



## **April Minutes 2015**

**Apologies:** Colin P. (ASR); Anthony M. (Prison Secretary & acting GSR Dominican Centre)

**Attendance List:** Bert M. (Chair); Michelle W. (Secretary); Anoushka M. (GSR Trinity); Joe E. (H&I Chair: GSR Skibbereen); Pam W. (Literature Chair); Brendan O. (PR Chair); Tony K. (Convention Chair); John M (Treasurer); Paul N. (Webmaster); Dermot M. (GSR Killarney); Kate O (member); Patrick S. (GSR Waterford); Donnacha (GSR La Verna). Niamh O. (Events & Fundraising Chair); Thomas F. (GSR Waterford); Mairead B. (Literature Alt); Brian C. Member; Gerry L. (GSR Solas); Cailim F. (GSR. Solas Saturday); Claire A. (GSR Women's Meeting); Sarah T. ; (Farnanes outgoing sec); Dean C. (member); Jamie B. ( treasurer We do Recover ); Paul J. (PR Poster distributions); Dylan I. (Secretary Solas).

## **Sub Committee Reports**

**Treasurers report:** John M

Opening balance: €3644

Donations: €1016.77

Expenses: €1016.50

Prudent reserve: €3600

Working balance: €44.27

**Public Relations (PR):** Brendan O'B. (Chair), Paul N. (Webmaster), Peter H. (Social Media Advertisement), Paul J. (Poster Distribution Campaign).

A PR presentation was made to Transition Year students in Midleton College on the 20th of March. Thanks to Stuart P and Julia B for sharing their experience, and to Niall S for doing secretary and driving. Both speakers carried an appropriate NA message which was well received by the students. Expenses for this are €6 for petrol.

There have been no requests for assistance on the PR e-mail or phone.

## **Webmaster's Report**

- The Southern Area Website is [www.nasouth.ie](http://www.nasouth.ie)
- There were 426 visitors to the website in March.
- Details of the One Day Convention Event have been posted to the Events page in the website.

- One meeting in Dingle was added to the meetings list.
- There is a new format for the printable meetings list. The meetings list is now automatically generated from the same database that populates the websites and the smartphone apps.
- There is also a new Irish Region meetings list available on the website. This has every meeting in Ireland listed. This is also generated from the database, so it's always up to date. It takes the form of a 20 page A5 booklet, so it's 5 double sided A4 pages, each folded in half to make a booklet.
- Any meetings that do not have a name will be given the name "NA Meeting" on the printed lists, so if your group's name isn't on the list please let me know and I'll update it. Email the details to [webmaster@nasouth.ie](mailto:webmaster@nasouth.ie)
- The meeting list has also been synced up with the NAWS website meeting list, so all the meetings on the NAWS website should be correct now.
- Email addresses for any meeting or committee are available. Contact [webmaster@nasouth.ie](mailto:webmaster@nasouth.ie) for details.

The next PR subcommittee meeting will be held on Tuesday April 28th at 7pm in the NA Office on Marlboro Street. All are welcome to attend.

### **Literature Report:** Pam W. (Chair); Mairead B. (Literature Alt.)

Total sales €280.10

Total ordered €280.10

Expenses €20.00 for print paper

Balance is Nil

The new on line shop will be up and running soon.

**The literature shop is looking for more people to serve on the committee.** If you have over a year's clean time and looking to do service because it will keep you clean come talk Pam W. at the end of area.

### **Events & Fundraising**

The committee has been asked to organise an event to help raise funds for the Friday nights entertainment, for the up and coming Irish regional convention.

There are members who want to organize events and they have been in touch with the committee ,at the moment ideas are being looked at.

I have spoken to the chairperson of the event held on march 14th 2015 and he will be bringing a report to the next area.

## Convention Report     Southern Area Convention Report

Convention Committee: Chairperson: Tony K.; Treasurer: Dara D. ; Secretary: Anoushka M.; Design & Entertainment: Cyril R.

Report: The committee met last month and the following decisions were reached:

- Date of convention: Saturday, 25th July, 2015
- Venue: Oriel House Hotel, Ballincollig, Co. Cork
- Theme: The Message Remains the Same...Keep Coming Back

Flyer: Flyer was designed by the committee and all relevant information was put on both the front and back of the flyer. 2000 flyers were printed, and to date over 600 posters have also been printed.

The agenda for the convention day has also been decided upon as has the hotel information and hotel package pricing. Registration costs €15 and banquet tickets cost €25.

The agenda consists of 6 workshops. 3 service workshops, and 3 topic workshops. The 3 service workshops cater to H&I, PR and Region. The 3 topic workshops focus on the spiritual aspect of the programme, the practical everyday life of an addict and finally, the 12 Steps.

Also included on the agenda is the banquet meal, main speakers, clean time countdown, raffle and entertainment. Marathon meetings will run throughout the day also.

As it our 10th anniversary it should be a very special day and the committee has done its utmost to include something for everybody on the day.

We have gotten a fantastic deal again this year with the hotel after some hard negotiating. Prices remain the same as last year and a complimentary room for the convention committee and a complimentary prize for the raffle consisting of an overnight stay including dinner for two people at any of the five Talbot hotels in Cork, Dublin, Carlow and Wexford were provided free of charge to the convention.

The Iniskerry Suite was also given free of charge to host the marathon meetings for the day and the hire of the main room, the Tobin Suite has been given for a charge of €250 for the day.

40 bedrooms have been block booked for the convention also.

Contact Details for Hotel Room Bookings and Banquet Tickets:

- Contact: Sharon Buckley
- Reservations direct line: (021) 4208 404
- Mon – Fri 9.00am – 5.00pm only!!    **No reservations will be facilitated outside of these hours**
- All reservations for both the hotel and banquet tickets must be pre-paid at time of booking and are non-refundable

Please specify NA Convention one day event 2015 when booking and if you do not receive an answer please leave a message with your contact details and the hotel will call you back.

Pre-booking is essential so book early to avoid disappointment. There is limited availability for the banquet meal. Max capacity is 220. Banquet tickets must be purchased 48 hours in advance and no banquet tickets will be available upon arrival at registration.

Regular weekly announcements by all secretaries and members of all of the above is very important, especially in the run up to the one day event.

The flyers and all relevant information will be on all relevant NA websites in the coming weeks also.

#### Promotional Campaign:

The committee were hard at work in the last month preparing all of the above to get ready for the recent successful Eastern Area Convention held in Athlone from the 27th – 29th March, 2015. Over 500 flyers and posters were distributed at this convention and a main announcement on the Sunday morning by microphone also, highlighting our convention. A huge debt of gratitude and appreciation goes to Olivia H for all her hard work and networking over the weekend. We would also like to thank Francie, Stuart, Jenni and Trevor for their hard work also. A big thank you goes out to Ken and Wayne for their support and help also at the Eastern Area Convention.

In the coming weeks the committee will be hard at work distributing a minimum of ten flyers, two posters and an opening letter explaining our Tenth Anniversary Convention Day to all 201 NA meetings throughout Ireland and Northern Ireland. All relevant info will be posted to every meeting throughout the country.

220 banquet tickets have also been printed and distributed to the hotel for booking orders.

Presentation tags and Welcoming Committee Information sheets will also be printed in the coming weeks.

A template has also been designed by DC Graphics printing company to have all addresses labelled for NA meetings throughout Ireland and N. Ireland. The committee feels this is a much more efficient way of posting out as opposed to handwriting all addresses.

In the coming weeks, the committee will also be discussing plans around sub-committees for both the registration and welcoming committees, secretaries for marathon meetings and general volunteers on the day of the event. 350 lanyards have been ordered from China at a cost of €290.

#### Treasurers Report 12th April, 2015:

Prudent Reserve:	€2,000.00
Received from Area via Prudent Reserve 20/03/15	€750.00
Deposit for hotel room hire 23/03/15	€250.00
DC Graphics printing of 2000 flyers	€220.00
DC Graphics printing of 600 posters	€180.00
DC Graphics printing of 250 banquet tickets	€100.00
350 lanyards @ .82c each	€290.00

The next convention committee meeting is on Tuesday, 14th March at 6.30pm in the Oriel House Hotel in Ballincollig. All are welcome.

**H&I:** Joe E. (Chair); Vice chairperson needed; New secretary for H&I needed

### **H&I Reports**

**Arbor House** No secretary

### **5b Limerick**

Secretary: Donna  
Meetings: 1  
Speaker: Brendan  
Attendance: 0  
Expenses: None

### **Bruree Men**

Secretary: Tom H., Brendan  
Meetings: 2  
Speakers: Russell, Mark  
Attendance: 23  
2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting postponed 1 week  
Expenses: 0

### **Bruree Women**

Secretary: Aileen  
Meetings: 1  
Speakers: Lisa, Tasha  
Attendance: 15  
Expenses: €60

Aileen reports that as the women visiting the institution still feel uncomfortable passing through the men's corridor because of undue and intimidating behaviour, Bruree will be further notified by H&I committee to rectify situation. (See New Business regarding problem with this meeting)

### **Cara Lodge**

Secretary: Joe  
Meetings: 2  
Speakers: Stuart, Patrick  
Attendance: 4  
Expenses: 0

### **Ceimele House**

Secretary: Ruth  
Meetings: 1  
Speaker: Anthony (Limerick)  
Expenses: €40

### **Cork Prison**

Secretary: Anthony  
Meetings: 2  
Speakers: Brendan, Stuart  
Attendance: 6  
Meeting going very well, mostly members attend.  
Thanks to Siobhan (prison contact) for her support.  
No meeting Good Friday.

### **Farnanes**

Secretary: Sarah  
Meetings: 1  
Attendance: 18  
Expenses: 0

### **St. Helens**

Secretary: Stephen  
Meetings: 2  
Attendance: 12  
Expenses: 0

### **Tabor lodge**

Secretaries: Paddy C., Aisling  
Meetings: 2  
Speakers: Brian C., Rob O'H., Marian S.  
Att: 14  
Expenses: €20

Expenses: Ceimele: €40  
Bruree : €60  
Tabor: €20  
Literature: €40

Total: €160

Positions to be filled **St. Helens second meeting, Arbour House**

## **Group Reports**

### **Cork City**

**Georges Quay:** Women's Meeting Monday 6.30-7.45

Average attendance:10

Group report: Meeting going well. Group had been struggling with attendance in recent months but attendance has improved. Secretary position filled and GSR position filled.

**Treasurer position needs to be filled**

**Rutland Street:** Men's Meeting Monday 7pm No report

**Hillside Solas:** Monday 8.15pm No report

**Eason's Hill:** Tuesday 6.15pm No report

**Trinity:** Tuesday 8.00pm No Report

**Churchfield:** Wednesday 6.30

Average Attendance: 10

Group report: all positions filled, needs clean time support.

**G.F Strength & Hope** Wednesday 8pm and Sunday 2pm

Average Attendance:33

Group Report: group going well.

Donation: €150

**La Verna** Thursdays 8.00pm

Average Attendance: 30

Group report: rent paid, meeting going well, all positions filled.

**Dominican Centre:** Friday morning 11.30 - 12.30 No report

**Rutland Street:** We Do Recover South Parish Community Centre Cork

Friday & Sunday 8.00pm

Average Attendance: 27

Group Report: group going well.

Group Announcements: John F. was voted in as new secretary for Sunday night, thanks to outgoing secretary Eoin D.; Mark C. was voted in as GSR & Jamie B as treasurer. The group burned vital speaker tapes to teach members about the steps and traditions. The group has requested to use the office printer to print off home group paper work-once a year?

Donation: € 105

**Dominican Centre:** Saturday 3.00pm

Average Attendance: 15

Group report: **GSR needed.**

**Hillside Solas:** Saturday 8pm

Average Attendance: 15

Group Report: All positions filled, group going well.

Group Announcements: It was decided to separate from the Monday night meeting to elevate the problems concerning filling service positions for the groups. Cailim F. is new GSR; Gerry L. Treasurer; Dylan I. Secretary.

Donation: €30

## **Cork County**

**Fermoy:** Thursday 8.00pm No report

**Skibbereen:** Friday 8.00pm

Average Attendance: 7

Group report: all positions filled.

Donation: €50

**Youghal:** Nagle House Friday 8.00

Secretary/treasurer: Marsha T

Meeting going well- attracting more newcomers and previous newcomers attending regularly. **GSR needed.**

## **Kerry**

**Tralee Community Development:** Monday; Thursday & Saturday 8.00pm No report

**Our Lady & St. Brendan's Pastoral Centre,** The Presbytery, Upper Rock Street, Tralee: Tuesday & Wednesday 1.30-2.45pm No report

**Listowel :** Friday 8:00 PM No report

**John Street, Dingle:** Tuesday 7:30 PM & Friday 8.30

Group report: the 2 meetings continue successfully in Dingle.

Average Attendance: 4

Donation: €20

Contact Tor 0872220853 or Bert 0831246634)

**Killarney Pastoral Centre:** Tuesday 8:00 PM No Report

**Talbot Grove:** Sunday 8:00 PM

Average Attendance: 10 (including residents)

Group Report: group going well, rent is up to date

## **Waterford**

**Waterford City:** St John's Monday 6.00PM; Tuesday 8.00PM; Friday 8.00PM Saturday 1.00PM & Sunday 8.00PM & **St Francis:** Wednesday 8.00PM

Group report: numbers are steady; rent paid; all service positions are filled.

Average Attendance: 17

**Edmund Rice Centre:** Thursday 7.00PM

Average Attendance: 7

Group report: Meeting going well, the rent payment situation has been rectified. A new agreement has been signed with the group and the establishment the meeting is held in.

## **Limerick** No Reports

**Abbey field:** Monday 8.00PM

**Henry Street; Br Russell House:**

**St John's Church:** Saturday 12.15 & 1PM; Sunday 6.30PM

## **Tipperary** No reports

## **Clare**

**Shannon town, Clare:** Sunday 8.30PM : No Reports

**Ennis Friary:** Monday & Thursday 8.30PM; Saturday 8.30PM

**Bushy Park, Ennis, Co. Clare:** Friday 8:30 PM :

Group Report: Group going well. We are struggling to find secretaries. It seems like the same people doing secretary most of the time.

Please note sat night meeting starts at 830pm.

Average attendance: 9

Donation: no donations this month as we are short on funds.

## **Old business:**

- Positions that need to be filled are: **Vice Chair; Outreach; ASR Alternate. H&I: Vice chairperson & secretary** . If any members are needing to do service please come to next area to fill these positions.
- There has been clarity around the confusion concerning the payment of the Waterford's groups rent. This business is carried over from April as not all the members regarding this issue were present, the concern of the smooth running of fellowship business between members and how they between each other communicate is a reflection on NA as a whole.



## New business:

- Dissemination of information: It was brought to the attention of the meeting that the Southern area convention details had been published on a social media website prior to them being discussed at area. The convention committee are going to discuss the effect of dissemination of information being leaked and it being agreed at area before it being passed on for publication elsewhere.
- The Southern area needs clarity around NA southern areas account and balance, funds from the last fundraiser seems to be unclear, Niamh O. (Fundraiser & Events Chair) will bring to area the up to date finances from Colin P.
- Joe E. the H & I chair report's : The secretary for Bruree states the ongoing problem of behaviour from the male residents; Bruree will be further notified by H&I committee to rectify situation.
- Michelle W. gave a presentation on the EDM's First Service Learning Days Conference in Berlin, this presentation is attached to the minutes email sent out to service members. The presentation was met with enthusiasm from the audience and it was suggested that this could be a regular event at area, time permitting that members can come forward with a topic and present it at the forthcoming area.
- Meetings that have service positions that need filling are: Secretary's needed for- St. Helens second meeting, Arbour House (see Joe E. H&I chair); Bushy Park, Ennis; Treasurer needed for Women's Meeting ; GSR needed Dominican Centre & Youghal. If any members are needing to do service please come to the respective groups next group conscience to fill positions (it is usually the last meeting before area).
- **Congratulations** to Patrick S. as the new Phone Chair : The phone position was discussed in length at area, Patrick S. was voted in as the new Phone chair, there is no outgoing chair to mentor Patrick in his new position, and therefore Michelle W. went through the phone protocol. It was highlighted the confusion arising from a member saying they would fill the phone chair at the end of area, a few months back, but not have gone through the formal process of being voted in. Then not being able to for fill the obligation and the phone again being left idle. It was discussed the urgency of the position to be filled; it is the line for the suffering addict to get communication and support through fellowship.
- Jamie B. put himself forward as Outreach Chair; however it was decided that the vote would be put aside for another month as he would then be 1 year in recovery.

## Next Area Sunday May 10th 3pm

**Glossary** ASR – Area Service Representative; EDM- European Delegates Meeting

GSR – Group Service Representative; H&I – Hospital's & Institutions; Literature Alt – Literature Alternate

Foot note: If any members need clarity or have difficulty presenting their groups report or any other issue they would like to address concerning the minutes please contact the secretary Michelle W. at

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