)
- Find ways to make them attractive (Optics)

Funds and Fundraisers- Point of Accountability- Dixon C.

- Biggest expenses are conventions
- Alternate ROR and KACNA
- Strong Activities chair to do activities to promote unity
- Self-support
- Requesting outside fundraising (ASK FOR HELP)
- Ask Groups to have the 2 conventions
- Financial workshops
- Read money Matters at the ASC
- Prioritize services
- Move KACNA and ROR under Activities
- Fully fund Conventions

Poor Communications- Point of Communication- Adam P

- Strong PR committee
- Detailed group reports
- Send out ASC minutes in a timely manor
- Outreach
- GSR/ Trusted servant training
- Contact list for ASC
- Home Group meeting contact # on Schedule
- Calendar of events on Website
- GSR Reports more accessible
- ASC Format

Traditions/ Concepts- Point of accountability- Stephen Z

- Study at Area
- Attraction through workshops
- Sponsorship
- GSR Orientation
- Workshops at Conventions
- More Tradition and concept studies at meetings
- Personally share our experiences at meetings
- Shatter the illusion that the concepts are only for service
- Integrate the Guide to Local Service
- Outreach Subcommittee

Accountability and follow-up

Who is responsible to monitor and report back to the body?

- **The Task Force that consists of the 13 members that attended the Area Inventory**

How will we monitor our progress?

- **Through reports during Old Business at the ASC**

When are these solutions to be implemented?

- **More will be revealed...**

Deadline?

- **Undetermined, but the Task Force will give monthly reports at the ASC to keep the body informed of its progress**

Form a Task Force

- **The task force was formed at the end of the inventory and consists of the 13 members that attended the inventory**