

Lake Agassiz Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous
Minutes from August 19th, 2017.

August's ASC was held in **Fargo at 650 2nd Ave. N** on August 19th 2017. Attendance: Alex R, John O, Travis H, Sly W, Frank H, Emily B, Jordan R, Shawn O, Daniel J, Katy S, Cody S, Jon T, Charles O

The next LAASC meeting will be on 9/16 starting at noon at the same address.

Part 2: Approval of Minutes

Motion: Motion to approve the minutes.

Made by: Katy S **Seconded by:** Sly W.

Content: To approve minutes.

Intent: To move forward with business.

Action: Voted 9-0-1, passed.

Part 3: Housekeeping

Elected Positions: Jon T as Parliamentarian for the day. Voted 8-0-2, passed.

Positions Open for Nomination:

Parliamentarian

Treasurer

H&I Chair

Activities Chair

Nominations:

Jon T for Parliamentarian!!

Part 4: Reports

Chair: Travis H was present and provided a verbal report.

Vice Chair: Frank H. was present and provided a verbal report.

Treasurer: Position open

Regional Conference Member: Evan J was not present.

Hospitals and Institutions Committee Chairperson: Alex R. was present and provided a verbal report.

Public Information Committee Chairperson: Sly W. was present and gave a verbal report.

Area Activities Committee Chairperson: Emily Brandt was present and gave a verbal report.

Area Activities Committee Treasurer: Josh S. was not present.Emily B gave a written report.

Literature Committee Chairperson: Jordan was present and provided verbal report.

***See attached reports for committee member that sent in their reports.

Group Service Representatives Reports:

Meeting Name	GSR	Open Positions	Meeting Concerns/Comments
Sunday Night Clean & Free	Charles O		None
Rainbow Way NA		Gsr, alt gsr, secretary	Keep coming back
Living Clean		Alt GSR, GSR	None.
We Do Recover(GF)	John O.	none	Communicate website updates with Richard!
Candlelight		Gsr, alt gsr	none
Tuesday Night HOW	Jon T	Alt gsr, Vice chair	none
Its a Good Thing	Cody S	Alt gsr	none
Circle of Recovery	Katy S	Alt gsr	
Sherwood Group	Daniel J	none	Let's please deal with Finance & housekeeping issues (if any) prior to guideline rabbit hole
Mixed Nuts	Shawn O	gsr	
Stepping Stones	Shawn O	gsr	

Part 5: Sharing Session

Old Business

1. Everybody bring a friend!
2. Mileage - Ideas = Receipt System, Get rid of it completely, 10 cents/mile, 10 cents/mile over 50 miles, ask groups to fund GSRs. Motion made by Jon. Seconded by Shawn
Motion reads, "A GSR or alternate can request reimbursement at 10 cents/mile if travelling from a distance of 50 miles or greater, if funds are available." Intent: to adjust amount of reimbursement to reflect current gas prices. Guideline change so we will talk more about it in August and vote in September

New Business

1. Reviewed p.64 in a Guide to Local Services
2. LAASC Treasurer resigned
3. Motion: An audit on main bank account from November 2016 to the present on September ASC. Intent: To provide transparency to the groups, improve communication, and accountability. Made by Jordan, seconded by Shawn. Passed 7-0-0
4. Motion: To add Frank H as a signer on the bank account until a new Treasurer is found. Intent: To be able to write checks and maintain normal financial business. Made by Travis, seconded by John O
5. Discussed sharing session policies. Comparing our area's revised guidelines to a Guide to Local Services.

Part 6: Voting

- 1. To approve minutes. Passed 9-0-1**
- 2. Jon T as temporary Parliamentarian. Passed 8-0-2**
- 3. Motion for audit. Passed 7-0-0**
- 4. Motion for signer. Passed 7-0-0**
- 5. Motion to close. Passed 7-0-0**

Meeting: Finished all business, meeting adjourn at 3:26 pm.

Attention: GSR'S and Executive Members - **.25/mi** reimbursement available. Any area group may request to have the LAASC Meeting in their own town by contacting the LAASC Chair or LAASC Vice Chair two months in advance to the month they wish to host.

LAKE AGASSIZ AREA ELECTION SCHEDULE

Position	Current Trusted Servant	Contact Information	Opens for Nominations	Nominations Close for Elections	Meeting	Date Elected

LAASC Chair	Travis H.	701-212-7611	October	December	3 rd Saturday-12pm . 1 st Presbyterian, 650 2 nd Ave. N Fargo	12/2016
LAASC Vice Chair	Frank H	218-329-7308	April	June	-refer to chair	5/2016
Secretary	John O.	218-831-2333 4johnoswald@gmail.com	January	February	-refer to chair	7/2016
LAASC Treasurer	vacant		November	January	-refer to chair	5/2016
LAASC RCM	Evan J.	701-318-8089	February	April	-refer to chair	4/2016
LAASC Alt. RCM	Josh S.	701-214-0257	February	April	-refer to chair	4/2016
LAASC Parliamentarian	vacant		August	October	-refer to chair	4/2016
LAASC H&I Chair	vacant		May	July	2 nd Sunday- 6:00 PM at Red Raven	8/2015
LAASC Area Activities Chair	Emily B (acting)	701-429-7591	July	September	Sunday 5:00PM Red Raven	1/2016
LAASC Area Activities Treasurer	Josh S.	701-214-0257	July	September	-refer to activities chair	2/2016
P.R. Chair	Sly W.	701-936-1360	October	December	Sunday 3:00PM Atomic Coffee	4/2016
Literature Chair	Jordan R.	701-781-2857	March	May	2 nd and 4 th Saturday 1:30PM Red Raven	10/2015

Chair Report

Hello Lake Agassiz Area of NA. Before our last meeting an audit was performed on the Literature

Committee, findings can be seen in the Literature Committee's Chair Report.

Audits were not able to be done on the Main account or the Activities account. Before the next Area

meeting an audit will be done Activities account for the quarter. An audit for the Main account will be done going back one year to make up for not having had it done for around this amount of time. We currently do not have a Treasurer at the moment and so Treasurer duties will be handled by the Chair and Vice Chair of the LAASC. The Vice Chair will be put on as a second signer so that checks can be written to keep business going as usual. We currently are looking for a new Treasurer, H&I Chair, Activities Chair, Parliamentarian, and next month we can add Public Relations Chair to the list. The LAASC is in need of new blood to step in to ensure that services in the area are able to be directed toward carrying the message to the addict who still suffers. This is important work that we do here and so please help us fill these positions. And remember we still have the commitment to each invite a new person to Area service to attract new blood to help out. Grateful to be of Service,
Travis H

Vice Chair Report

August 25, 2017

Vice Chairperson Report

By FRANK HUNKLER fhunkler@msn.com 218-329- 7308

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“What is Group Conscience? “The collective utilization of the spiritual principles by members of a group to preserve the common welfare and fulfill the primary purpose of the group.”
The NA World Service Conference Select Committee
Service Structure Report, 1988

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At the August monthly meeting there was no motion made to suspend the guidelines to prevent use of “A Guide to Local Services” as the primary source of ideas for facilitating the Sharing Session. Further it is my understanding that we would continue to move towards an agreed upon format that can

be used each month just like a Meeting Format is used at a recovery meeting and to accomplish the

same goal. Create an atmosphere of recovery and fulfill the primary purpose of NA.

It is also my understanding that, though appointing an Ad Hoc Committee was a possibility to resolve

inconsistencies in our guidelines, the preference was to simply allow a process to organically form over a

period of months. The committee as a whole would then be creating a format, and related policies, that

are supported by all through the Group Conscience process that resulted in the format.

At the September monthly meeting , in the Sharing Session, I will follow this schedule:

1. Serenity Prayer

2. Introductions

3. Read the Sharing Session from A Guide to Local Services, pages 64-65. We will go around the

room one time to allow anyone to ask questions as needed, especially newcomers.

4. Present list of items from Old Business and new topics added since beginning of meeting.

5. Go around the table and allow each Member to add items or suggest a preferred order for discussion.

6. Finalize the list.

7. Begin first topic going around the table until Group Conscience is reached, whatever shape that takes.

8. I suggest that if no specific action evolves, the group conscience will be considered complete when each GSR or Alternate Passes and has no further questions or new information to present.

9. If a Group has brought a concern for input, the Group Conscience will be reached when the person bringing the concern indicates they have received the input they need.

10. If it seems the Group Conscience has evolved into a possible motion, and all GSR's have passed

with no further questions or new information to offer, I suggest we take a break in place while a motion is prepared. When the motion is written we will go around the table one more time to allow any last changes to the motion. The Chairperson will take over and a vote will be held immediately to best reflect the voice of the Group Representatives at the time.

11. After the vote the Vice Chair will take over and move onto the next topic.

12. The matter of "Motion to Close" came up at the last meeting. The guidelines are not clear. I suggest we allow anyone, anytime, to make a "Motion to Close". The motion cannot be made while someone is speaking. As with other motions a Group Representative must either make the

motion or second it. Any member can be the second party to the motion, by either making it or seconding it. As soon as someone makes a "Motion to Close" the Chairperson takes over, asks for a second, no discussion allowed and hold an immediate vote. If there is no second nothing

happens.

13. Breaks in place are brief, for motion writing, and no one leaves the room. The regular breaks at 50 minutes passed each hour will continue.

Thank you for allowing me to serve!

Frank Hunkler

H&I Chair Report

Hey Guy! H & I is going great, not too much new. We are planning our H and I learning day which sounds like it will be on Saturday Sept 30th, we still meet the second Sunday of each month at 6 pm at red raven. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to let me know!

-Alex R

Literature Chair Report

Literature Report

August 2017

LAASC Literature Committee

The past month has been quiet. We will only meet once this month due to the N.O.W. campout.

We are looking for a vice chair to eventually become the chair.

The August newsletter is out and about. It is our best so far. If you or an addict you know is interested in contributing an article for the newsletter please talk to me or Travis H.

The stockpile is in a safe and clean environment. There was an issue with the Michigan Service Office receiving payment for an order made on August first. We meet the second and fourth Saturday of the month at 1pm at the Red Raven.

In service to Narcotics Anonymous,
Jordan R

PR Report

PR August 2017 Report

Need to get a general feel where the groups are with meeting list? Not much else to report this month. The next meeting list print will be determined on need by the groups. Just a friendly reminder if we do not have a nomination for PR chair by November I will be putting in a motion for Daniel to become the single point of accountability for meeting list support list and phone line. We will be having a work shop on proper way to take a call made from the phone line.

-Sly W

PI Budget for 2016 -2017

Meeting list 240.00 year 960

Phone line 51.37 monthly 616.44 year

Various lit and supplies

Displayed misc. 200

Events 300

Total 2076.44

PR Budget for 2017 – 2018

Meeting list 504.95x 3= 1514.85

Support list Print x2 a year =77.04

Year subscription 69.99 / 99.99

Phone line 51.37 x12 = 616.44

Misc Supplies and lit.= 300

Professional Event = 300

Total 2878.32