



Sunday 9th October 2016 Minutes @ 3pm – South Parish Centre, Rutland Street, Cork City.

Welcomed: By the Southern Area Committee Meeting (SASC) Chairperson, Dara L

Readings: The concepts were read by John O C.

Last Month's Minutes: Yes

Apologies: Tasha F (Limerick), Timmy O C (GSR La Verna), Patrick S (SASC H&I Chair), Valarie O D (GSR), Caroline L (GSR)

Attendance List: Dara L (SASC ASR), Stephen B (SASC Secretary), Denis C (member), Annmarie H (GSR), Geraldine C (GSR), Damien D (GSR), John F (GSR), Pam W (GSR), Dermot M (SASC Phone Chair), Paul (member), Carmel C (GSR), Mike C (GSR), Niall S (GSR), John O C (SASC Convention Chair), Jamie B (GSR), Daniel F (member), Ciaran H (SASC Literature Chair).

Elections this month:

Pam W elected SASC Outreach chair

John O C elected SASC Convention Chair

Current Southern Area Guidelines are available on www.nasouth.ie for anyone interested in taking up a position.

SOUTHERN AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS**Treasurers Report:****Donations Received by NA Groups on 09th October 2016:**

• Solas, Co. Cork	€ 54
• Ballincollig, Co. Cork	€ 20
• Skibbereen, Co. Cork	€ 20

Total Group Donations:	€ 94
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Expenses Paid Out to Sub Committees on 09th October 2016:

• H&I	€ 30
• Chair Expenses	€ 30
• Phone Line	€ 20
• Bag for Treasurer	€ 20
• Outreach	€100

Total Expenses:	€200
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This month's donations fell short by €106 in covering expenses. Funds were made available from the Literature committee funds which will be repaid next month when sufficient funds are available. H&I expenses this month were €125 but only €30 needed to be paid this month with the rest of expenses to be covered next month.

Literature Report:

insert report

Area Service Representative (ASR) Report:**Minutes - IRSC meeting held on Sunday 25th September 2016**

Present – Maurice O'C (Chair), Andy R (EASR), Vernon S (WASR), Denise O'C (Conv. Chair), Grainne H (RD), Tor (Literature chair/ad hoc secretary) Elizabeth WM (Treasurer) Brian M (Treasurer - ISO), Tony D (Events chair) Dara L (SASR), Colum E (Conv. Treasurer), Stephen B (member) Conor H (member)

Intro – 12 Concepts, 12 Traditions read.

Minutes – Approved Proposed (ISO Treasurer)/2nd (R.D).

Area Attendance/Quorum – Elections went ahead as we had a quorum. Eastern Area ASR brought a proposal for discussion re AGM/Quorum issue.

Proposal – “If after the 1st AGM has been suspended due to a lack of quorum, at the next meeting if only 2 ASRs are present that will constitute an AGM quorum.”

Proposer – E. ASR/2nd RD.

Passed unanimously.

*** NB – ASR please bring this to the Areas for ratification. *** (new ASRs this means this proposal needs to be announced at the areas for the GSRs to bring it back to their groups for discussion. It can if approved then be added to the regional guidelines.)

Contacts List – The ad-hoc secretary has updated the contacts sheet.

Elections – **Positions filled and vacant -**

Chair – Maurice O’C

Vice-Chair –

Secretary –

Treasurer – Elizabeth W-M

Vice-Treasurer –

ISO Chair –

ISO Treasurer –

Regional Delegate – Grainne H

Elections (continued)

Regional Delegate Alt. –

H & I Co-Ordinator –

P.R. Co-Ordinator –

Literature Chair – Tor

Events Chair – Tony D

Parents & Carers –

Convention Chair IRCNA31 – Denise O’C

Convention Treasurer IRCNA31 – Colum E

Convention Chair IRCNA32 –

Convention Treasurer IRCNA32 –

Please announce the following other positions at Region remained vacant after the elections – Secretary, Vice-Chair, Vice-Treasurer, PR co-ordinator, R.D. Alt, ISO chair, H & I Chair, Parents & Carers Chair, Convention Chair '17 (IRCNA due to be held in the Eastern Area), Conv. Treasurer '17.

*****ASR's - The Chair particularly requested that the ASRs and all members of the IRSC are active in announcing the massive need for members to come to the next region and volunteer for the vacant positions!!!*****

AGM/Agenda/Reporting –

After some discussion about responsible voting, the following was voted in unanimously.

Proposal – At the next AGM all committee members give annual reports before elections take place.

Following from this we agreed that the Lit. Chair would draw up a proposed AGM agenda and update the standing agenda for inclusion in the IRSC Guidelines subject to approval/ratification.

North – No ASR, no ASR alt, no report. Apparently the N. Area is re-grouping and forming again. No donation.

South – New ASR attended, ad hoc report.

ASR acting as S. Area chair as no new chair voted in. Secretary and ASR acting as joint ad hoc treasurer. The previous has treasurer has the accounts in order.

NB. S. Area meeting has moved – now in Cork City South Parish Hall (inc. disabled access, unlike previous venue). No longer in the YMCA.

No donation. No ASR alt.

East – ASR attended, report read.

Newry group has joined the Eastern Area. Some discussion re the web/app re where to search for a meeting in Newry, North or East, or both?

Brought proposal re: issue of no quorum at region which prevented the AGM being held for two consecutive meetings (see: [Area attendance/Quorum](#) above in these minutes for the details).

Some discussion about time only given at area for GSRs and not for the rest of NA business inc ASR.

No ASR alt. No donation this month but €639.86 between meetings.

West – Report read. (Report to be emailed in).

Requested RD workshop.

Killybegs meeting to join Western Area. Need to inform webmaster.

Held fun day after area for unity, went well.

Request for Lochlan House meeting from Northern Area.

No Donation & No ASR alt.

Convention '16 Report – Report given.

Responses to report questions/discussion –

1. Region Treasurer has requested info for the insurance company to provide cover for the convention.
2. IRCNA31 committee needs a Merchandising Chair and Hospitality Chair. Suggested that the committee contact Wayne (E.Area) and Jake or Shauna (S. Area) all have experience doing convention hospitality.
3. Friday 6pm of the convention weekend meeting for committee and officers of region – to plan filling any gaps in service needs.
4. Confirmed the dance is a €5 entry charge separate from the cost of registration.
5. Help needed!! Request from IRCNA31 committee for members to come forward and serve on the convention committee.

Suggestions

ASRs please push people to book the hotel!

Convention Raffle – Draw held. Over €500 raised. Congratulations to the winners –

3rd Hoodie – John Dolly

2nd Spa treatment at Hotel Westport – Ailish M.

1st Room for the convention – Caroline L.

Convention '16 Treasurer's Report – Read.

Concerns raised that there has been excessive spending on merchandise. It was considered too high a % of the original float.

ISO Report – **Read by ISO treasurer due to lack of chair and included in the email with the minutes.**

Merchandising plans to help fund the additional costs of the new office. Samples passed around of potential items - decals, medallions etc.

ISO has requested the formation of a Local Translation Committee (LTC) to start the process of creating some standard language 'as Gaeilge' for basic recovery terms. This is a fellowship project any member of the Irish fellowship can be part of this process.

ASRs to discuss at area if the fellowship would like keytags 'as Gaeilge' – the cost of creating them would be met by NAWS but they would sell at the same price as the existing keytags. The ISO would continue to sell keytags in English too.

All the other merchandise would be made by the ISO and therefore require some spending.

The Literature price list is now available on the website!

ISO Treasurer's Report - **Read and included in the email with the minutes.**

(The Insurance cert is available for any group needing it.)

AOB carried over from last meeting –

To discuss at this meeting – private legal issues that impact on our events.

Conor H stated – The law of the land supplants all other issues. He perceived the issue as – the handling of security at NA events.

Much discussion around the following –

Who calls the Guards and when?

How can we create guiding principles to support our trusted servants?

How do we deal with legal orders between members?

How do we avoid taking sides?

This is an outside issue affecting NA, what can we do?

Do we need some bullet point ideas – a set of guiding principles going forward?

Literature chair volunteered to create some as a starting point for discussion at the next meeting.

Suggestion that the RD to contact the WSO for info on experience of other regions with this problem.

(Piece below left in minutes for context to the above)

Campout report – (from July meeting)

Lengthy discussion re: a member being turned away from the event due to a court order.

We need to look at –

- Our traditions/Concepts when confronted with private legal issues. How can we uphold our spiritual principals and yet abide by the law.
- How to keep a clear line between principals and personalities inc. an atmosphere of recovery. To be mindful of acting on triggered emotions and the feelings of the members involved.
- No one member should be delegated single responsibility to handle this sort of situation.
- To keep this on our agenda for a while to look all the ramifications of this issue.
- To review whether we should host events in/on private properties or businesses owned by members/their families.

To carry this forward constructively and perhaps hold a concepts workshop – as this issue has a direct relationship to more than one concept.

IRSC Calendar – This is available on the website, we need to reference it as it has reminders, such as when to put out a call for the next convention chair/treasurer.

Literature Report – **Read and included in the email with the minutes.**

Willing to be part of the LTC and support the creation of merchandise.

PR Report – No report. Position Vacant

(EASR, was PR before, is currently checking the emails regularly)

H & I Report – No Report. Position Vacant**Parents and Carers Report – No Report. Position Vacant****Secretary's Report – Position Vacant**

Archive - No progress

Events Report – Report read.

Event to be created for end of November after some discussion, to raise funds for making merchandise.

€500 float agreed.

RD Report –

RD has requested agenda time for the November meeting to cover info in the EDM report and to discuss 'Zonal Forum'. Wants to discuss issues of zonal representation – implications for all not just us in Europe.

Gave a synopsis of the Intellectual Property Report. Eg issues like the 'Baby Blue'...

Issues around NAWS/Baby Blue/NA Unity worldwide.

Treasurer's Report Vice Treasurer Needed.

There is now a prudent reserve! Balance after expenses €6,334.17

Bank updating on mandates to be processed after AGM on all accounts except Donations A/C but will be done at next region.

Donations A/C – mystery debit of €62.95 – Tor and Elizabeth to investigate. Eircom bill debited from the wrong a/c – AIB error in all probability.

Discussion of figures/info from the treasurer about the prudent reserve (one month's additional expenses is standard)

Operational balance (one month's meeting expenses is standard)

Suggestion agreed – Meeting expenses €1k, prudent reserve €4k so combined total €5k.

Proposal – To donate the surplus from the funds equally - €650 to the EDM and €650 to NAWS. Proposed E.ASR/2nd IRSC Treas. Carried.

Donations A/C info -

ASRs please share this at Area.

A way to express your gratitude?

In 2015 the Irish Region opened a donations account. It is available for any member to make direct donations to the fellowship. One off payments or standing orders are both possible. Payments can also be made using PayPal.

Account details –Sort Code **93-10-47**Account number **80336317**BIC **AIBKIE2D**IBAN **IE25AIBK93104780336317**PayPal email - regppregion@gmail.com

(When using PayPal to make a donation if you select ‘**family & friends**’ as the recipient then there will be no fees deducted from your donation by PayPal)

7th Tradition

“Every N.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.” Our policy is clearly stated: “We decline outside contributions. Our fellowship is completely self-supporting. We accept no funding, endowments, loans and or gifts. Everything has its price regardless of intent. Whether the price is money, promises, concessions, special recognition, endorsements or favors. It is too high for us. Even if those who would help us could guarantee no strings, we still would not accept their aid. (Narcotics Anonymous Basic Text page 68) It is in this respect that we ask non-members not to donate.”

Convention ’17

We are seeking a chair and treasurer for IRCNA32 which is due to be held in the Eastern Area. The convention can be anywhere in the Eastern Area, anyone interested needs to come to the next region in September. For addition information, www.na-ireland.org has the Irish Regional Convention Guidelines.

AOB –

1. Redress – “What do we report at Area?” Suggestions – Use the minutes. Discuss – How do we support members serving when legal issues effect us?

Carried over for the agenda at the next Region –

1. Discussion re NA and legal issues.
2. AGM/Quorum/Guidelines.
3. RD requested time.
4. **ASRs to bring this to Area for discussion/suggestions.** How do we handle meetings that straddle provinces/borders when meetings join a neighbouring area? Eg. The majority of Northern Area meetings are in the UK regarding jurisdiction but not all. Is this an issue?

Next Meeting – at 12 noon, Sunday 27th November 2016, in the Irish Service Office (ISO), 14a Kevin’s St, Dublin 8

Outreach report:**Contact details for Southern Area Outreach:**Outreach email: southernareaoutreach@gmail.com

Chairperson: Pam W

Vice - Chairperson: **needed**

Pam W has taken up the position of Outreach chairperson and has been given €100 to organise outreach activities.

Webmaster Report:

Just a reminder to members, let myself know of any changes are needed to NA meeting list to contact Paul N webmaster@nasouth.ie or 087 1386120.

Thanks, Paul N

Hospitals & Institutes (H&I) report:**Contact details for H&I:**

H&I number: 087 - 459 2117

H&I email: hospitals.institutes.nasouth@gmail.com

Chairperson: Patrick S

Vice-Chairperson: Joe E

Secretary: **Needed****Limerick****Bruree Men's Unit,****Sec:** James F, Mark W**Speakers:** Russel C, Angus B, Tom H**Average Attendance:** 24

Group Report: Centre is happy that NA is getting in on regular basis now relationship is really good. All is going well.

Expenses: €30

Bruree Women's Unit**Sec:** Philomena**Speakers:****Average Attendance:**

Group Report: Meeting did not go ahead as the person who Philomeana had arranged to do the chair let her down at the last minute. She did speak to staff and rearranged for this week. There is serious need for women to put themselves forward to do chairs for this meeting, maybe outreach chair could contact philomeana to support her in this.

Expenses: 0**Regional Hospital Limerick (5b)****Sec:** Philip**Speakers:****Average Attendance:**

Group Report: The meeting did not go ahead as Philip could not do it due to a family matter meeting rearranged for this Thursday.

Expenses: €0**Limerick Prison Women's Unit****Sec:** Tasha F**Speakers:****Average Attendance:**

Group Report: Tasha is away this month has rearranged meeting for the coming week meeting going well.

Expenses: 0**Limerick Prison Men's Unit****Sec:** Mark W**Speakers:****Average Attendance:**

Group Report: Waiting for Marks prison clearance to come so that meetings in the mens unit can begin, time and date to be arranged. Paul has been cleared and has done his induction, 5 other people have been put forward for clearance. Should be in good shape going forward when meeting gets started.

Expenses: 0**Waterford****Ciem Eile****Sec:** Carmel**Speakers:** john

Expenses: €35

Average Attendance: 10

Group Report: Ciem Eile has moved to new building which can accommodate more residents so meeting will be growing in near future. Relationship between NA and facility is very good.

Also had contact from the manager of women's secondary treatment house and they have requested that NA begin meetings there also have arranged a meeting with the manager on Thursday.

Cork Prison: Spoke Siobhan Murphy of the Churchfield Community Trust in regards to the meeting starting back again in the prison. She then put me in contact with deputy governor O' Brien we have arranged to speak on Monday to arrange a meeting to discuss the logistics of the meeting but he is adamant that the meeting begin again. I am hoping to bring James to this meeting as it is planned he will be the secretary of the meeting, will know on Monday if this is ok. As part of this it will be necessary for me to travel to cork at some point next week to meet with governor O' Brien the expenses for this will be same as area expenses which is 30 euros.

Expenses: €30

St. Helens meeting

Sec: James, Dara

Speakers: Tony, Dean

Average Attendance: 11

Expenses: 0

Group Report: Meeting going well.

Cara Lodge Meeting

Sec: Jamie,

Speakers: Podge, Jordan d, Eddie M, Paul J,

Average Attendance: 8

Group Report: Meetings went well

Expenses: € 30

Tabor Lodge Meeting

Sec: Paul, Ciaran

Speakers: Aoife, Donanncha

Average Attendance: 15

Group Report: All going well

Expenses: €

Farnanes

Sec: Michelle.

Speakers: Tasha Hailey.

Average Attendance: 30

Group Report: meeting went well.

Expenses: 0

H&I Area Report

Lot of positives this month with developments in the prisons and also the relationships between the fellowship and facilities we do service in. Still in need a female member with required clean time for service in Bruree and also women to share E. S & H.

Mark the Eastern Area chairperson and myself have moved forward with asking members already cleared for prison service to combine our lists of members to enter all prisons. Also more members both male and female asked to come for clearance for Cork & Limerick Prison H&I meetings. 1-year clean time and contact Tasha or myself for the forms on 0860776991.

Expenses:

Secretary's Expenses: € 125.00

H&I Chair expenses: €0

H&I Literature Expenses: €0

Total Overall Expenses for H&I: € 125.00

Phone report:

Contact details for Southern Area Phone:

Southern Area Phoneline number: 087 - 138 6120 (*6pm - 9pm daily*)

www.nasouth.ie

info@nasouth.ie

Chairperson: Dermot M

Vice-Chairperson: **Needed**

Secretary: **Needed**

- 8 calls from newcomers
- 1 call from professionals
- 4 calls from concerned persons

Most calls received during the day and €20 euro credit required for the month ahead.

AREA GROUP MEETING REPORTS**CORK**

Georges Quay Women's Group: (Mondays @ 6.30pm)

- No report given.

Rutland Street Men's Group: (Mondays @ 7pm)

- No report given.

Schull- Living Clean By the Sea Group: (Mondays @ 8pm)**GSR:** Needed**Ave. Attendance:** 5**Group Report:** Message being carried.**Hillside Solas Group: (Mondays @ 8.15pm & Saturdays @ 8pm)****GSR:** Mike C**Ave. Attendance:** 15**Group Report:** Meeting is going well**Donation:** €54**Eason's Hill Group: (Tuesdays @ 6.15pm)**

- No report given.

Trinity Group: (Tuesdays @ 8.00pm)**GSR:** Pam W**Ave. Attendance:** 10-15**Group Report:** Meeting is going well. Rent is up to date and all service positions are filled.**Donation:** /**We Do Recover Group: (Wednesdays @ 1pm & Friday @ 8pm)****GSR:** Jamie B**Ave. Attendance:** 20**Group Report:** Meeting is going well. All service positions are filled.**Donation:** /**Churchfield Group: (Wednesdays @ 6.30pm and Sundays 12p) contact: churchfield@nasouth.ie**

- No report given.

Strength & Hope Group: (Wednesdays @ 8pm & Sunday 2pm)

- No report given.

More Will Be Revealed Group, Ballincollig: (Thursdays @ 7pm)

GSR: John F

Ave. Attendance: Very up and down 6-20.

Group Report: Meeting is now a topic meeting.

Donation: €20

La Verna Group: (Thursdays @ 8.00pm) contact: laverna@nasouth.ie

- No report given.

Fermoy Group: (Thursdays @ 8pm)

- No report given.

Eason's Hill (Fridays @ 11.30am)

GSR: Niall

Ave. Attendance: 6

Group Report: One more NA member needed to carry the message on a weekly basis.

Donation: €20

Community Centre, Sawmill Street: (Sundays @ 8pm)

- No report given.

PoljaNA Group: (Sundays @ 10am)

- No report given.

KERRY

Freedom Group, Tralee: (Mondays, Thursdays & Saturdays @ 8.00pm)

GSR: Geraldine C

Ave. Attendance: 10

Group Report: Just up to date on the rent. Could use support.

Donation: /

Dingle Group, John Street: (Tuesdays @ 7:30pm & Fridays @ 8.30pm)

- No report given.

Killarney Group, Rock Road: (Tuesdays & Saturdays @ 8pm)

GSR: Dermot M

Ave. Attendance: 4

Group Report: Rent is up to date. Could do with support.

Donation: /

Listowel Group: (Tuesdays @ 8pm) contact: listowel@nasouth.ie

- No report given.

Talbot Grove Group: (Sundays @ 8:00pm)

GSR: Stephen B

Ave. Attendance: 15-20

Group Report: Group going well. All positions filled.

Donation: /

WATERFORD

St. John's Group, Waterford: *(Mondays @ 6pm, Tuesdays @ 8pm, Thursdays @ 7pm, Fridays @ 8pm, Saturdays @ 1pm and Sundays @ 8pm).*

GSR: Carmel C

Ave. Attendance: 15-20

Group Report: All meeting going good. Rent is up to date.

Donation: /

The Manor NA Group, Waterford: *(Wednesdays @ 8pm).*

- No report given.

LIMERICK

Limerick City Group: *(Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays @ 8.30pm in Social Services, with Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 11am, also Saturdays @ 1pm & Sundays @ 6.30pm in St. John's Parish Hall)*

GSR: Damian D

Ave. Attendance: 15-20

Group Report: All meeting going well. All positions filled.

Donation: /

Abbeyfeale Group: *(Mondays @ 8pm)*

- No report given.

TIPPERARY

Nenagh Group: *(Mondays @ 8.00pm & Thursdays @ 8.30pm)*

- No report given.

Clonmel Group: *(Sundays, Tuesdays & Fridays @ 8.30pm)*

GSR: Annmarie H

Ave. Attendance: 10-11

Group Report: All meeting going well. All positions filled. Rent paid

Donation: /

Aisieri, Cahir Group: *(Wednesdays @ 8.30pm)*

GSR: Caroline L

Ave. Attendance: 15

Group Report: All meeting going well. All positions filled.

Donation: /

CLARE

Ennis & Bushy Park Group: *(Mondays, Thursdays & Saturdays @8.30pm in Ennis Friary with Fridays @ 8.30pm in Bushy Park)* contact: ennisfriarygroup@nasouth.ie

- No report given.

Ennistymon – Just For Today Group: *(Tuesdays @ 8pm & Saturdays @ 1pm)*

- No report given.

Shannon Group: *(Sundays & Wednesdays @ 8.30pm)*

- No report given.

NEW BUSINESS AT AREA – 9th October 2016

- Southern Area will move to South Parish, Rutland St. next month. Paul requested €100 to be awarded to the reserve for the move to South Parish, Rutland St. The request was approved by GSRs.
- Stephen B and John O C have put themselves forward to be co-signees on the Southern Area bank account. Michelle W has agreed to do a handover with them.
- A cheque donated last month by the Limerick group of €200 will be deposited by Dara L as no treasurer was elected this month.
- Could all GSRs announce at meetings that three important positions i.e. SASC Chairperson, SASC Vice Chairperson and SASC Treasurer still need to be filled. It is very important these positions are filled in order for the Southern Area to operate efficiently.

Narcotics Anonymous Related Sites

World Service NA Site: www.na.org

Irish Regional NA Site: www.na-ireland.org

Southern Area NA Site: www.nasouth.ie

For those with Android or Apple devices 'NA Ireland' App is available for download in the PlayStore & the iTunes Store.

Up Coming Narcotics Anonymous Events**Next Southern Area Committee Meeting & AGM**

(2nd Sunday of every month)

Sunday, 13th November- @ 3pm, Venue to be confirmed

Next Irish Regional Meeting:

(Last Sunday every second month - Jan, March, May, July, Sept, Nov.)

Sunday 27th November @ 12pm in the Irish Service Office (ISO), 14a Kevin's St, Dublin 8