

# **The Beach Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous**

## **Meeting Minutes for February 7, 2015**

### **OPEN WITH SERENITY PRAYER**

**READINGS:** 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts

### **BASCNA STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:**

The Beach Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous shall, in accordance with the 12 Traditions and the 12 Concepts of NA, serve all NA meetings who choose to participate.

### **ADMIN ROLL CALL:**

#### **Administrative Committee Members:**

Chair – Marji B., present

Vice Chair – Ben L., present

Treasurer – Joe B., present

Vice Treasurer – Micah L., present

Secretary – Amanda F., present

Regional Committee Member (RCM) – Ted L., present

Virginia Regional Convention Committee Member (VRCCM) - Dale R., present

#### **Subcommittee Members:**

Serenity On The Shore (SOTS) Vice Chair – Steve S., present

Emergent Needs Committee (ENC) Chair – Sam B., present

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** [see attached]

### **OPEN FORUM:** [1:22pm – 1:52pm]

-Discussion TASNA and BANA coming together, having a get together. Not for the purpose of a fundraiser but for seed money for tickets for picnic (seafood fest). Purpose to get two areas to work together and get together and have fun. Talk on proper procedures to get this going.

-Bank issue for treasurer of BASCNA, not able to sign checks. Suggestions to get this taken care of. Discussion on switching banks and responsibility of Vice Chair to research.

-PSA shown that would be shown on TV. Discussion on the PSA.

**GROUP ROLL CALL / GROUP REPORTS:**

**Groups present / Report:**

- 1) Choose Life / x
- 2) Enjoying the Journey / x
- 3) Hope Ignited / x
- 4) HOW Group / x
- 5) Kempsville Crossroads / x
- 6) Living the Program / x
- 7) Men's Meeting / x
- 8) Serenity Sisters / x
- 9) Straight Ahead / x
- 10) Sunday Sanity / x
- 11) The Journey Continues / x
- 12) There's a Light / x
- 13) Trusted Servants / x
- 14) Wave of Recovery / x
- 15) When at the End of the Road / x

**Groups not present / Absences:**

- 16) In Times of Illness / 1
- 17) Clean and Serene / 2
- 18) Freedom of Choice / 2

**New groups / Report:** none

**WRITTEN GROUP REPORTS:** none

**ESTABLISH QUORUM:** 15/18 Quorum Met

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion:** (made by Shawn B., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat C.) to approve November 2014 minutes.

**Vote:** (15/0/0)

**Motion:** (made by Pat C., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve S.) to approve December 2014 minutes.

**Vote:** (15/0/0)

**Motion:** (made by Lucinda W., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill S.) to approve January 2015 minutes.

**Vote:** (15/0/0)

**OLD BUSINESS:** [none]

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion #1:** In the event that a home group is placed on the inactive list, the Chair shall visit the inactive home group in an effort to find out why the inactive home group has stopped participating in area service (and at the Chair's discretion this task can be forwarded to Vice Chair to carry out).

Intent: To help maintain the continuity of area service and to create unity between area and its home groups in an effort to sustain quorum on a monthly basis

Motion made by: Enjoying the journey

- Motion #1 passed (11/1/3)

**Motion #2:** Area shall reimburse any trusted servant that is mandated by policy to travel to fulfill their commitment for their associated expenses

Intent: To be fully self-supporting. To make it easier for members to be able to serve

Motion made by: Men's Meeting

- Motion #2 tabled by Helene T. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patrick E. (14/0/1)

**Motion #3:** To task ENC with making monthly contact with inactive BANA groups by attending those meetings and making inquiries about attendance.

Intent: To encourage participation by showing that BANA values the involvement of all groups

Motion made by: There is a Light

- Motion #3 out of order

**Motion #4:** Contact NA world about misinformation regarding tidewater area and BANA

Intent: To have accurate information.

Motion made by: Jon B., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Helene T.

- Motion #4 retracted

**Motion #5:** Move to have a non-profit seafood fest co-sponsored by Beach Are and TASNA. To move forward as long as both areas agree

Intent: To have a co-sponsored event by two areas to promote unity as well as to carry the message.

Motion made by: Mark N.

- Motion #5 passed (14/0/1)

**Motion #6:** To go forward on airing of PSA on Channel 10

Intent: To reach the still sick and suffering addict

Motion made by: Jon B., 2<sup>nd</sup> Helene T.

- Motion #6 passed (14/0/1)

**Motion #7:** Create a literature subcommittee

Intent: To have access to literature in BANA.

Motion made by: The Journey Continues

- Motion #7 retracted

**MOTION TO CLOSE:**

- **Motion:** (Shawn B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve S.) to close meeting.
- Motion passed (15/0/0)

**Committee Reports:**

**CHAIR:** no report

**VICE CHAIR:** no report

**TREASURER:**

Hi Family,

Our beginning balance for January 2015 is \$2,121.38. We collected \$290.00. in donation. We have \$166.00 in approved funds for basic texts and a prudent reserve of \$920.00. Also we have approved funds for the ENC. this leaves us a working balance of \$725.28. Please note no expenses have been paid for last month.

My issue with becoming an authorized signer has NOT been resolved. I have done my due diligence to get this done. The banks policy have made this very difficult. All signers must be present or present a signed document with all signers which expires every 4 days. This bank has no Saturday hours. I will bring up in open discussion. But, either we need to change banks or I will need to resign this position. Unless other resolutions come to light. I will fill out all checks and have Margie sign them, so that business can move forward.

ILS,  
Joe B.

**VICE TREASURER:** no report

**SECRETARY:**

BASCNA,

I am passing around a BANA are home group list. Please update information as needed. Also, if you need to provide your email to receive the minutes, please see me after the meeting so I can update the list. Also, as a reminder, please email any reports by the end of today to the following email address:  
amfoster822@gmail.com

Gratefully,  
Amanda F.

## **RCM:**

Good afternoon fellow trusted servants and other members of BANA.

Continuing to investigate and reintegrate the area into the regional and zonal areas of the service structure I traveled to the Autonomy Zonal Forum hosted by the Chesapeake & Potomoc Region. The forum was held on January 31, 2015 at St. Thomas Hall on Rhode Island, NE. in Washington, DC. The forum started at 10am and continued till 5pm. Currently the "Zonal Forums" are a "information sharing" tool for the Regional Delegates and other interested members. However there is a drive to give the Delegates and the Zone structure some "conscience capability" to bring to and vote on fellowship business at the WSC.

I was invited to share my experiences with the WSC in the past (early 90's) and to contribute to the forum as were other non-delegate participants. I have put together a small package to show both our current Region (Central Atlantic) and Zone (Autonomy). This can also be used in any other discussions and to our (BANA) place in the structure. I strongly encourage everyone to come out and support our Service Learning Day on March 21, 2015. I only ask to be reimbursed for the copying costs of the handouts to BANA GSR's and admin.

In Loving Service

Ted L. BANA RCM

## **VRCC CHAIR:**

Hello Beach Area family:

Grateful to serve our area as VRCC Director. I apologize for missing last month's area service mtg. Totally spaced out.

The 33rd AVCNA hosted by Appalachia Area was held in Lynchburg Jan. 9-11. In spite of Appalachia being a small area, the host committee staged a wonderful convention. Their dedicated service efforts prevailed over many difficulties they faced throughout the year preparing to host this event. The main speakers and workshop panel speakers carried a strong, enthusiastic message of recovery.

Some numbers from the host committee. There were 801 attendees, 95 of those received newcomer packages. Merchandise chair reported all but 75 items sold of the 550 available. It was noted had there not been outside vendors, all merchandise would have easily been sold.

All leftover items as well as banners were turned over to New Dominion Area(Richmond), host area for the 34th AVCNA. That committee was in attendance and reported 2 pre-convention fundraisers netted nearly \$2000.

I have receipts for expenses as requested by this body. 1 night(Thursday)stay at hotel at convention rate of \$102.94 and gas receipt for \$30.00, for a total of \$132.94. Reimbursement is subject to the approval of this body. VRCC will meet in 3rd week in March at UVA hospital in Charlottesville.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, in loving service, Dale R

## **SOTS VICE CHAIR:**

Serenity on the shore

Vice Chair report

Hello family,

In December I was elected Vice Chair of serenity on the shore committee , I am looking forward to serving my commitment as Vice Chair and as a representative of SOTS to reporting to Bana

Attendance was good but not as strong as previous years since we first started, Over all it was a success, I know that I walk away with more experience /Strength and Hope and I am sure other addicts did too !! How ever financially the campout came in under prudent reserve . A change in Venue and the decision to serve food most likely played a part, It was the consensus

of committee members that the change in Venue May have played a part in the spirit of attendance and decisions by the committee to serve food incurred an unnecessary financial burden .

Attached to this report is a treasurer's Report of the 2014 year Campout , if you have any Question feel free to ask and i will answer to the best of my ability

I pleased to report that this years Campout will be held at First landing State park !!! we will be having our first fundraiser , A Sponsor /sponsee breakfast sometime in April,

In my next report to area the details of Location and time of the event will be made available.

Please spread the word on this fundraiser and encourage attendance. As we all Know the relationship of sponsor and Sponsee is the heartbeat of narcotics anonymous !!! so come out and further this relationship While supporting this fundraiser !!! Together we can add to the unity of our fellowship our area and this years campout !!

Thank you for the the privilege to serve and love you guys

Steve S

## **ENC CHAIR:**

BASCNA,

The Emergent Needs Committee met Friday, February 6, 2015 with seven addicts in attendance. We discussed updating the aesthetics and functionality of the area website. Changes will include visual upgrades and a link for newcomers providing them introductory information about Narcotics Anonymous. The web servant and other willing addicts will be working on these updates until our next meeting at which point the body's members will vote to approve any changes.

As per Motion #2 from November 2014 the ENC has been investigating public service announcements. A couple addicts have gotten together to create a PSA that is available to air on television upon the area's request. We have made contact with NBC and have found that PSAs for non-profit organizations are free to air and that these major cable networks are required to air a set number per day. The PSA that was created by addicts in our area could be put into channel 10's PSA rotation at immediately. We are exploring other media outlets including ABC, CBS, Cox Communications, PBS, radio stations, and digital media outlets. At this time the ENC recommends that the area proceed by airing the PSA we have created on the available outlets. Also, we believe that creating a PR chair position that would report as part of the ENC and be responsible for maintaining this project, similar to the web servant, would be appropriate.

Finally, the ENC discussed the upcoming Service Learning Day. There was some confusion with the church as to the scheduled date of our event, and it ended up being in conflict with an event that they are having on the same day. The ENC has decided to keep the same time and date and move the event to the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. We will make the same \$50 donation and the new fliers are being distributed today at area. The cost of feeding an estimated 50 people will be from \$250-\$300. This includes Pollards chicken, macaroni and cheese, puffs, cookies, drinks, and all dining ware.

The Emergent Needs Committee meets the Friday preceding every Area Service Meeting at 7:15 at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Any and all addicts interested in serving are encouraged to attend.

Gratefully,

Sam B.

ENC Chair

## Home Group Reports:

The following report came from the Surrender and Recover Group and read to the BANA body:

### **Surrender & Recover Group**

#### Written Report

Date: February 7, 2015

(Amanda please inform your area members, thank you)

All members,

The GSR position previously held by me Thomas W. Golden has ended on Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 2015. Our Surrender & Recover home group will be represented by Paul R. The home group has decided to return to TACNA area for our group representation. So, the Surrender & Recover group is requesting our removal from the BANA Home group list. For almost a year as a GSR at BANA I really enjoyed the opportunity to learn and be a part of the larger whole of NA; so thanks from the Portsmouth Surrender & Recover group to the BANA area & its trusted servants.

Love all of you,

Thomas G.

## **BANA Home Group List**

### **ACTIVE:**

- 1) **Choose Life** - Thursday 8:00pm, Virginia Beach Psychiatric Center. Contact: Phil S. 757-771-6763.  
**GSR:** Whitney Y. 757-714-1121
- 2) **Clean And Serene** - Sunday 8:15pm, Bayside Baptist Church. Contacts: Mike S. 757-618-3221, Craig W. 757-395-9999. **GSR:** Mike S. 757-618-3221
- 3) **Enjoying The Journey** - Tuesday 8:00pm, Water's Edge Church. Contacts: Billy B. 757-681-4341.  
**GSR:** Steve S. 757-237-6823
- 4) **Freedom Of Choice** - Saturday 8:00pm, Church of the Ascension. Contact: James P. 757-619-2273.  
**GSR:** Dee H. 757-575-2041
- 5) **Hope Ignited** - Sunday 9:00am, Virginia Beach Recovery Center. Contact: Chuck K. 757-469-9365.  
**GSR:** Sean M. 757-802-2440
- 6) **HOW Group** - Friday 8:30pm, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Contact: Lance G. 757-692-7864, Tim L. 757-472-1690. **GSR:** Kathleen G. 757-642-3823
- 7) **In Times of Illness** - Tuesday 7:30pm, Virginia Beach Psychiatric Center. Contact: Bill S. 757-717-1815. **GSR:** Bill S. 757-717-1815
- 8) **Kempsville Crossroads** - Friday 8:00pm, Providence Presbyterian Church. Contacts: Daniel 757-418-1690, Mark N. 757-478-1839. **GSR:** Jeff N. 757-469-1633
- 9) **Living The Program** - Monday 7:30pm, Water's Edge Church. Contacts: Lance G. 757-692-7864, Steve K. 757-715-1075. **GSR:** Patrick G. 757-636-2412
- 10) **Men's Meeting** - Saturday 6:00pm, 2225 Rose Hall Dr. Contact: Ty G. 757-652-1150. **GSR:** Alex R. 757-297-6936
- 11) **Serenity Sisters** - Thursday 7:30pm, Haygood United Methodist Church. Contacts: Tracy B. 757-407-2661, Trish 757-575-9350. **GSR:** Jennifer M. 757-352-0870
- 12) **Straight Ahead** - Wednesday 7:15pm, Christ Presbyterian Church. Contacts: Chris P. 757-535-7227.  
**GSR:** Helene T. 973-454-1136
- 13) **Sunday Sanity** - Sunday 8:00pm, Virginia Beach Psychiatric Center. Contacts: Mary P. 757-739-1726, John 757-567-6395. **GSR:** Adam T. 757-692-6332
- 14) **The Journey Continues** - Sunday 5:00pm, St. Francis Episcopal Church. Contact: Donna V. 757-619-3737. **GSR:** Erinn M. 757-277-3422
- 15) **There's A Light** - Tuesday 7:00pm, Ocean Lakes Church of God. Contacts: Geoff L. 757-641-3159,



Robert S. 757-816-2777. **GSR:** Shawn B. 757-343-5307

16) **Trusted Servants** - Wednesday 8:00pm, New Faith Church. Contact: Ben N. 757-270-0264. **GSR:** Barbara H. 845-905-9126

17) **When At The End Of The Road** - Saturday 5:00pm, St. Francis Episcopal Church. Contact: Donna V. 757-619-3737. **GSR:** Lucinda W. 757-309-5071

18) **Wave Of Recovery** - Friday 8:00pm, Virginia Beach Christian Church. Contact: Pat C. 757-735-8934. **GSR:** Pat C. 757-735-8934

**INACTIVE (3 or more consecutive absences):**

1) **Awkward Group** - Friday 10:30pm, “Wandering Meeting”, call for location. Contact: Michael W. 757-961-3156. **GSR:** Mike W. 757-916-3156

2) **Shattering The Illusions** - Thursday 7:00pm, St. Michel Lutheran Church. Contacts: Deedee A. 757-560-5596, Bryan M. 757-635-7414. **GSR:** Peggy

3) **Visible Changes** - Wednesday 12:00pm, Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Contact: Arden M. 757-737-4005. **GSR:**