

# Minutes of the Sierra Sage Regional Service Committee Meeting

May 15, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Karen at 11:36 AM with the Serenity Prayer at Truckee Senior Center, 10040 Estates Dr., Truckee, CA. The 12 Concepts were read by Matt and the 12 Traditions were read by Mike S.

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>P OR A</b>		<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>P OR A</b>
Chairman	Jimmy G.	A		PI/PR	Vacant	V
Vice Chair	Karen R.	P		BLAW RCM1	Katheryn M.	P
Secretary	Blanca G.	P		BLAW RCM2	Andrew	P
Treasurer	Rick O.	P		GOVA RCM1	Ami	P
Alt Treasurer	Vacant	V		GOVA RCM2	Karen	P
RSO Rep	Mike S.	P		RNA RCM1	Abbey B.	P
Convention Chair	Mac M.	P		RNA RCM2	Vacant	V
Regional Delegate	James C.	P		CCA RCM1	Vacant	V
Delegate Alt	Dave B.	P		CCA RCM2	Vacant	V
Alternate Gratitude Chair	Matt O.	P		TNTBA RCM1	Greg B.	P
H & I	Hoppy	P		TNTBA RCM2	Bobby C.	P
Literature Review	Vacant	V		STBA RCM1	Mark M.	P
Outreach	Dylan C.	P		STBA RCM2	Mike S.	P
WEB	Walter S.	P				

Visitors: None

1. **Motion to approve minutes**
  - a) March 2016 minutes – Mac motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Bobby. Minutes were approved unanimously.
2. **Birthdays-**
  - a) Karen, 23 yrs.; James, 12 yrs.; Walter, 5 yrs.; and Rick, 5 yrs.
3. **Chair-Jimmy G.**
  - a) Absent.
4. **Vice Chair-Karen R.**
  - a) Karen suggested for nominations for upcoming rotating position be done during this meeting. (See new business)
5. **Secretary-Blanca G.**
  - a) Nothing to report.
6. **Treasurer-Rick O.**
  - a) Report presented, see attached.
  - b) 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected: \$21.00
  - c) Andrew motioned to reimburse James \$27 in printing costs, seconded by Mac. Motion was approved unanimously.
7. **RSO-Mike S.**
  - a) Report presented, see is attached.

- b) The hotline account is good except for Capital area who are well into their reserve. Mike will contact their chair to get a payment.
- c) GSR has a new policy that does not allow pet. This statement should be added to the brochure.
- d) Matt with South Lake Tahoe requested the prior year report for the Gratitude Dinner. Mac will provide them with a food list.
- e) The RSO balance is \$19,184.08. Karen reported that the CPA was paid \$650.
- f) Literature was purchased for the areas for about \$3,400.
- g) RSO purchased literature at Hoppy's request to be sent into two prison facilities. The facilities have received the literature. Hoppy also requested additional literature for NNCC and that will fall into his allowance from the previous year's convention, \$1,000.

**8. Convention Chair-Mac M.**

- a) Mac stated the first baseball game was in Fernley, the second game will be in Carson, and the third game will be in Reno.
- b) Mac stated about 200 people attended the Cinco de Mayo event. Made about \$860.
- c) The breakfast fee \$20 and the dinner fee is \$35 for the convention.
- d) There will be no pre-sale merchandise for the convention because it is too complicated. Also, there will be no pets allowed at the GSR unless they are service animals.
- e) The brochure should state the new GSR no pet policy. Kathryn motioned to add verbiage regarding the new no pet policy, "Please check with GSR about the new no pet policy". James seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.
- f) The next meeting is June 5<sup>th</sup> at Round Table.

**9. Regional Delegate-James C.**

- a) Report presented, see attached.

**10. Alternate Delegate- Dave B.**

- a) Dave stated he learned many things at the World Service Conference. It was an eye opener to see how NA works and grows around the world. He attended several workshops. It was a great learning opportunity. Dave stated it is important to remember other areas with different languages. It was a big topic that came up at the conference. We need addicts from the specific language to help with the translations because NA has its own language and addicts can best translate the literature. It is a powerful tool to be able to unite such geographically different and culturally areas.

**11. Alternate Gratitude Chair- Matt**

- a) Matt stated he spoke with Chris and all they really need is anything that could help them plan the event. Karen made sure they knew that any fund requests should go through RSO.

**12. H&I-Hoppy**

- a) Report presented, see attached.
- b) The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter H&I budget of \$325 was approved.

**13. Literature Review-Vacant**

**14. Outreach-Dylan C.**

- a) Dylan stated he visited Hawthorne along with James, Mac, and Rick. He will be visiting Yerington on June 12, 2016.

**15. WEB-Walter S.**

- a) Walter updated the new meeting list based on the new data based off the new website.
- b) The new website is ready to launch. Walter has been sending out emails to members to view the updated website.
- c) Consensus from the group was to allow Walter to launch the new website.
- d) Mac motioned to allow paying Dream Host if the bill comes in before the SSRSC meeting, seconded by James. Motion was unanimously approved.
- e) Karen requested that each area establish a website liaison.

**16. PI/PR-Vacant**

**17. Area Reports**

**17.1 BLAW – No report was provided.**

- a) Katheryn stated public relations will be doing a Jane and John Doe on the radio. There is no date yet but we need people to speak at the radio station. It is at 6:30 AM and is done quarterly.
- b) H&I needs trusted servants.
- c) Rachel was nominated for Chair, Raymond was nominated for Vice Chair, and William was nominated Hotline Chair.
- d) James stated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Freedom from Active Addiction will be held on July 3, 2016 at 10 AM.

**17.2 GOVA**

- a) Report presented, see attached.
- b) Karen suggested that GOVA plan an activity the second Saturday of September so it coincides with the RSC/RSO meetings. This would help encourage people attend both the activity and meetings. Amy stated a good activity to put on would be the Unity BBQ. Amy will look into this more. It would be great to have more people support this activity. Amy stated she will have a flyer at the July RSC meeting.

**17.3 CANA- Absent.**

- a) Karen stated she contacted Max regarding the hotline payment and Max stated he will put the payment in the mail tomorrow (6/16/2016).

**17.4 RNA- No report was provided.**

- a) Abbey stated things are running smoothly. A hotline committee was created and they are in the process of approving a call list that was put together by gender for hotline participants. There will be a hotline committee workshop that will be held on May 28, 2016 at 4:30 PM.
- b) RNA increased their donation to Region and World.
- c) Elko and Winnemucca are now part of RNA.
- d) The annual RNA campout will be held July 8-10, 2016. Thank you to Region for the raffle prizes donations. Other donations are still welcome. The flyers are online.

17.5 TNT- No report was provided.

- a) Greg stated all is going well. Attendance is starting to climb as the snow melts away.
- b) The Friday night meeting in Truckee was relocated to Kings Beach, 265 Bear St. at 8:00 PM.
- c) The Serenity at the River will be held on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 12-4pm at Truckee River Regional Park. Blanca is the event chair. Blanca asked for assistance with raffle prizes. Karen requested Blanca email her with a letter requesting raffle prizes.

17.6 SLT-

- a) Mike stated they continue to have 12 active groups.
- b) PI is keeping the IP racks full and will be placing Spanish and English contact posters at different locations.
- c) There are still weekly meetings for both men and women at the El Dorado county jail.
- d) The bi-monthly men's meeting at the juvenile center is moving to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays instead of the currently scheduled Saturday meetings. This works out better because it will coincide with the female meetings.
- e) Mike stated they are still currently working on getting meetings into the Minden jail.
- f) 2016 Mountain High Campout will be August 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Camp Richardson. It will be on the other side on the Badgers Dent Camp. RV reservation must be made with through Camp Richardson Resort.
- g) The 2x4 Resentment Burn will be held on May 29, 2016 at Tahoe Paradise Park from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM.

## 18. Old Business

- a) None

## 19. New Business

- a) Nominations and Elections:
  - Karen nominated Jimmy G. for Chair.
  - James nominated Karen R. for Vice Chair. Karen accepted.
  - Blanca nominated Katheryn M. for Secretary. Katheryn accepted. (Pending)
  - James nominated Timber for Secretary. Timber accepted.
  - Karen nominated Rick O. for Treasure. Rick accepted.
  - James nominated Danny "Hoppy" H. for H&I. Danny accepted.
  - James nominated Dylan C. for Outreach. Dylan accepted.
- b) Rick motioned to combine WEB and PR, seconded by James. Motion was approved unanimously.
- c) Rick stated the final conference report. Anyone can take it and bring it back by next RSC meeting. Karen took the report.

## Next meeting –

**Best Western Station House Inn, 901 Park Ave., South Lake Tahoe, CA, 96150  
July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 11:30 AM**

Meeting adjourned at 1:36 PM

-Blanca, Secretary  
July 7, 2016

**Sierra Sage Regional Service Committee**  
**March – April 2016 - Treasurer Report**

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<b>Total Income For This Period Is:</b>	<b>\$1,384.72</b>		
It breaks down as follows:			
7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition	\$ 23.00	Cash	03.13.16
Capital Area Donation			
BLAW Donation	\$ 203.60	#2468	03.17.16
BLAW Donation	\$ 188.83	#	04.21.16
NLT Donation	\$ 25.00	#1299	04.25.16
NLT Donation	\$ 50.00	#1301	05.13.16
GOVA Donation	\$ 160.00	#1067	03.13.16
SLT Donation	\$ 100.00	#0677	03.25.16
SLT Donation	\$ 100.00	#0680	05.10.16
Rural Nevada Donation	\$ 50.00	#1109	03.29.16
Rural Nevada Donation	\$ 60.00	#1111	05.13.16
Group Donation: Never Alone	\$ 25.00	#1175	03.29.16
Group Donation: Never Alone	\$ 25.00	#1180	05.13.16
WSC Delegate Monies Returned	\$ 45.00	Cash	03.13.16
WSC Alternate Delegate Monies Returned	\$ 71.13	Cash	04.13.16
H&I Monies Returned	\$ 3.16	Cash	03.13.16
H&I Sales – T Shirts	\$ 255.00	Transfer	04.12.16
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,384.72</b>		

Deposits: \$203.60 ... 03.18.16 - \$100.00 ... 03.28.16 - \$98.00 ... 04.08.16 - \$279.29 ... 04.13.16 - Transfer \$255.00 ... 04.12.16  
 \$25.00 ... 04.25.16 - \$100.00 ... 5.10.16 - \$188.83 ... 4.26.16 - \$135.00 ... 05.13.16

<b>Total Expenses For This Period Are:</b>	<b>\$ 930.00</b>		
It breaks down as follows:			
Schedules			
Reimburse James Cross Tow Fees	\$ 202.50	James Cross	#2327 03.13.16
Reimburse James Cross Printing Costs	\$ 32.00	James Cross	#2328 03.13.16
Hawthorne Literature Order	\$ 94.20	BLAW	#2329 03.12.16
Post Office Box H&I Behind The Walls	\$ 60.00	USPS	#2331 04.07.16
NAWS – Contribution – March - April	\$ 300.00	NAWS	#2332 04.07.16
Office Depot – Meeting Schedules	\$ 241.30	Rick Oppio	#2333 05.13.16
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 930.00</b>		

The checking account was balanced on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

The net account balance is \$ 5,103.35

One outstanding check: #2333 ... \$241.30

Thanks to all of the areas and groups for their donations.

As always, any questions are welcome and all documents are available upon request.

Please continue to send donations to the Regional Post Office Box. The address is: SSRSC PO Box 11913 Reno, NV 89510

If any approved payments need to be made, please contact Rick O. @ 775-843-9200 or cavanaughshreno@yahoo.com

I will continue to work closely with Karen.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Rick O

SIERRA SAGE REGIONAL SERVICE OFFICE  
5-15-16

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Present:

Mike S – Chair  
Karen R - Treasurer/Secretary  
Curt – Board Member  
Bobby C – Board Member  
Rick O – Board Member  
Danny H – Board Member  
James C – Board Member  
Dave B – Board Member  
Dylan C – RSC designate

Absent:

Vince P – Vice Chair  
Jennifer G – Board Member  
Ricky G – Board Member  
Jimmy G – Board Member  
Kelly L – Board Member  
Mark M – RSC Designate

Visitor:

Mac (BLAW)  
Matt O (SLT)  
Ami (GOVA)  
Karen (Tonopah)

At 10:15 am, the meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer in Truckee. Matt read the Traditions – Curt read the 12 Concepts Minutes approved unanimously.

1. Phoneline balance is \$962.93. CANA has used their Prudent Reserve and only has \$47.62. We must receive a payment soon or they will not have funds for future bills. Karen to contact Max. All other areas are up to date with the following balances in their accounts after May bills: BLAW - \$256, CANA - \$47.62, NLT - \$199.84, RNA - \$90, SLT - \$324.81
2. Mac, the current convention chair was present. Convention food prices firm at \$20/breakfast and \$35/dinner. A new policy at GSR states that "no pets" are allowed on the property any longer. Convention chair asks for guidance on including this statement on our registration brochure. After discussion, it is requested by this body that some statement needs to be on our brochure in order to inform our attendees. We are not endorsing any policies by GSR. It is in cooperation, not affiliation that this statement is being made. Reports that the Cinco de Mayo fundraiser went well. Around \$500 profit. Softball practice games are happening now. Next game is in Carson City on May 22 and Reno will be June 5. Next meeting on June 5 at 2:00 pm – Round Table Pizza @ 4<sup>th</sup> & Vine in Reno.
3. Gratitude Dinner: Matt O, Vice Chair, was present. The committee is requesting 2015 lists for food/drinks, etc. Mac to provide food lists and Rick O will provide drink information. The 2016 dinner will be in Carson City at Fuji Park on November 19.
4. Treasurer – RSO general account - \$19,184.08 of which \$962.93 are phoneline funds. Convention account - \$15,049.70 (not including Cinco de Mayo funds) RSC - \$5344.65. Since our March meeting the following payments have been made from RSO: Storage - \$984, Liability insurance - \$2604, GOVA Lit - \$481.93, WSC expense \$1000, Area/prison lit - \$3484.62, CPA - \$650. Danny sold convention and RSC H & I merchandise at NorCal. \$235 to RSO, \$255 to RSC, and \$46.41 was paid to California Board of Equalization for sales tax. The Directors and Officer portion of the insurance remains outstanding – waiting for the bill. Insurance renews on 5/20/16.
5. RSO paid all expenses for the Delegate team's travel, per diem and hotel. Funds and receipts were turned in to Karen today with report to follow in July.
6. Due to non-attendance, Jennifer G, and Ricky G, are removed from the RSO board. They are welcome to return if they choose and have time to participate. Thank you for your service to the board!

Next meeting to be held on **Sunday, 10 am, July 10, 2016** Location – South Lake Tahoe Location tentative

Station House Inn  
901 Park Avenue  
South Lake Tahoe, NV

*These minutes subject to review, amendment, and approval by RSO in July 2016.*

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### Regional Delegate Report May 2016

The highlight of any WSC is when we approve new literature the 12 Tradition Workbook was approved with by near unanimous vote with the exception of New York who had trouble with the wording.

The main problem I saw at this conference was time management as Dave and I had to leave before it ended and so did many other delegate teams who already booked flights.

Many people were sick as a virus swept through the floor, but I only missed 4 hours where Dave had to cover for me.

The amount of information covered was voluminous so I put together folders for each member of RSC.

We have scheduled the Regional Assembly for Sunday July 3 n Sparks Nevada and we will be requesting \$150 to put on this event. The funds will be needed in June. We will need all **RSC** members and the RCM's to prepare a report or actively participate in this event. I will be contacting you individually please get members from the fellowship to attend.

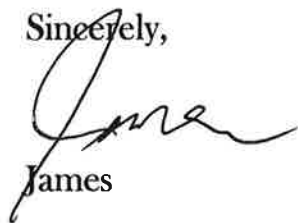
There will be more collateral and info presented at that time however, because of time at RSC I thought to provide you with individual packets for review.

Many pictures and videos are on the Sierra Sage NA Facebook page were posted and the last few days my phone was dropped and broke. I was forced to stop.

I traveled with Dylan to Hawthorne it was a smashing success. Mac and Rick from RSC accompanied us. I plan on more trips with Dylan and will be there whenever he needs me.

Thanks for letting me serve if you have any questions on any thing in the packet please let me know and I will get you the answer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'James' written in a cursive, stylized script.

James  
Regional Delegate.



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## **RSC H & I REPORT**

05/15/2016

Hi Family,

### **H & I**

We have had an exciting time with H & I since our last RSC meeting!! We have gotten thank you confirmations from the facilities that Karen ordered literature for thru NAWS. Karen, we very Grateful for that help. We finally found another caseworker to get literature into NNCC in Carson City!! Joe Prieto is now our contact there. With his help and Jeff G. pushing for literature we have an order similar to what Karen helped with last time, to order thru NAWS. NNCC, now has 2 NA meetings in that facility. One in unit one that has been looking for outside support, they still are looking. Unit one is confined and not able to attend the NEW meeting that we have on Sunday's at 12:30. We still need people cleared for both of those meetings. Again, Friday at 6:00pm in Unit one and 12:30 Sunday for the other meeting with Jeff G. facilitating.

We now have 5 NA meetings in 3 facilities; Lovelock (English and Spanish), Warm Springs on Thursday(Carson City), NNCC (unit one Friday and Sunday for everybody else)

We have also sent literature to ELY, Battle Mountain, WSCC, NNCC, McClure women's prison in So. Nevada.

### **REWARDS PROGRAM!! GET CLEARED FOR PRISON!! DO H & I !!**

We are looking forward to sitting down with Walter to tighten up the NEW web pages for H&I. We are also working on a new way to help with H&I literature. It is called "Books for Crooks". Any ideas on how to make this work, let me know. We accept all new and used soft back NA books to use in facilities. Please save and donate to "Books for Crooks"

So, to wrap this up I would like to request \$340.00 from RSO/H&I budget money along with the 2<sup>nd</sup> QTR H&I budget thru RSC \$325.00

## **BTWSP**

BTW is coming along n moving forward. We always need more sponsors to answer letters. We are beginning to identify service positions to help with our efforts moving forward with BTWSP. So, please get a hold of myself, Kim C. and/or Sheryl M. to help with service.

We have gone to email meetings to communicate. It seems to be catching on. It is like a conference call type format. We have all positions open for new blood. Please jump on the band wagon and help out, some of us have been doing this going on 4 years changing positions and duties.

Kim C. is our current Secretary and she is stepping down in June. Thank You Kim for all your help. You have done a wonderful job for BTW. Kim also has said that she has had zero contact with ex-felons doing this commitment and sees no reason why other ex-felons couldn't help make this program a continued success!!

Sheryl M. is our Sponsor sign-up person. You can get forms thru myself or Sheryl M. Soon there will be a PDF on the website to download that form to sign-up as a Sponsor!! We are also looking forward to getting BTWSP web pages updated and functioning with Walters help. Thank You Walter!!

**Thank You to all the Sponsor's that are writing for BTWSP YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!**

## D.O.V.A. Report 05-15-16

On June 4<sup>th</sup>, all D.O.V.A. service positions will be open for rotation of service, except for D.S.R.s. All of our D.S.R. positions are a six month commitment and rotate every March and September. All D.S.R. positions are filled. Tonopah Fellowship has joined our Area and we are working on using Skype so that everyone can have access to Area meetings. Hopefully by June 4<sup>th</sup> we can have this set up.

Since the last Regional Meeting, our H&L Chair person has stepped down. Our service commitments are being covered until rotation of service and a new H&L Chair can be voted in.

Our Area Chair person is stepping down this year, and a new chair will be voted in. Vice-Chair has been standing in for the Chair person for 8 months, under supervision of the Chair.

More than likely, all other trusted servant will keep their current positions.

The RCM position has been open since Sandra moved last year. We have decided not to officially fill this position. We feel that our Area and Region will be better served if two members from D.O.V.A. attend Regional Meetings. I have agreed to go to all of the Regional Meetings and bring another member with me so that more members have the opportunity to learn about service at the Regional level. We are committed to representing D.O.V.A. at Region.

We are currently doing an inventory on how our Area Service Committee can better serve the

groups, the members, the community and NA as a whole.

We are using this opportunity to encourage more G. S. R. involvement. We are focusing on roles, responsibility, communication, the importance of group conscience and group and personal autonomy - Every group and persons opinions and concerns matter.

We are also using this opportunity to encourage members to participate in Area Sub-committees. Our sub-committees will consist of more than a chair person.

Literature - G. O. V. A. would like to thank Region again for the literature donation. The literature has been very valuable to our Area. All of the lit. donated to our Area has been donated to serve the needs of our groups, new members, outreach and public information. We had great member and group participation in this decision and total group conscience. All of our meetings have access to lit. and A.P.s. We are working on opening meetings in Independence and literature will be provided.

Our literature stock is at an operating level. Activities - Currently we have three regular annual activities. New Year's Eve Potluck, meeting and BINGO. March Bowling Extravaganza and our annual Unity B-B-Q and campfire meeting in September.

Any other activities are usually done by group conscience and approved on a Bi-Monthly basis depending on Area funds and member interest.

We had our first Area run workshop at the beginning of this year. It was a Group Service



Workshop. It was very helpful and had great member participation!

This has encouraged us to look into workshops for future activities. We are in the process of contacting World Services to direct us in how best to accomplish this.

We would like to participate in more Regional and neighboring Area Activities and invite other Area members to participate in our activities. We are hoping a good workshop and speaker meeting can be a positive contribution to the unity of NA.

We are talking to a new meeting facility where we are hoping to hold special events and the Regional Meeting in September.

Some of our members have shown interest in attending Area Meeting in other Areas to see how they are run and connecting with corresponding Area Sub-Committees.

H&L - we currently have a bi-monthly commitment to Elroy County Mental Health to bring a panel into the D.U.I. Classes. Our next panel will be July 11<sup>th</sup>. There are more opportunities coming up for us to carry the message in the future. We will keep you updated as this develops.

We have one issue of concern and that is our Monday Morning Meeting. We are trying to keep it open, but if the problem can't be resolved we may decide to close it at our Area Meeting in June. We made a \$20.00 donation today.