

MASC MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 17, 2007

- 1) Motions and financial requests submitted.
- 2) MASC opened at 10:21 am in the usual manner.
- 3) Sign-in and introductions:

NAME	POSITION	NOTES
Mal S.	Secretary	
Mark S.	Literature chair	
Jeff W.	Phone line chair	
Tim S.	GSR Equinox	Left before new business
Natalie A.	GSR Broadway	
Darryl C.	GSR Mosaic Image	
Shauna T.	GSR Genesis	Left before new business
Candace S.	Interested member	
Karen M.	Interested member	
Dennis P.	GSR SOS	Left before new business
Len S.	GSR alternate Recovery	Left before voting on motions
Robert S.	Interested member	
Gina K.	Treasurer	Left before new business
Wendy F.	GSR New Beginnings	
Marshall D.	Vice chair	
Daryl F.	Chair	
Loretta S.	MACCNA XVIII chair	

- 4) Quorum reached with 13 voting participants (7 GSR's).
- 5) Treasurer's report: Bank balance as at October 31/07 is \$3164.43. An expense spreadsheet was prepared comparing spending to budgets for each committee. All spending is within budgets except that Admin has overspent their budget by \$31.17. Therefore any expenses requested by Admin must be accompanied by a motion which must then be passed by MASC before the expense can be incurred. The Literature audit was completed as per the MASC Policies and Guidelines. The audit covered the period from June until October 2007. Three members were in attendance. Everything went well and no problems were found. MASC will go to the bank and purchase a night deposit key for the treasurer, as she can not get there during bank hours to make the deposit due to her work schedule.
- 6) Secretary's report: October minutes and order of the day, as well as the November 2007 calendar were prepared and submitted to appropriate people. MASC received a thank you from Biovail for the Meeting List and NA in Manitoba pamphlet that was sent to them.
- 7) Chair's report: The chair addressed the following statement that was included in the October minutes: "At this point, the chair abruptly called for a ten minute break due to the fact that some loud arguments ensued and that some people were not willing to respect the

chair's decision to move on." He did not feel that it was abrupt. The job of the chairperson is to maintain order. When the order of the meeting has devolved to the point where participants are speaking without being recognized by the chairperson, the meeting has become a conversation and not a business meeting. If the chairperson is not able to get it back on track, a short recess is normal. He believed that everyone, himself included, needed a break. After studying the Policies and Guidelines, the chair noticed that an area inventory has been missed. Section 5.2.h states that one should be conducted each year. This will be discussed in new business in order to appoint an Adhoc Committee chairperson to form a committee to do the inventory. It is best to have the results available to all of the existing committees prior to their budget submissions in January 2008.

At this point, the chair made a motion to halt the order of the day, in order for the Vice chair to present his report. The motion was passed.

Vice chair's report: Although there is no vice chair report in the Order of the Day, all elected trusted servant are accountable to MASC. Since last month's ASC meeting, the vice chair has attended at least one meeting of almost all of the groups within the perimeter highway, done a PI panel at Nelson McIntyre Collegiate, and secured members willing to sit and be of service at the HSC Addictions Awareness week. A concern is that there are minimally 10 groups, for whom MASC are the entrusted voice at other levels of service, who for various reasons can't attend the monthly ASC meeting. A motion has been put forward that will hopefully address this situation.

- 8) Elections: Daryl F. was re-elected as the MASC chair. Marshall D. was re-elected as the MASC Vice chair.

Robert S. nominated Karen for the RCM position. Karen accepted the nomination and was asked the appropriate questions from the appendix in the MASC Policies and Guidelines. After further questions were asked by members at the meeting, the nomination was sent back to the groups.

- 9) GSR Reports:

GROUP	BIRTHDAYS/EVENTS	INFO/CONCERNS/ CHANGES
Broadway	Gisel – Dec 5 – 4 yrs Mimi B – Dec 20 – 1 yr Holiday Pot Luck/14 th anniversary – Dec 14	Donation - \$140. A third signing authority has been added to avoid the problem of one of the other two not being available. There is a further \$75 donation cheque that is waiting for a second signature. For anyone willing and able to bring food to the potluck, please contact Shelly B. Group inventory is Sunday, Dec 2 @ 1 pm.
Clean & Free		Donation - \$5. New location at the Salvation Army building at 220 Duke Ave. The group will be setting up an information table at two Manitoba Addictions Awareness Week events in Portage. First, "Symposium of Substance" health fair at the

		regional library, and second the health fair at Portage Collegiate Institute. The group is asking when the last time an area inventory was conducted. Reminder: Dec is the 20 th anniversary of the area (MASC)
Dauphin		No rep, no report
EK Beginners		No rep, no report
Equinox		Donation - \$50. George M's birthday celebration was very successful with great food and good fellowship.
Foundation for Freedom		No rep, no report
Genesis		Donation - \$75.
Howling Wolves		No rep, no report
Jericho	.	No rep, no report
Kenora		No rep, no report
Mosaic Image	Richard H – Dec 7 – speaker Darryl C. – Dec 28 – 18 months	Donation - \$ 32.58. Attendance has been dropping.
New Beginnings		Donation - \$40. A discussion was held as to what to do with new information coming to the ASC at the election that wasn't known at the previous ASC when the nomination occurred.
NA Rocks		No rep, no report
No nonsense		No rep, no report
Phoenix		No rep, no report
Recovery	19 th anniversary – Jan 2 Norm C. – Jan 2 – 28 yrs	The Saturday meeting has been dropped due to poor support. November 24 will be the last one. The causes/concerns portion of the report is presented in an attachment at the end of this table. MASC agreed that this part of the report would be presented word for word.
Rising for Recovery		The meeting has started up and is going well.
Serenity on Saturday	Channa B. – Dec 1 – 7 yrs Marshall D. – Dec 8 – 7 yrs	Donation - \$10.51. The U of W will be closed over X-mas and therefore, there will be no meetings on Dec 22 and 29. Due to the fact that the meeting has to change rooms every 3 months and are affected by campus closures, the group is considering a search for an alternate meeting space.

The Pas		No rep, no report
Westman		No rep, no report

Attachment: Recovery GSR report causes/concerns

Last month's area meeting was discussed in length, and we do have concerns. We at Recovery Group have had experience with meeting chairpeople not turning over the seventh tradition. The way we handled this was very much different than what was exhibited at the Area meeting. What we did first was talk to the members to find out where the monies were. When it was determined that the monies were missing and could not be paid back we offered them the opportunity to pay them back as they were able. In some cases, an agreement was reached, and the monies were repaid. When no agreement could be reached, we brought this information to the area. We have a paper trail with dates and amounts in all of these cases, at no time was any of this handled as poorly as was seen in the October meeting. In the October meeting, an accusation was made with absolutely no factual evidence! It was not revealed when this supposed infraction happened, which group was involved, or the amount! This was strictly hearsay, an accusation that was not backed up in any meaningful way. All our chair could think of was to bring this information back to the groups for a vote. My question is how could a group even consider a vote under these circumstances? All that was required, was that the chair suggest to the Equinox GSR to bring some evidence to the area so this could be dealt with. I have known Norm for almost 24 years, and I have known Myk for 13 years. I respect them, and appreciate where they are in their recoveries, and how much they have done to help others along the way. I have also known Daryl for a good long time. I remember his first meeting here in Winnipeg. He has also done many things supporting this area, and the addicts in it. I feel fortunate and privileged to have these people in my life. Where I have a problem is how this and other situations have been handled in this meeting. I served as your chair for 18 months, and when I left, it was with a bad taste in my mouth. As a result, I certainly will not be breaking any land speed records rushing to take a place in service any time soon! I have not asked the area for redress, nor will I. I have however, suggested to Norm that it would be appropriate for him to do so. I ask that my report be included in the minutes so that members in the area can make their own judgments in an attempt to prevent the moccasin telegraph from spreading an untrue and unclear message. Yours in recovery, Len S.

The chair person answered the Recovery GSR report with an explanation as to how and why the events unfolded as they did after the information was presented by the Equinox GSR at the October ASC. At the end of the November ASC meeting, a GSR from a different group suggested to the Secretary that the rebuttal by the chair be presented in the minutes. When the Secretary presented this idea to the Chair, he agreed that it would be appropriate to put the response in the minutes. The following is a paraphrasing of the chair's response as no written report was available:

The MASC Policies and Guidelines do not appropriately address how to handle a situation that occurred at the October ASC meeting. As a result, the chair was forced to deal with it to the best of his ability. His method was to allow the members at the ASC meeting to present their opinions as to how to handle this. Although he had the authority to try and dictate a solution, he felt it was better to allow others to have their say before any decision was made. A GSR presented a motion to have this information go back to the groups and the election would occur during the November ASC. The chair was willing to allow this motion to be voted on. At this point, the nominee (Norm) withdrew his name from consideration for the PI position. When this happened, there was no need to send the information back to the groups, as no election was going to happen anyhow. As far as the chair was concerned, the situation had been taken care of. He then invited anyone that was interested, to submit a motion that would deal with a situation such as this in the Policies and Guidelines. No such motion was presented.

10) RCM report: There is no report as there is no RCM

11) Sub-committee reports: All reports were received.

COMMITTEE	MTG DATE	REPORT HIGHLIGHTS
A&E	Vacant	
H+I	Dec 10 - 6 pm @ 430 Langside	All of the panels, HSC, Main Street Project, AFM and Anchorage are going well. This week is "Drug Awareness Week" and 6 members are manning the NA information booth at the Health Sciences Centre. Also, 5 addicts were at Nelson McIntyre last week.
Literature	Dec 10 - 7:30 pm @ 187 Kilbride	Bank balance - \$1499.21. Inventory - \$2018.65. Total is \$3517.86. SP # 2201 "An Introduction to NA Meetings" has been withdrawn. There have been some complaints about some of the wording. When this has been corrected, it will be released again. All orders for this pamphlet will be on back order until NAWs re-releases it. There is a donation for \$317.87.
News line	Vacant	
Outreach	Vacant	
PI	Vacant	
Phone line	Dec 10 – 6 pm @ 430 Langside	The chair has gotten the phone back. Another member is currently answering the phone. The following figures are available as to the monthly phone calls: Addicts – 35, Meeting info – 23, talk at length – 11, family – 4, professional – 7. These figures include projections based on previous experience, for the last 10 days as this info was not available. A member of the media called looking for a particular type of addict and was informed that we do not care about what or how much you use, but only in what you want to do about your problem and how we can help.
MACCNA XVII		The committee is now ready for the audit. It simply needs to be scheduled.
MACCNA XVIII	Dec 14 – 7:30 pm @ 187 Kilbride	Mark S was elected Registration chair. Karen M was elected program chair. The signing authorities have been changed to Loretta S, Mal S, and Marshall D. A cheque for \$941.69 was given to MASC and represents the profit from the last convention (MACNA XVII). That leaves MACCNA XVIII with a starting balance of \$1500. The committee is looking into having groups assume responsibilities in areas such as workshops, marathon meetings and canteen volunteers. The hope is that this could increase member participation and attendance. GSR's are asked to take this idea back to their business meetings to see if it resonates with the groups in

		the area. The theme and logo will be determined at next months meeting.
Steering Committee	Dec 2 – 6:30 pm @ 3 St. Vital Rd.	The discussion at the upcoming Steering Committee meeting will be on the 20 th anniversary of MASC and the area inventory

12) Ad-hoc report: No committee at this time

13) Old Business:

Motion 5 (October): To amend Policies and Guidelines 14.2 (under voting procedures), voice roll call. Section b to be changed from, “These votes shall be recorded and published” to “These votes shall be recorded.”

The vote was as follows:

Broadway	Yes	Clean & Free	Not present	EK Beginners	Not present
Equinox	Yes	Genesis	No	Howling Wolves	Not present
Jericho	Not Present	New Beginnings	No	NA on the Rocks	Not present
No Nonsense	Not Present	Phoenix	Not Present	The Pas	Not Present
Recovery	Not Present	Westman	Not Present	Dauphin	Not Present
Kenora	Not Present	Serenity on Saturday	No	Mosaic Image	Abstain
Foundations for Freedom	Not Present	Rising for Recovery	Not Present		

Result: For – 2 Against – 3 Abstain – 1

Motion defeated.

At 12:55 pm Mark S made a motion to extend the meeting until 1:20 pm. It passed.

Gina K made a motion to change the order of the day and present the treasurer’s report now. It passed. The report was presented. The disbursements and treasurer’s final report will still be presented under #15 and #17 respectively in the minutes.

14) New Business:

a) The Ad Hoc Committee needs a volunteer to chair the committee to do a MASC inventory. There were no volunteers, so the chair person will choose a member outside of MASC to chair the committee.

b) An Ad Hoc Committee was set up to discuss the 20th anniversary for MASC that is coming up in December. Jeff W. stepped forward to chair the committee. There will be a meeting on Nov 30 at 8 pm at 187 Kilbride. Any written submissions will be read.

MACCNA XVIII IS IN NEED OF SUB-COMMITTEE AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS. PLEASE GET INVOLVED!!!!

ALSO, DO NOT FORGET TO UPDATE YOUR POLICIES AND GUIDELINES!