



October 2009

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ASC Steering Committee Report

Plan to discuss the ad hoc committee for:

- Service Workshop asked for by GSR (need someone to offer to take this forward)
- Committee To look at the manageability of Area and offer a solution

Plan for an Inventory Day, to put to GSRs 24th October for this. Room is available.

Attendance

John (Chair), Joanne (Vice Chair), Ian (St Lukes), Stacey (Wythenshawe), Billy (Boundary St), John (Croxteth), Jason (Web Servant), Vincent (Blackpool Sunday night), John (Powerhouse), John (Salvation Army, Wirral), Martin (Powerhouse), Gail (Llandudno), Ian (Birkenhead), Diane (Prison Sponsorship Chair), Collette (Convention Chair), Nicky (Thursday Preston), Tony D (Blackpool Monday), John R (Blackpool Wednesday), Kevin (Accrington), Tony H (Stockport Friday), Ian F (Gladstone St Stockport), Tony H (Stockport Friday), Tony M (Warrington), Louise (Darwen Saturday), Peter (Warrington), Mark S (Tuesdat Mens meeting), Kevin F (Monday Warrington), Jimmy F (H&I Chair), Phil (Manchester), Darren, Stuart (salvation army, Manchester), JHim (Hulme Library), Shirley (Stockport Friday), Kerrie Lancaster, Collette Manchester)

Concepts Read By

Collette

Apologies

Lynsey (Blackpool), Mark (Preston), Darren (PI Chair), Carl (Meetings List)

Last Months Minutes

Seconded (Missed who did this). Many people are not receiving the minutes and also they have not been appearing on the website. Apologies for this. Request again for someone to put themselves forward for secretary as this may alleviate some of these problems.

Treasurers Opening Balance

£1500

Positions Vacant

| Position | Servant | Start Date |
|---|------------------------|-------------------|
| ASC Chair | John | Jan 2009 |
| ASC Chair Vice | Vacant | 2 years |
| ASC Treasurer | Ruth | July 2009 |
| ASC Treasurer Alternate | Rob | July 2009 |
| ASC Literature | Vacant | 2 years |
| ASC Literature Alternate | Lee | Oct 2008 |
| ASC Secretary | Vacant | 1 year |
| ASC Secretary Alternate | Vacant | 6 months |
| ASC Brew person | Kevin and Lorna | Nov 2009 |
| Regional Committee Member | Andy O | Dec 2008 |
| R.C.M Alternate | Vacant | 3 years |
| CD & Tape Library | Martin | July 2009 |
| Convention Chair 2008 | Collette | April 2009 |
| Helpline Chair | Laura | September 2009 |
| Hospitals & Institutions Chair | Jimmy | June 2009 |
| Meetings List | Vacant | 1 year |
| Outreach Chair | Vacant | 2 years |
| Parents & Carers Chair + F&E | Vacant | 2 years |
| Post Box | Adam | March 2009 |
| Prison Sponsorship | Diane | July 2009 |
| Public Information Chair | Darren | Sep 2009 |
| Webservant | Jason | Sep 2009 |
| Share Review Chair | Anthony | June 2009 |

Question asked if Area would fund travel expenses for the RCM Alternate to travel to Region – Inventory will look at this.

Group Issues

GSR count 18 at beginning of Area

- Wythenshawe meeting Tuesday has changed its time to 6.00pm
- Saturday Altrincham group – no proper service structure, requires help, struggling to offer a meeting to newcomers from nearby Treatment centre.
- Salvation Army, Birkenhead asking for women to attend for the newcomer.
- Kerrie, Tuesday Lancaster is a small meeting, requires support.
- Billy brought concerns from members of his meeting – issue with a report from the previous convention Committee that they were misrepresented. General discussion followed – it is felt that this is a sub committee issue, and that it is now difficult to bring a concern to a committee which no longer exists. There has been several opportunities for members to come themselves to raise their concerns. Request for this to be minuted has been done.

- Stockport Monday night is asking for people to do main shares.
- Stuart (Wednesday) – group raised concern about the size of the prudent reserve, is this carrying out Tradition 7? Answer – Area Inventory on 24th October will look at this. Venue same as normal Area at 1.00pm. Notes and questions for this will be added to these minutes

New meeting starting 6th October – Baptist Church, Elmsworth Avenue, Levenshulme, M19 3NF 12.30pm Positions vacant

Old Business

The manageability of Area still need looking at. It was suggested that we not call it a Chair/committee bit rather a “working group”. Suggestion that if Area was to develop into three metros, the main areas might be Manchester and surrounding areas, Liverpool and North Wales, Lancashire and Cumbria, so representatives from these areas may want to get together on this. This is only a suggestion, not a definite plan. Please come along to offer help with this.

Service Worksop – no one able to do this yet, but UK have put some service workshops on, we could approach them.

Regional Committee Member Report

No report

Meetings list

Carl completed his 12 months service. Many thanks.

Literature Report

Adam completed his 12 months service. Many thanks.

Area was unable to vote Lee into Literature Secretary as most GSRs had left Area and there were not enough left to vote. He will put himself forward next month

Money taken at ASC £1045.00

Stock take September: £1403.08 of stock

Last order: £2165.54

Total stock to date October: £2523.62

CD and Tape Library

Martin produced a leaflet with a list of CDs. Much appreciated.

17 people have borrowed for the library. £7 donation to Area

Post Box Report

All post delivered

Prison Sponsorship Report

Two requests for clarity:

1. UK Prison Sponsorship is putting on a day in London for sub committees to attend. Two members wish to go. Does Area pay for travel or do they take it from their budget. Answer 0 they take it from their budget.
2. The post office box is £62.85 – Area paid for it last year, can they pay again?
Vote was Yes.

Suggestion to Prison Sp. that they look at their budget and request an increase at the next Inventory Day.

Hospitals & Institutions Report

Helpline Report

There will be a Training Day in the next few weeks (date will follow when it is confirmed)

There is a shortage of responder packs as these are not being returned when members complete service.

1 year clean time to man the phones – please take this to groups

Outreach

North West Convention Report

Nothing new since 3 weeks ago. Next meeting 14th October, 6.00pm Ibbison Court, Blackpool.

Registration available now and the money is needed to pay for things before the convention. Nicky needs volunteers in Liverpool and Manchester to collect the money in areas she cannot attend.

PI Report

Website Report

742 unique visitors

Bury Council has emailed Jason and asked him to verify details they have about NA so that they can distribute information to teenagers about NA. This needs to be checked by PI to ensure proper representation of NA.

New Business

Treasurers Closing Balance

£1376.85

Donations £479.18

Outgoings £601.03

Date & Time of Next Meeting

Inventory Day 24th October 1.00pm at Warrington Venue

Next ASC is Saturday 7th November, Steering committee 12.30pm, Area 1.00pm.

Question about Inventory can be found in the Guide to Local services and further questions will follow by email.