

RHODE ISLAND AL-ANON AREA 49
MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.

Opening:

Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
Reading of the 12 Traditions
Reading of the 12 Concepts of Service and General Warranties of the Conference
Read from the Service Manual (Pages 75-76)

Introductions:

Alternate Area Chair; Area Secretary; District 5 Rep/Group Records Coordinator; Cranston Warwick Day GR/Alt. District 4 Rep; Area Treasurer/Alateen Process Person; District 1 Rep; Webmaster/Forever Hope GR; Friday Night Alt. GR; three Al-Anon Members; Panel 46 Past Delegate; District 2 Rep/Workshop Coordinator arrived at 7:15 pm; Webmaster arrived at 7:40 pm.

Secretary's Report:

An AWSC list from the World Service Office was presented to be corrected or accepted. No corrections or action taken.

The Panel 46 Past Delegate presented a Right of Appeal requesting that a motion made at the last AWSC meeting regarding removing Past Delegates from the AWSC E-list be rescinded.

A motion was made to accept minutes as corrected. Motion passed with 6 in favor and 1 abstention.

The Area Secretary asked that the agenda be more organized, i.e. consider putting member's names by agenda items that they have presented that they may give background, history and why the item is on agenda.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer reported that the Area donated \$250 out of the Alateen monies to sponsor the Rock n Bowl event for Area Alateens. See figures from Treasurer's Report (attached). A member from the closed Tuesday Night at St. Columba's in Middletown brought literature to the Area for donation. The Alateen Coordinator reported that St. Columba's also made a generous donation to Alateen,

Chairman's Report:

The Chair was absent and the Alternate Chair filled in. There was no report.

Policy Committee Report:

The Policy Committee Chair presented a recommendation from the Policy Committee as to which AWSC members would be voting members. The recommendation follows the Service Manual, except that this Area has positions that are not listed in the Service Manual, such as Alternate Chair, Office Manager, Email Coordinator, Webmaster, and Alternate Literature Coordinator. She indicated that the Committee was providing information, but not recommending voting tonight until everyone has a chance to look it over.

There was discussion as to how long a position is held when the member filling it does not attend AWSC meetings. Information from NERD was distributed by the attending Past Delegate, who indicated that she looks forward to giving a report when it is requested by the AWSC.

AWSC Inventory Discussion: (pages 41-45 in 2009 Conference Summary)

The AWSC discussed the pages indicated. The Alternate Chair asked if the AWSC wanted to continue this discussion next month or if anyone had ideas as to how to move forward. Ideas were discussed.

Area Assembly Agenda Planning:

There was discussion regarding the price for the Assembly. A motion was made and seconded to set the price for Assembly at \$10 for each group and if there are extenuating circumstances, they be dealt with on an individual basis. After discussion, the motion was carried with 8 in favor and 1 abstention.

The agenda was discussed and the Alternate Chair went over the November 14, 2009 Assembly agenda. Discussion as follows: having an "ask it basket" where GRs can drop concerns or questions when they get there for answers in afternoon; how and when to send out the minutes (by the 3rd week of May to the Service E-list for distribution to groups through the DRs); perhaps discussing the lack of a delegate again; suggestion that members who are eligible or going to nominated have a resume or bio that's out ahead of time so people will be better prepared to vote; the Treasurer's report needs to go out beforehand so members discuss it.

There was discussion that if a Group Rep is not present and another member who is not the Alternate is attending to represent that group instead, they would need to bring a note from the group stating that they are representing that group.

Mileage Reimbursement for John B. (from February Inventory Meeting):

He has been paid.

Moderation of E-Lists:

Tabled.

Workshop Coordinator Report:

October 23rd is the tentative date for the Area Workshop.

Date of Next Meeting:

AWSC Meeting, Thursday, May 13, 2010 at 7:00 pm

It was agreed that the AWSC at that meeting will discuss finalizing the Assembly agenda; the NERD report; and the Area Chair will report on the status of her asking eligible members who are DRs and Area Officers if they are willing to serve as Alt. Delegate with discussion on qualifications, as per minutes of the January 7th AWSC Meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion was carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm and closed with the Serenity Prayer and Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz P., Area 49 Secretary