

# **Chain Of Lakes Area Minutes August 2010**

Meeting opened at 2:00 with the Serenity Prayer

Reading of the 12 Traditions Rob K.

Reading of the 12 Concepts Loretta

Reading of Purpose of ASC Mike S.

## Roll Call

GROUP		VOTE
Alive in Tavares	A	N
Circle of Hope	A	N
Daylight Again	P	Y
Friends in Recovery	P	Y
Hope and Freedom	P	Y
IWHAW	A	N
Just For Today	A	Y
Peace at Last	P	Y
Recovery Rocks	P	Y
Unity	A	Y
Ym-Yang	P	N
Winner's Circle	P	Y
Area Chair	P	
Vice Chair	P	
Secretary	O	
Treasurer / Alt Treasurer	P	
RCM	O	
Helpline / PR	P	
H & I	O	
IT	O	
Literature / Policy	P	

Quorum was achieved? Yes (Need 4 Voting Groups in September)

## Secretary Report

Shar Submitted Secretary's Report. Report was also e-mailed to members at large.

Secretary's Position is still open.

- Motion to accept report: Yes Accepted: Yes

## Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance	461.86	
Donations July	322.65	
Group Lit Purchases	180.32	
Expenses		-293.91
Literature Mgmt Acct		-55.94
Prudent Reserve		-300.00
Closing Balance	<u>Area Funds = \$294.06</u>	<u>650.00</u>

Treasurer report was given by Rich H. (Alt. Treasurer.)

Please go to [www.colana.org](http://www.colana.org) for detailed Treasurers Report

- Motion to accept report: Yes Accepted: Yes

## Group Reports

**Alive in Tavares:** Average mtg attendance: No report provided

**Circle of Hope:** Average mtg attendance: No report provided

**Daylight Again:** Average mtg attendance: 62. All good, Discussing joining Just for Today, Help the newcomer. Kim.

**Friends in Recovery:** Average mtg attendance: 22-5. Motion 14-10 Pass, \$10.00 Area Donation, Get readings redone, No more passing out meeting schedules during the meeting. Prudent reserve-\$2.08 Carry the message. RJ.

**Hope and Freedom:** Average mtg attendance: No report provided

**IWHAW:** Average mtg attendance: No report provided

**Just for Today:** Average mtg attendance: No report provided

**Peace At Last:** Average mtg attendance: No report provided

**Recovery Rocks:** Average mtg attendance: 15. Passed motion 14-10, Completed area Inventory. Carry the Message. Mike S.

**Unity:** Average mtg attendance: No report provided

**Ym-Yang:** Average mtg attendance: No report provided

**Winner Circle:** Average mtg attendance: 12. Acquire new AC for Winners Circle through means that would not compromise NA principles. Carry The Message. Bill H.

## RCM REPORT

Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> 2010

RCM Report – submitted by John C. (Vice Chair)

The RSC met in Daytona. New member to Region – Walter – Bermuda Area.

H&I Fast Access Pin System is now available in state prison system. First H&I in FSP in 15 years. DOC wants NA assistance in the prison system due to budget cuts.

Helpline No pagers in Region

Tax Exempt Status – Benefits and disadvantages of filing for tax exemptions.

FRCNA- 30 years “We are the Miracle”

Looking for pre-convention artwork the deadline to return 10/1/10 and convention artwork deadline to return is 2/1/11

Round Table ideas from Saturday’s workshop

- 1) Combine RSO and FRC boards -93
- 2) Literature in public Libraries -88
- 3) Standardized on line reporting -68
- 4) Create FDC presentation for understanding the service structure in areas -109
- 5) Proposal to restructure the time frame of the Saturday sessions -110
- 6) Create a regional meeting list -51

Push to use region by groups (training and assistance)

Next region meeting:

**FRSC Sept 17-19**, 2010 Marriott Courtyard 3712 SW 38 Ave **Ocala**, FL 34474

Submitted by John C. (Vice Chair)

## SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

### Helpline / Public Relations

The Helpline received 14 calls this month. Most of the calls were looking for meeting info. There was a call from a woman in Bushnell who told me that the meeting there had not been happening for a year. I would suggest that the meeting be removed from the list. Apparently the meeting was started by some people from AA who started going back to AA and abandoned the meeting. The woman was interested in starting a meeting and I shared the information with her and asked her to keep in touch and please let us know if she is able to start a meeting so that it could be on the meeting list. I gave her the time and place for the area service meeting in order to get a starter pack or buy literature. I also received a call from the Intergroup (which is the equivalent for our helpline in AA). The lady there was interested in our meeting info and I sent her a copy of the meeting list and told her I would keep her updated. She told me they get a lot of calls from addicts. I believe that our pager contract is up this month and John was good enough to get information for us when he went to region about mailbox systems that could be operated through our cell phones. This would be great and from what I have heard, cost about the same. More will be revealed.

As far as PR is concerned, updated meeting lists for the treatment centers and courts, probation offices, etc. are very much needed. Mike V. had developed a list of addresses and contacts, which I will use once we get an updated list. I very much hope that the work that was done yesterday in the area inventory results in more awareness of PR and how that will help further our primary purpose. Thanks for letting me serve, Suzanne C.

### Information Technology

Date:	<u>08-08-10</u>
Name of Group or Committee:	<u>IT</u>
Day of the week and time it meets:	<u></u>
Number of members attending business meeting:	<u></u>
Average number of people attending NA meeting:	<u></u>

#### Group conscience decisions:

*None*

#### Situations, Problems, Difficulties:

*Still needs a Chairperson. Rich H. is filling in as a temp.*

#### Goals and achievements:

*Updated all the links to Literature and Readings on the Website.*

*Added a link to the [COLA Policy Subcommittee Google Group](#)*

*Added Links to COLA Reports and Minutes*

*Updated Meeting Times, Places and Meeting List.*

Please email Updates or Suggestions to. [rhavemann@cfl.rr.com](mailto:rhavemann@cfl.rr.com)

Submitted by: Rich H.

## Hospitals and Institutions

Date: LAKE COUNTY JAIL 08-08-10  
Name of Group or Committee: Lake County (H&I)  
Day of the week and time it meets: Mondays @ 7:00 pm  
Number of members attending business meeting: 0  
Average number of people attending NA meeting: 5

### Group conscience decisions:

*None, This group does not have a business Meeting*

### Situations, Problems, Difficulties:

*Need more outside Volunteers to come in and Carry the message.*

*On 08-02-2010 Eric V & Rich H attended this meeting for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in months. 1 Inmate was present.*

### Goals and achievements:

*To have more than 1 person responsible for carrying the message to this facility.*

*Presently the group has 2 Outside Volunteers*

*Eric V.*

*Rich H.*

Submitted by: Rich H.

Date: LAKE CORRECTIONAL (LCI) 08-08-2010  
Name of Group or Committee: Inside Hope (H&I)  
Day of the week and time it meets: Thursday @ 6:00 pm  
Number of members attending business meeting: 12  
Average number of people attending NA meeting: 12

### Group conscience decisions:

*Carl is Chairperson for July & August.*

*Hank is Literature Person for July & August.*

*Meeting Format*

*1st Thursday Speaker Meeting.*

*2nd Thursday Basic Text Study*

*3rd Thursday Open Discussion (Just for Today Meditation for ideas)*

*4th Thursday Step Study (Step Working Guide)*

*5th Thursday Tradition Meeting*

### Situations, Problems, Difficulties:

*Need more outside Volunteers to come in and Carry the message.*

### Goals and achievements:

*Supply step working guides & Basic Texts for the Inmates.*

*To get members from the Outside to Sponsor Inmates by mail.*

*Presently the group has 3 Outside Volunteers*

*Mike V.*

*Rich H.*

*Tom K*

Submitted by: Rich H

## Literature Management / Policy Report

Literature sold last month totaled \$180.32 and an order was placed to the RSO for \$201.24. A starter kit was given to the new group Alive in Tavares. Literature will not be sold during the ASC in the future as it is impossible for me to be effective in either position when trying to do both during the time business is being conducted. PLEASE, PLEASE email or text your groups order to me prior to the ASC. Literature will be disbursed from 1:20pm- 1:45pm or after the completion of area business. I did not make copies of the meeting list because of the current and recent changes in meetings. If the area agrees to changes today I will have copies out to the groups by next week.

POLICY, I will try to the best of my ability to have an area policy ready to send back to groups by next ASC based on the vote of the motion sent back to groups last month. Based on the area inventory yesterday this is an area of concern for groups.

ILS, Shar

## Hospitals and Institutions Ad-Hoc Committee

Once again, I was unable to get the addicts involved in the ad-hoc committee together. I spoke to Phil and he stated that he was no longer interested in being involved in the subcommittee. One other member said they were okay with the proposed guidelines. I would like to send the guidelines as they are back to the groups in the form of a motion. They are very basic guidelines and I fully expect changes or suggestions, which would be most welcome. More information came yesterday from the region about how volunteers are approved on a statewide basis and this would help us move along in getting volunteers trained and ready. I am very hopeful that we can participate in H&I and also get some support from the region. Another suggestion that came from the region was doing the work in cooperation with areas close to us, like the Forest Area or the Daytona Area. Thanks for letting me be of service and if there is anything further to be done or support needed, I have the willingness. Suzanne C.

### Open Floor Sharing

**Kim, Shared about getting in Prison's while still on probation, Discussion followed. Kevin Shared about changing area name, Discussion followed. Mike S, Shared about looking into new phone system and eliminating pager. Discussion followed. Suzanne Shared about having a Tradition & Home group workshop in the future, Discussion followed.**

### Old Business

MOTION #	MOTION CONTENT	SECOND	PASS/FAIL	TABLE TO NEXT AREA	OUT OF ORDER
13-10	Made by Unity. Put Unity as meeting on schedule. Intent: let people know about meeting.	Just for Today	F		Y
14-10	Made by Recovery Rocks. To direct policy subcommittee to revise policy into a "Guide to COLA Service". Intent: to create a more user friendly guide to conducting area business.	Just For Today.	P	Y	
15-10	Made by Peace at Last. To do an area inventory August 7 from 1:15pm- 3pm at Last House on the Block. Intent: to better serve groups.	Friends in Recovery	P		

**Elections:**

POSITION	NOMINEE	MEETS CRITERIA?	CRITERIA WAIVED?	SECOND	DISPOSITION
RCM	John C.	Y		YES	

**New Business**

MOTION #	MOTION CONTENT	SECOND	PASS/FAIL	TABLED TO GROUPS	OUT OF ORDER
16-10	Made by Peace at Last. Request financial assistance from Region in the amount of \$250.00 to start using mailbox system instead of pager by the time pager contract expires.	Recovery Rocks		<u>T</u>	
17-10	Made by Daylight Again. To have a learning days. <i>(Withdrawn)</i>	Ym-Yang			Y
18-10	Made by Recovery Rocks. Add Alive in Tavares to new meeting list.	IT	P		
19-10	Made by IT. Add Alive in Tavares to new meeting list and Internet. <i>(Withdrawn)</i>				Y
20-10	Made by Peace at Last. To hold a workshop for Helpline volunteers with the next 30 days.		P		
21-10	Made by Peace at Last. To hold a 3 part workshop series Tradition 1-6, 7-12 and effective home groups.	Recovery Rocks		<u>T</u>	
22-10	Made by Ym-Yang. Act on fundraiser for area H&I and all things needed for money to up our count to \$400.00 or more. <i>(Died on Floor)</i>	None			Y

**Announcements**

Next COLA Meeting 09-12-2010 @ 2:00

Motion to Close Meeting: by Hope and Freedom / Seconded: by Recovery Rocks / Passed: All

Meeting adjourned; Closed with the Serenity Prayer.

Submitted by: Rich H.