

**Lake Agassiz Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous**  
**Minutes from July 15th, 2017.**

July's ASC was held in **Fargo at 650 2nd Ave. N** on July 15th 2017. There were 15 addicts in attendance. At the beginning of the meeting there were 12 GSRs. Attendance: Alex R, John O, Kris N, Otis M, Daniel J, Sly W, Travis H, Shawn O, Emily B, Jon T, Korinna H, Julia H, Evan J, Jordan R, and Frank H

**The next LAASC meeting will be in Fargo ND at 12pm at 650 2nd Ave. N**

**\*\*\*The LAASC audit will be next month at 11 am before ASC at the same location\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Budgets need to be turned in next month\*\*\***

**Part 2: Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** Motion to approve the minutes.

**Made by:** Sly **Seconded by:** Shawn

**Content:** To approve minutes.

**Intent:** To move forward with business.

**Action:** Voted 12-0-0, passed.

**Part 3: Housekeeping**

**Elected Positions:**

Parliamentarian: Shawn elected for the day

Secretary: John interviewed and elected by a vote of 11-0-0

Vice-Chair: Frank interviewed and elected by a vote of 10-1-1

**Positions Open for Nomination:**

H & I Chair

Activities Chair

Parliamentarian

**Nominations:**

None

**Part 4: Reports**

**Chair:** Travis H was present and provided a written report.

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

**Treasurer:** Rosy M. was not present. No report.

**Regional Conference Member:** Evan J was present and provided a verbal report.

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

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

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

**Group Service Representatives Reports:**

<b>Meeting Name</b>	<b>GSR</b>	<b>Open Positions</b>	<b>Meeting Concerns/Comments</b>
Break in the Day NA	Korina H	none,	none
Sunday Night Clean & Free	Emily B	Alt. GSR.	None
Rainbow Way NA	Sly W.	Alt. GSR	Keep coming back
Living Clean	Jordan R	Alt GSR, GSR	None.
We Do Recover(GF)	John O.	Secretary.	Yes, website
Saturday Addicts Meeting	Evan J	Alt GSR	No
After Dark	Julia H	Alt GSR	no
Candlelight	Sean B	No	We Need Help
Sherwood Group	Daniel J	No	no
My Ohm Group	Sly W	GSR, Alt-GSR	Keep coming back
Its a Good Thing	Otis M	no	no
Tuesday Night HOW Group	Jon T	Vice-chair, Alt GSR, Secretary	no

Mixed Nuts	Shawn O	no	no
Stepping Stone	Josey	no	no

**Part 5: Sharing Session**  
**WHAT IS THIS**

**Part 6: Old Business**

1. 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.
2. Motion on mileage from last month. New motion made by Julia, seconded by Alex. Motion reads, "To remove motion made about gas reimbursement in June." Voted 10-0-0. Passed
3. Secretary at Region. Voted in favor for Amanda G. 10-0-0.
4. RCM and alternate RCM opening both in even years at the same time. Passed. Voted 9-0-1

**New Business**

1. Candlelight - meeting needs help. Discussed to end.
2. Motion about donating to RSC. Made by Alex, seconded by Korinna. Motion reads, "to suspend guidelines (which state) to donate to RSC this month due to not having funds to do so." Intent - to not bankrupt us. Voted 10-0-0. Passed
3. Website Meeting List - website is not being updated. Discussed to end.
4. Website in General - needs to be discussed at region. Discussed to end.
5. Treasurer Position - not showing up to ASC, lack of written reports, Frank will ask Travis to talk to Rosy. Discussed to end.

**Part 7: Voting Summary**

1. **To approve minutes-Passed 12-0-0**
2. **Shawn as Parliamentarian for the day. Passed 11-0-0**
3. **John O as Secretary for ASC. Passed 11-0-0**
4. **Frank as Vice-Chair for ASC. Passed 11-1-1**
5. **Motion to remove last months motion. Passed 10-0-0**
6. **Secretary at Region. Amanda G nominated by a vote of 10-0-0**
7. **RCM and Alt RCM opening simultaneously. Passed 9-0-1**
8. **Donation to Region. Passed 10-0-0**

Meeting: Finished all business, meeting adjourn at 3:48 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 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday-12pm . 1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian, 650 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave. N Fargo	<b>12/2016</b>
LAASC Vice Chair	Frank H.	218-329-7308	April	June	-refer to chair	<b>7/2017</b>
Secretary	John O.	218-831-2333 4johnoswald@gmail.com	January	February	-refer to chair	<b>7/2017</b>
LAASC Treasurer	Rosally M.	701-219-1801	November	January	-refer to chair	<b>5/2016</b>
LAASC RCM	Evan J.	701-318-8089	February	April	-refer to chair	<b>4/2016</b>
LAASC Alt. RCM	Josh S.	701-214-0257	February	April	-refer to chair	<b>4/2016</b>
LAASC Parliamentarian	Vacant		August	October	-refer to chair	
LAASC H&I Chair	Vacant		May	July	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday- 6:00 PM at Red Raven	
LAASC Area Activities Chair	Emily B (acting)	701-429-7591	July	September	Sunday 5:00PM Red Raven	<b>1/2016</b>
LAASC Area Activities Treasurer	Josh S.		July	September	-refer to activities chair	<b>2/2016</b>
P.R. Chair	Sly W.	701-936-1360	October	December	2nd Friday at 5 pm at Red Raven	<b>4/2016</b>

Literature Chair	Jordan R	701-781-2857	March	May	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday 1:00PM Red Raven	<b>2017</b>
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## Chair Report

Hello ASC, first of all it is awesome to have addicts stepping up to take on our open service positions. It is also awesome to have more new people showing up to ASC to check out what is going on around here. The bring a friend to ASC commitment seems to be bearing positive fruits.

Last month was actually the end of the second financial quarter so there should have been an audit on the main, the activities and the Literature accounts, but I didn't realize this until it was too late. So, next month there will be an audit on all of these accounts so please be prepared with all the financial info from April – June. If possible please arrive at 11am before the August ASC.

I look forward to see what will be coming next for this Area, there seems to be a good deal of momentum picking up with the increase in attendance and willingness which should lead to a lot of growth.

Grateful to be of service,

Travis H

## Vice-Chair Report

July 17, 2017

Vice Chair Monthly Report

By Frank H.

I need clarification from the NA Groups on which policies apply to the “Sharing Session” and how the Groups want the Vice Chair to facilitate it. If allowed to, I will place the topic first on

the Sharing Session for the August Meeting.

The following are clear to me as I review my notes from the July 15 Monthly Area Service Meeting.

1. There were at least 8 different and conflicting points of view expressed about the relationship of “A Guide to Local Services in NA” to the LAASC Area Service Guidelines Revised (Updated May 2017).
2. Most Group Service Representatives, elected trusted servants and other NA members present are not familiar with:
  - A. The LAASC Area Service Guidelines Revised (Updated May 2017).
  - B. The LAASC Area Service Guidelines Revised (Updated May 2017) as they apply to the “Sharing Session”.
  - C. The sections of “A Guide to Local Services” on the “Monthly Meeting” and “Sharing Session” on pages 63-64.
3. There does not seem to be consensus on what the “Sharing Session “ is, how it is to be facilitated, and what each participant is asked to do.
4. In the months I have been attending the monthly meeting there has been no education of newcomers on any of these matters.

As a basis for discussion in your Groups I include these Sections:

1. “Introduction to LAASC Guidelines”
2. “The Monthly Meeting” from page 63 of “A Guide to Local Services in NA”
3. “The Sharing Session: from pages 64-65 of “A Guide to Local Services in NA”
4. “Sharing Session” from LAASC Area Service Guidelines Revised (Updated May 2017)
5. “Voting, Motions, and Nominations” from LAASC Area Service Guidelines Revised (Updated May 2017)

Section 1:

Introduction to LAASC GUIDELINES

“A Guide to Local Service in Narcotics Anonymous”, is the policy manual for the Lake Agassiz Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous. Additional policies are found in other Conference Approved Literature. This document includes only policies directly related to the LAASC and those inadequately covered in the Guide and other Conference Approved Literature or not at all.

Anytime two or more guidelines seem to be in conflict, the more stringent policy will be followed. Also, the Parliamentarian can be asked to recommend which policy would be best meet the needs of the Body.

Section 2:

#### THE MONTHLY MEETING

The monthly area service committee meeting, open to any NA member, is the event at which the work of the subcommittees and the well-being of the groups all come into focus. Before the meeting starts, one of the administrative officers gives an orientation to new group service representatives. Then officers, subcommittee chairpersons, and GSRs report on what’s happened since the committee met last. The sharing session gives all participants the opportunity to engage in wide-open discussion of group problems and area committee issues raised by the reports. After the sharing session the committee is ready to go straight to business, considering questions about the work of its officers and subcommittees. The sample agenda, which appears at the end of this chapter, can be used by most area committees as a tool for organizing the monthly meeting. And the short-form rules of order appearing toward the end of this guide can help the business of the committee be processed in an orderly, respectful fashion.

Section 3:

#### THE SHARING SESSION

The sharing session has two types of agenda: group problems and area committee issues. Agenda items for the sharing session usually come up during reports from group service representatives, administrative officers, and subcommittee chairpersons. After each report is given, anyone on the area committee—including the person who gave the report—can ask the committee chairperson to place a particular subject on the sharing session agenda.

#### Group problems

Groups are encouraged to seek their own solutions to the challenges they face— and, most of the time, they find them. But sometimes a group faces a problem that is beyond any of its members' experience. When that occurs, groups can send their GSRs to the area committee sharing session with a request for help.

That help usually comes in the form of the shared experience of other groups in dealing with the same kinds of questions. Since NA groups are entirely self governing, only rarely can an area committee motion deal with a group problem in any appropriate way. However, the shared experience of other committee members with similar problems in their own groups may provide a GSR with just the information or insight his or her group has been lacking.

#### Area committee issues

The sharing session is also a time when the area committee can focus on issues rather than motions. Although the rules of common courtesy are in place, the rules of order are not. It's an informal time in which ideas can be freely shared, ideas that can help the committee be more effective in fulfilling its purpose. Many area committees, putting our fellowship's Sixth Concept to work, use the sharing session to better understand their collective conscience on area business before making decisions.

The Sixth Concept for Service talks about group conscience as "the spiritual means by which we invite a loving God to influence our decisions," and carefully distinguishes the spiritual discipline of group conscience from the decision making mechanism. Perhaps nowhere is that distinction more evident than in the sharing session. In the sharing session, committee participants consult their individual consciences—and their Higher Power—on the broad issues at hand, share the



insights resulting from that, and together develop a collective direction for the committee. In the business portion of the meeting, those same participants try to express that group conscience in the specific form of motions and votes. But committee motions cannot be an effective expression of the spiritual aims of our fellowship without the free exchange necessary for the development of a group conscience having first occurred. The sharing session is designed specifically to facilitate that occurrence.

Let's say the public information subcommittee's report suggested in general terms the need to be more energetic in reaching out to drug abuse treatment The Area Service Committee 65 professionals in the area. During the sharing session, a variety of issues pertaining to PI's suggestion can be discussed: What's the difference between "energetic" PI work and outright promotion of NA? To what extent, if any, does cooperation with the professional community border on the endorsement of outside enterprises? And is this where the area wants to spend more money, or are there other projects more deserving of immediate attention? No motions, no calling of the question, no parliamentary inquiries—just a free exchange of ideas among NA

trusted servants producing greater understanding of directions in which area services might head.

The sharing session is the appropriate time for members to exercise NA's Ninth and Tenth Concepts. These concepts remind us that our committees are responsible to listen to all participants' voices with respect and that all members have a right to be heard. Minority opinions on committee business can be expressed freely and clearly in the sharing session. And problems potentially calling for the redress of a personal grievance on the part of a committee member can be aired in an open, supportive atmosphere.

Section 4:

#### SHARING SESSION

Old Business is motions/topics that are on the Sharing Session list from ASCs prior to the current ASC. New Business is motions/topics that are on the Sharing Session list from the

current ASC. At the beginning of the Sharing Session the Chair will turn the facilitator role over to the Vice Chair. The topics/motions spoken of will be in the order of oldest to newest. The only motion that is allowed would be a motion to close the meeting if the Sharing Session goes past 3:30pm. The Vice Chair will entertain a motion to close just prior to the 3:50pm break. No discussion is allowed. The Vice Chair will ask for a show of hands of all in favor for closing and then ask for all in favor of continuing the meeting. A 2/3 vote of all GSR's present must be in favor of staying to extend the meeting beyond that motion to close.

If for some reason the Vice Chair needs to give a personal opinion on a topic, they will immediately turn the Chair position over to the next in succession as described in these policies. They will then raise their hand, be placed on the list to speak and will not resume the Chair position again until discussion on that topic is done.

In cases of where anyone present feels conversation has lasted for a long period of time they can request that the person in the facilitator role will ask each GSR if they are prepared to vote on the matter at hand. If a minimum of  $\frac{3}{4}$  the GSRs present are ready to move off that motion/topic then the conversation moves to the next motion/topic on the Sharing Session list. The old motion/topic that has been discussed will move to the Voting Session.

Once a motion is made and seconded that motion belongs to the Body. All GSRs present need to be in agreement in order to make revisions to a motion that belongs to the Body. The decision process to revise a motion can take place during the Sharing Session.

To go around the table, each person gets to share their opinion on a matter. Go around the table twice, then move to a group conscience and if no group conscience can be made a 2/3 vote of all GSR's present.

Section 5:

#### VOTING, MOTIONS, AND NOMINATIONS

Votes on all motions and elections will be done through the process of a show of hands. The only results published in the minutes will be a recorded if a motion/nomination passes, fails and

abstains. The Chairperson will facilitate the Voting Section. Once a motion is voted on the facilitator will record on that motion the outcome of whether it passes or not.

A motion/nomination must be made or seconded by a GSR. Two Thirds of all GSRs must be in favor for a motion to pass. Only GSRs vote. A vote to abstain counts only to determine if quorum exists and is not a vote in favor or against.

There is a mandate to vote on topics/motions, which have been discussed, prior to any close of the meeting. This includes if there is a motion to close that does not include to vote prior to closing.

## **H&I Report**

### **H&I report for JULY ASC**

**HEY GUYS!**

Everything is going super in the H&I world. We currently have all the positions, minus chair, filled. We have lost a few numbers going into Prairie St John's on Friday nights so we are asking that everyone takes back to their groups that we could use help in this area, it is at 7pm on Fridays (please meet there are 6:45) and people can contact me or Emily B if they are interested in going in. The rest of our facilities are going splendidly, but we would always love more participation so the addicts in these facilities can see that it works and that any addict can stay clean! Thank you everyone for helping out in H&I, we still meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month in the back room of Red Raven, hope to see you there!

-----Alex R      as always contact me if you have any questions or concerns [7017156239](tel:7017156239)

## **PR Report**

### July 2017 PR Committee Report

Hello all is well in PR Town. We still have Meeting list available. Daniel has the most updated meeting list. Please pass it around for additional corrections and give back to him. Support list have been updated if your meeting would like copy emailed to you let me or Daniel know. We will be making print out of them when the new budget are available. The phone line has is still

up and going and being used. I have gotten more calls this past month than ever. Also the Round Table Event is coming up. We had a couple RSVP. We also have have extended the invite to all place meeting are held at. There are a few meetings that could use some tlc the Wednesday New Life meeting is in need to some service members also the Sunday night share house meeting can use some stand by people that can be called if a chair is needed for the evening. Cass County was very appreciative of the literature and I again thank everyone for coming together to make that happen.

## **Literature Report**

July 2017

LAASC Literature Committee

This past month has been an exciting one. We have a Secretary! We are still looking to fill the vice chair position.

The newsletter is continuing to be a success with many addicts contributing to make it possible.

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. With only a couple of discrepancies in regards to availability, most orders have been filled. We meet the second and fourth Saturday of the month at 1pm at the Red Raven.

In Service to Narcotics Anonymous,

Jordan R

## Literature Financial Report

Opening Bank Balance 6/19/17	753.86
Literature Purchased By Committee	1081.43
Literature Sales/Deposites	686.04
Literature owed to groups	
Order paid for but yet to arrive	
Inventory On Hand Today 7/15/17	1992.93
Closing Bank Balance	358.47
Total Assets	2500.62

42931 Literature Distribution Report