

Date: July 21th, 2013

EMERALD COAST AREA MINUTES

1. **Called to Order** :
2. **12 Traditions** –. Carriettes
3. **12 Concepts** -.Jon D
4. **Purpose** – Jason A
5. **Roll Call**

Administrative Committee:

Chair: Present (Cheryl S)
Vice-Chair: Present (Reed H)
Treasurer: Present (Donna H)
Secretary: Present (Tonya.)
RCM- Present (Robbie T)
RCM 2nd - vacant

Subcommittee Chairs:

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

GSRs:

Bridge to Freedom: present – (Jason A.)
New Attitudes: present - (Carriettes)
Beach N.A: present (Sherry H. GSRA)

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

6. Reports

Administrative Committee:

Chairperson: none
Vice Chair- written
Secretary :read minutes-
RCM: Written

Subcommittees:

Activities: Written
ECPRS: Written
Policy: VACANT

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: New Attitudes suggested to bring the nominee of Reed H for Ad back to the groups. There was a motion already made to do that.

- a) Nominations and Elections : Donna H-Continue as Treasurer--Reed H-Step up to Chair. Vice Chair, Secretary, RCM and RCM 2nd are open for Nominations
- b) Date of next meeting : August 18th 2013
- c) Bids for next ASC- BTF
- d) Pass meeting schedules for any changes-None
- e) 7th Tradition- \$ 12.00

8. **Recess:** 5:50-6:00 (Beach NA GSRA Sherry had to leave at this time)

Reopened with the Serenity Prayer: 6:00PM

9. **Open Forum** (3 minutes per person) 1. There will be changes in policy in ECPRS. 2. Unity Day will be at Bailey Bridge Park on August 17th. Flyer Attached. 3. Reed was contacted by Greater Pensacola Area and asked if GPANA could nominate him for AD. Reed preferred to be nominated by his Area. Reed contacted Cheryl and Cheryl contacted GSR's from this Area to ask for a voice vote for ECA to nominate Reed for AD on the Regional Floor. The ones she contacted said yes so Cheryl wrote a letter to the Regional body stating that ECA did nominate Reed for Ad. Cheryl stated "lets just do what needs to be done" Carrieters stated It is senseless to have the bickering. There comes a time when the unnecessary comments and bullying needs to stop. Robbie T stated that H.O.L. has made a nomination for Reed H for AD. Jason A stated that proper order should be taken. 4. Tonya is moving tomorrow and will no longer be a part of this area and will be unable to type and distribute the minutes. Kristi V volunteered to type and distribute minutes until a replacement can be found. 5. Robbie T resigned verbally as RCM and left the room. Jon D and Jason A wanted clarity about who will be RCM. Cheryl will provide clarity by text or phone call.

10. **Old Business**- none

11. **New Business**: Motion# 2013-14: Motion made by H.O.L 2nd by Last Chance--Nominate Reed H for AD. ---RETURN TO GROUPS Motion # 2013-15: Made by Activities 2nd by New Attitudes—Put on Unity Day---Vote 4/0/0

12. **.Open Forum** (3minutes per person)-1. Please go back to your homegroups and ask for nominations for Secretary, Vice-Chair, RCM and RCM 2nd positions. All positions will come open for nominations. 2. Jason A wants to know is Robbie resigned as RCM, Cheryle stated yes.

13. **Treasurer Report**:-- Budgets: Beginning Balance \$. Paid outs: \$. Total ending balance of available funds is \$. Income from donations is \$. Total ending balance is \$ Prudent reserve is \$

14. **Announcements**: 1. Reed is looking for speakers for Atlanta. 2. Unity Day Celebration August 17th 2013.

15.) **Motion to close**:

Minutes taken by Tonya
Minutes typed by Kristi V

2013 July ECA Vice Chair Report

To ECANA, Thank you as always for the privilege of serving this area. I need to start out by offering my apology to anyone who was offended last month by my implication that I had more knowledge of the traditions than anyone else. I believe that we have a disease that wants to separate us and kill us one by one. I will no longer give the disease any help by separating myself as better than or less than. I was asked at Region a few weeks ago what my vision was for NA. I have thought long and hard about that for the last few weeks. After careful thought and prayer and speaking with my sponsor, my vision for this area as well as for N.A. is for us to do as the first tradition says and learn to live and work together so that in a storm our ships don't sink and our members don't perish. In short as a recovering addict I can't afford to be at odds with the people in my area because they do something I don't agree with. I never know who God is going to send to help me.

As a member of the Admin committee of this area, my job is to help out where I can, I will concentrate on that from now on. My passion for service work in N.A. is and should be an asset to my recovery not the other way around. It breaks my heart when the new comers in our area are afraid to come to area and when they do they see us fighting and arguing. I am committed from this point forward to trying to help unify our area. I pray some or all of you will join me in this effort to stop sweating the small stuff and work to carry the message to the still suffering addict through the services we provide at the area level. In Loving Service, Reed H

2013 July ECA RCM Report

Hello Family, Our Area groups have two proposed nominations at this time although one of the nominations is out of order. This would be the 2nd nomination for AD. Nomination #1 Deborah M for the position of alternate Secretary. Qualifications are attached to my report.

Nomination #2 Reed H for position of A.D. This nomination was not put on the floor at Region by me the RCM for Emerald Coast Area of NA. I could not in good conscious do this because I knew it had not been brought up at my home group and voted on nor at Area. I explained to the Vice Chair that I was not going to do it because the Greater Pensacola RCM was doing it. The Vice chair presented me with a letter from our chair of this area that stated she had gotten in touch with all the GSRs she could and we feel that Reed H would do a good job as the A.D. as two of our GSRs stated they feel he would do a great job. Now two GSRs is not a true group or Area conscious nor should the GSRs have that kind of authority on voting. The groups needs to be encouraged to get involved in this decision making process. Also to handle business in this manner is in conflict with the 1st tradition it is disunifying. And it is in conflict with the 2nd concept which stated the final responsibility and authority for NA services rest with the Na groups. And it is in direct conflict with the 7th concept which states that all members of a service body bear substantial responsibility for that body's decisions and should be allowed to fully participate in its decision making process. High on Life's GSR was not contacted and it only takes one to take it back to his or her home group. I have had several NA members hare their disapproval of the way in which this was handled. Now we as recovering addicts should care about how we handle business and the way it affects our fellow members. My home group will offer up a solution to this problem. Also I had to leave early Sunday morning due to health issues. Thank you all for allowing me to serve. Robbie T.

2013 July ECA Activities Report.

Hey Family, We had a great turn out for our first activities meeting. 18 addicts showed up and gave some great ideas for us to do. We came up with a Unity Day at Lynn Haven Park by the Bailey Bridge on August 17th. We had several other ideas. Softball tournament when it cools down a little bit. Halloween party. Home groups need to decide on a banner for capture the Flag and if groups want to participate. Thank you for suiting up and showing up. Next activities meeting will be August 18th at 3 Pm wherever Area chooses to meet. We are turning in a budget request for \$200 to buy food for the activity. In Loving Service, Jason T