

AREA "C", EASTERN REGION of ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

MINUTES of AREA ASSEMBLY

Date: 12th May 2006

Meeting Opened: 2:40PM

Attendance : John C. (Freedom, GSR); Wendy (SWIR, Lake Macquarie DCM); Chris (Wallsend CRP); Grant S. (E.M BB, Alt GSR); Ian M. (Truth, Port Stephens/Lower Hunter DCM); Andy A (Civic GSR); Jim K. (Freedom, Area Delegate); Karl G (Grassroots GSR); Valerie M. Jeff J (Tarro, Area Chairperson, Alt Area Delegate); Connie (SWIR, GSR, Area Secretary); Mark T. (E. Mait BB, Area C Treasurer). James Q (Outgoing Greater Newcastle DCM)

Apologies : Phil M and Phil P both from Kurri Kurri Steps

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes of the previous month's meeting distributed and accepted with amendments.

Moved Accepted : Val Seconded: Mark

CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards : Read by Connie [on file]

Outwards: letter to trustee Wayne – deferred discussion [on file]

Business Arising: none

Moved Accepted: Val Seconded : Andy

Chairperson's report: [on file]

Read by Jim

There has been much positive movement in Area C in the past 3 months.

Jim K has been very active in both of his portfolios, as PI Co-Ordinator and as the delegate to conference.

Jim and Ian M have visited most groups in the Port Stephens District and have made themselves known to the Secretaries and the members alike, letting them know they are available to all in each of their roles.

We have received all of the Secretarial requirements of handover from Andrew M now of Muswellbrook to Connie, the current Secretary of Area, these include:

Photocopier, Fax, Paperwork etc. These items will be handed over to Connie today.

Thanks to Andrew for all of his work, job well done, mate !

The Steering Committee meeting went well and everything is pointing to a positive future if we continue in this current vein.

Yours in the fellowship of the Spirit

Jeff J

Moved Accepted: James Q, seconded: Val

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT

Greater Newcastle:

Andy stepped up as DCM for greater Newcastle and had nothing to report yet.

Lower Hunter and Port Stephens:

A document updating the meetings for this district was documented.

Lake Macquarie District: [on file]

We have continued to distribute literature within the district. There are now posters, literature and meetings lists at the Windale community centre.

The literature at the Lakeview detox continues to be replenished and an ex-patient now qualifies to be on the roster , attended her first meeting at the detox last Sunday week.

Meetings within the district that require support are as follows:

Pelican {Thursday night}

Windale steps {Tuesday night}

A change of venue for Swansea A.A women’s in recovery :

Rawson street ,Swansea , behind the “before and after ” school care cottage in the grounds of Swansea School , turn right into channel street[Swansea channel on r/hand side] first left into Rawson st. immediately after turning left the cottage is visible on the left ,group in demountable building behind cottage.

Congratulations to Jeff J [chairman] Connie n [secretary] and Jim k [area delegate]

Thanks to Andrew [former secretary]Jim k [chairman] Harry [D.C.M Nelson bay and lower hunter] for their service to area “c” eastern region.

God bless

Wendy

Moved Accepted: Seconded:

TREASURER’S REPORT [on file]

Group Contributions:

Boolaroo	-
Branxton	-
Cardiff	-
Central	-
Cessnock	-
City	-
Civic	-
Coasters	-
Contact	-
Dungog	-
East Maitland Big Book Study	-
Freedom	-
Grassroots	-
Hilltop	-
Hope	-
Karuah	\$50.00
Koori	-
Kurri Kurri	-
Lambton Big Book Study	-
Living Sober	-
Maitland	-
Medowie	-

Morisset	-
Nelson Bay	-
Newcastle Breakfast	-
North Rothbury	-
Open Doors	-
Pelican	-
Raymond Terrace	-
Singleton	-
Swansea Women's	-
Tarro Young At Heart	-
Toronto	-
Toronto Spiritual Concept	-
Turning Point	-
Walk In	-
Wallsend	-
Warners Bay	-
Windale	-
Women's Reflections	-

Other Contributions:

District

Total Contributions:	\$ 50.00
Previous Month's Balance:	\$ 2871.33
Bank Fees	\$.80
Monthly Expenditure:	
Cheque 270089 In favour of Australia Post Payment of Invoice for Renewal of Post Office Box Rental	\$ 95.10
Cheque 270090 In favour of The Ark Payment of Rent	\$ 50.00
Balance As At : 12/05/06	\$ 2775.53

Moved Accepted : James Seconded: Andy

INSTITUTIONS REPORT [on file]

KIRKWOOD HOUSE

Institutions Report for Feb, March, April 2006

	Male	Female
February	19	4
March	5	7
April	19	2

The Institution is going well-but more members are required to help out a flyer is attached to the Minutes--
Kirkwood House is moving at some stage in the future all members will be notified

Andy A (Co-Ordinator)

LAKEVIEW LODGE MONTHLY REPORT.
MONTHS OF FEBRUARY MARCH & APRIL 2006

	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>ALCOHOL</u>	<u>DRUGS</u>
FEB	15	19	13	21
MARCH	16	16	15	17
APRIL	14	13	13	14

The meetings went as planned with no problems. My sincere thanks to Alex (Lambton Big Book), who cannot attend from now on due to work commitments. Ted (Windale) is no longer available which means there is a regular Sunday available twice a month if anyone is interested.

My thanks to the regulars!

Kevin S

Lingard Hosipital Report 13/05/06

As mentioned in the last Newcastle District DCM's report we have begun 12th Step work at Lingard hospital. This opportunity for 12th Step work is a direct result of the PI work undertaken in the Newcastle District.

We have come to an arrangement with the staff at Lingard Hospital for regular visits to the patients in their psychiatric ward, and since 25th March 2 members (1 male & 1 female) have been visiting once a fortnight on Saturdays at 10.30am. We begin these visits by relating our experience, strength and hope. We then read How It Works and give a brief discussion of alcoholism as an illness, what AA is and how it can help those suffering from alcoholism. We conclude with a question and answer session.

I have not kept records of actual numbers, but on average between 8 and 12 patients and several staff members attend our presentations, the majority of them women. We have been receiving very positive response from both the staff and patients, and several patients have approached us afterwards and expressed identification with our stories.

We currently have a roster of 6 volunteers – 3 men and 3 women. This is adequate for our present needs, with each pair visiting Lingard once every 6 weeks. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have put themselves forward. I was very gratified by the response to our request for people to do this work, and see it as a positive indication of the willingness for members in the Newcastle District to get involved in service work and in carrying AA's message to those in need.

Yours in fellowship,
James Quinan
Lingard Hospital Coordinator

Moved Accepted : Wendy

Seconded : Rosalie

RALLY & ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT – [on file]

- The Picnic/Planning Day held on 01/04/06 was very successful in that we had many good ideas for events during the year and people willing to organise these events. Flyers were also given out for the Trivia/Auction night held on 29/04/06.

Events already planned are:

- Variety/Cabaret night 08/07/06 Chad and Ellis are working on music and entertainment. Rosalie is organising food.
- Car Rally - ? October – Ian (Truth) has planned the course. Starting from Maitland Park and ending at Singleton. Going to Singleton meeting after Rally ? Cessnock. Depends on where Singleton decides their Area is...
- 17th – 19th November – Newcastle Rally (initially called the Hunter Valley Rally for speed of getting flyers out – open to review).

Wendy and Ted are helping with advertising. Have contacted Pt Wollstoncroft re a reduced fee for visitors from Saturday onwards. Provided we have 25 full weekend participants (ie the number we have booked) they will offer half price to those attending Saturday onwards – includes lunch Saturday. We will need to let people know so that we can confirm the full weekend bookings. The 10% deposit has been sent and the booking confirmed, the balance will be needed at the end of October. Also a letter sent confirming the conversation with Greg Kensall re: price arrangements.

- Will need to pass this info on to someone.
- Chris helping where necessary at he moment.

Trivia/Auction/Soup Night

- Raised \$380.00 clear – take outs were \$120 (included)
- \$40 rental and costs for soup, prizes, drinks.
- Has been banked
- Hall has been booked for Variety night 08/07/06
- There is probably no need for a new Activities Officer until the General Elections if someone steps up for the Rally to liaise with those already helping with fundraising
- Resignation tendered – read. Moved accepted Andy, Seconded Jim apologise for lack of precise info – in packing mode.

Moved accepted ; Andy seconded : Ted

PI COMMITTEE REPORT :

- Vince D and volunteers are speaking to Rotary Clubs.
- Volunteers for the Rotary Service will need to have substantial sobriety.
- Jim will be stepping down due to his new position.
- Reporting for Lingard and Lakeview needs to be separated.
- Jim will continue servicing the web-site

Moved accepted: Andy, seconded: Val

GENERAL BUSINESS

Motions:

1. That Roberts Rules of debate be adopted – copy attached to minutes.
Voting on this motion – next meeting.
2. Statements of duties for Officers within the Executive.
Progress at inter-group meeting.
3. Agenda should be circulated 21 days before Area Assembly. Reports 28 days before in order to be circulated before meeting

Information may be distributed to other interested parties, eg John C PO Box 800, Woy Woy.
Motions need to be put on the agenda (4 weeks before Assembly)

Officers

Two positions will be available at next AGM (rotating off). AGM is in January 2007

Interim Positions –

Activities and Fund-raising Co-ordinator

Committee is on track and comfortable with what they are doing.

Need to know (document) who is on the Committee

Area PI Co-ordinator

John C (with help from Grant)

Other positions include Treasurer and Rehab/Institutions Co-ordinator

Rally Flyer needs to be developed – what about including a map showing Wollstoncroft in relation to the Area ?

Meeting Closed in Harmony, Unity and Good AA Fellowship with the Serenity Prayer at pm.

NEXT MEETING:

Anglican Church Hall – 3 Mann Street, Gosford (behind Police Station)

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