

Date: August 18th, 2013 at BTF

EMERALD COAST AREA MINUTES

1. **Called to Order** : 4:38 pm
2. **12 Traditions** –. Carrieters
3. **12 Concepts** -.Jason T
4. **Purpose** – Jason A
5. **Roll Call**

Administrative Committee:

Chair: Present (Cheryl S)
 Vice-Chair: Present (Reed H)
 Treasurer: Present (Donna H)
 Secretary: **Vacant (Kristi V acting)**
 RCM- Absent (Robbie T)
 RCM 2nd- **Vacant**

Subcommittee Chairs:

Activities: Present (Jason T.)
 Policy: **Vacant**
 ECPRS: Present (Kristi V)

Bridge to Freedom: present – (Jason A.)
 New Attitudes: present - (Carriettes)
 Beach N.A: present (Brenda M)

GSRs:

Last Chance: Present (Jon D)
 High on Life: Present (Anna)

6. Reports

Administrative Committee:

Chairperson: none
 Vice Chair- none
 Secretary :read minutes-
 RCM: Absent but submitted written report

Subcommittees:

Activities: Written
 ECPRS: Written
 Policy: VACANT

Beach NA asked for clarity on the RCM status since the July 2013 minutes state that he resigned but today Chair stated that he was absent. At this time, Robbie T is still in service as the RCM for ECANA. Last Chance stated that they accept his resignation but does not accept his unresignation.

Groups

Bridge to Freedom: see attached
 New Attitudes: see attached
 Last Chance: see attached

High on Life: see attached
 Beach N.A.: see attached

7. Continuing Business and Any Tabled Motions: Discussion about Area Policy and the time frame for Nominations and Elections. Do we go by the Revised August 2013 Policy or with the Policy that has been printed with May 2012? This is the first time that we have seen the Revised Policy in print even though all the changes in the Revised August 2013 have been at one time or another approved by the groups. GSR'S asked for a moment to get together and discuss what they would like to do and which policy they would like to use. Short recess for GSR'S to discuss further action. Reopened with the Serenity Prayer at 5:37 pm with all GSR'S in attendance. Chair asked for consensus to allow Beach NA to be the spokesperson for their consensus. The GSR's agreed to use the Revised August 2013 policy and the call for nominations from last Area to be considered out of order. They will take all open positions

back to their home groups. The ECANA will use the Revised August 2013 Policy from this moment forward. This policy will be available for viewing on www.emeraldcoastna.org.

- a) Nominations and Elections : **Open Positions- POLICY, SECRETARY, RCM 2nd**
- b) Date of next meeting : September 15th 2013
- c) Bids for next ASC- BTF
- d) Pass meeting schedules for any changes-BTF Monday night change from Basic Text study to Book Study
- e) 7th Tradition- \$ 14.00

8. **Recess:** 5:45-6:00

Reopened with the Serenity Prayer: 6:00PM

9. **Open Forum** (3 minutes per person) 1. Joel A stated that World is talking to Watershed about taking the phone number from them, so hopefully WSO and Watershed are in talks to transfer the phone number to the WSO. Reed stated that a World Board member stated that the Region is not allowed to take suit with Watershed due to the FIPTS. Brenda stated that the NAWS attorney said they were in negotiations with Watershed to surrender the phone number to NAWS. Email seemed to state that it was imminent to surrender the phone number. 2. Reed would like to remind us that the Area is based on the 9th Tradition which says that sometimes we will be called to make decisions based on the information that is presented. We need to remember that we are trusted servants and should be treated as such.

10. **Old Business-** Nomination for Reed H as AD. Vote 5/0/0 Unanimous

11. **New Business:** 1. **Motion# 2013-16:** Motion made by Beach NA 2nd by Last Chance—\$20.80 for printing of Area Minutes, \$18.00 for printing of Revised August 2013 ECANA Area Policy, and \$11.16 for mailing of July Area Minutes for a total of \$49.96, make check payable to Kristi Vause
Vote 5/0/0 **PASSED**

2. **Motion # 2013-17:** Made by Activities 2nd by New Attitudes—Hold Halloween Function on Saturday Nov 2nd from 5pm to 10pm tentatively at Springfield Community Center---Vote 5/0/0
PASSED

3. **Motion #2013-18** (Made by Beach NA 2nd by High On Life—To have the current RCM removed from office, INTENT Tradition 1, failure to account for funds, aggressive behavior) **& Motion #2013-23** (Made by New Attitudes 2nd by High On Life—Request of removal of RCM, INTENT Promotion of continuity of service and preserve the unity of area: reference 2nd Tradition page 60-61 from 5th edition, 5th Tradition) were combined. DISCUSSION: BTF asked about the receipts for the Pensacola Region. Treasurer presented the Hotel room receipt for \$239.92 for 2 nights stay at the hotel. Beach NA has an issue with the RCM staying Friday Night at the hotel when he was not required to be there until 11 am on Saturday at the earliest. Chair stated a point that the RCM still used his gas to get there even though the receipts were not turned into the Treasurer. The Treasurer did ask for them but the RCM stated that he did not have them. Beach NA still wants the accountability for funds to be of the utmost importance. New Attitudes brought up that the funds are given in advance to the RCM. Vice Chair read in the policy about the removal of trusted servants. Chair brought it back to the motion and asked for a vote. Vote 3/0/2 **PASSED**

4. **Motion #2013-19:** Motion made by ECPRS 2nd by Beach NA—Changing ECPRS policy to state that addicts who participate in H&I and Phonenumber must be willing to attend at least 4 ECPRS meetings a year, INTENT: accountability and carrying a clear message-- Discussion: BTF asked if that included all Members of a panel or just the leaders of that panel. ECPRS Chair asked if the

GSR's would like the motion to be modified. BTF asked if the members were not able to attend the meeting then that would keep people from being of service to H&I. BTF asked that a representative from ECPRS be at the business meetings for the groups. ECPRS Chair stated that she would be willing to show up at each group's business meeting as long as the GSR texted her before the meeting to remind her that she was needed. —**R.T.G**

5. **Motion # 2013-20**: Motion made by ECPRS 2nd by Last Chance—To increase monthly budget to \$125 in ECA policy INTENT-to better serve the facilities and continue to carry the message to the addicts, 11th concept and 5th tradition—**R.T.G.**

6. **Motion #2013-21**: Motion made by Activities 2nd by BTF—Hold a 7th Tradition workshop (Money Matters—It's your Fellowship) on Sept. 14th, 11 am to 2 pm at BTF, Potluck INTENT-To fully inform addicts where their money goes when they place it in the basket—Discussion: Pro BTF we need to know where our money is going. VOTE 5/0/0 **PASSED**

7. **Motion # 2013-22**: Motion made by BTF 2nd by New Attitudes—Ron F for RCM 2nd INTENT-to fill empty position-- Nomination therefore needs to suspend order of business to go back to nominations and elections. Order of business suspended to return to Nominations and Elections: **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**: Motion #2013-22 BTF nominates Ron F for RCM 2nd. Vice Chair read qualifications from the ECA policy. Chair read Ron F qualifications. Beach Na had 2 questions. Is your health better? Yes. Why are you not running as RCM? There was an RCM when the nomination was submitted. New Attitudes asked about if the Chair would be willing to vacate her position to be RCM. Chair stated that she was willing to be RCM as long as the GSR's were okay with that change. Chair stated that she has fulfilled her commitment under the old policy. Beach NA stated that this point is moot. Chair stated that if the RCMA is voted on here then it does not have to go back to groups unless a GSR wants to take it back. Beach NA wants to take it back to her group. Chair stated that she is willing to go the Region to help facilitate the transition for the RCMA. Ron asked if it is in the policy that the chair step in as RCM. Vice Chair said it is not. New Attitudes 2nd the nomination. Vice Chair read RCM qualifications. Vice Chair asked if Cheryl was willing to be RCM. Cheryl stated yes. POINT OF CLARITY: Nominations for RCM are now open for any other addict to put their qualifications in for RCM. Beach NA asked if she goes to her home group and Cheryl's nomination is on the floor and her group votes for Cheryl then her group would not know if there were any other nominations for voting. Vice Chair stated that Parliamentary procedure allows this. High on Life stated that it sounds like nominations will be open for RCM and we will not vote on Cheryl as RCM until the September Area. BTF brought up that nominations are open for RCM so any addict can put their name in the hat but if there is no nomination at the home group then the home groups can vote for Cheryl as RCM and report their vote at the September area. Last Chance stated that if the nomination for Cheryl comes in, does Area Chair come up for vote or does the Vice Chair automatically assume the position of Chair. The answer is that Vice Chair would be acting chair until elected. Cheryl submitted qualifications for RCM--**R.T.G.**

RON F Qualifications: Clean Date 8/10/2010, has a sponsor who has a sponsor, willingness to serve, home group service GSR for BTF 2011-2012, Area Vice Chair 2012, active on ECPRS H&I

Cheryl S Qualifications: Clean Date 10/4/1998, worked the 12 steps, traditions, and concepts, has a sponsor that has a sponsor, been GSR, GSRA, Treasurer, Chair, V-Chair, RCM & RCMA

12. **Open Forum** (3minutes per person)-1. Joel A. wants to have it said that there was some talk being thrown around about duties not being fulfilled that if the person was being asked to do something against the policy that the area operates under would you be willing to bend the policy? Jason A stated that the reason that the RCM left was stated as health reasons not duties. Reed stated that when he was RCM he voted against his conscience because it was the group's conscious. Chair stated that she apologized on the area floor last month for sending the letter to Region. Reed stated

that he comes from an area that had 30 home groups so it is not unheard of to disagree. He was trying to promote unity at the region by asking his area to nominate him instead of letting GPANA nominate him. Reed has never asked for any of his positions he has always been asked to serve. He lost his job due to going to World last year and he is qualified for the position. Joel wants to know what lessons Cheryl has learned about group conscious in the last two months. Cheryl stated that she has learned that she is not all that but anything that comes from the group is what she carries not hers. She is not going to go and just call a vote on something. She has done it in the past but she knows now that is not the way that this area wants to be notified. Reed stated that the policy is just guidelines and since they are open to interpretation then we will probably not come to agreement on what that interpretation is. We need to get away from personalities and focus on the qualifications for the positions that they are willing to do. 10% of the people do 100% of the service. And the other 90% bitch about how the 10% do service. Cheryl would like for people to step up and do service that are qualified. 2. Cheryl stated that she would like to make sure that the previous RCM receives a copy of these minutes in the mail.

13. Treasurer Report:- Budgets: Beginning Balance \$463.82 Paid outs: \$312.96 Total ending balance of available funds is \$463.82. Income from donations is \$282.35. Total ending balance is \$69.39 above prudent reserve. Prudent reserve is \$580.00.

14. Announcements:

15. Motion to close: Beach NA. High on Life 2nd. At 7:36 pm

RCM REPORT: Dear Family, Due to circumstances beyond my control at this time, I cannot attend Area this month August 18, 2013. I have spoke to the Chairperson, Cheryl S. who is willing to help me for august and September. This is not to be mis-understood. I am not stepping down as RCM. Big Brother !! Robbie T.

ACTIVITIES REPORT: Hey Family, Unity Day was a success. Despite the weather we had an excellent turnout. Around 40 people showed up. We spent a total of \$156.68. We totaled \$213 in donations for food plates. We are turning in \$283.32 to Area. We still have ¾ of a box of hamburgers, a whole box of hotdogs, forks, chips, cookies, and condiments. I want to thank everyone that served, without you this couldn't have happened. September 14th from 11 am to 2 pm. Money Matters- It's Your Fellowship. 7th Tradition Workshop at Bridge to Freedom, Potluck No Cost to Area. November 2nd 5 pm – 10 pm Halloween Party at Springfield Community Center. Capture the Banner, 3 members (2 homegroup, 1 supporting member) to capture the groups banner. If you bring a newcomer who has never been to a meeting you immediately capture that group's banner. Please ask if you need more information on this activity. In Loving Service, Jason T

ECPRS REPORT: Hello Family, We had a total of 7 people show up for the ECPRS meeting. We are in the process of setting up presentations for the mens side of the Bay County Jail and Emerald Coast Behavioral. If you are interested in being of service, please show up at the next ECPRS meeting. The ECPRS policy is now uploaded on the ECANA website. Take a moment and go check out the website, www.emeraldcoastna.org. We are submitting 2 motions to Area and are requesting our monthly allotment of \$75 for literature needs. We would love to see more faces at our monthly meetings. In Living Service, Kristi V