RCM Report to ASC May 2023 - from Leeds

RCM: Ben G

Alt RCM: (Vacant)

Ben G attended both days 13th and 14th May 2023 in Leeds

Next Region: July: Newcastle

GSRs should read sub committee reports in Pre Region Report

DAY 1

Service prayer read.

12 Concepts read.

Concept 2 read out and associated text. There was a discussion on the floor around experience with Concept 2.

Ratification of new Comm's Chair & new UK H&I chair:

UK H&I chair: 'Fil' gave his CV and was asked some standard questions, Fil was put in the waiting room and there was a discussion. Opinions of Fil were high.

Comm's Chair: 'Kerry' gave her CV and was asked some standard questions, Kerry was put in the waiting room

Sussex Bid to host region discussed, Ben G talked through the bid and answered some questions. It was agreed that Brighton will be hosting Region on the 2nd weekend of September.

Treasury:

Opening Balance: £26,423.XX

Adam described some spending to get a statement from HMRC as NA as a 'dormant' organisation. This should help NA groups and Areas open bank accounts.

UK fellowship is using its funds for domestic projects, not much goes abroad.....money should be not stagnant at Areas with the notion that 'we may need it at some point' – funds need to keep flowing. It may be a problem if Area are accumulating interest as a result of withheld funds.

RCM Reports:

Sussex Report: ASC highlights given per the RCM report that was submitted to Region. Ben raised the issue that the Kent campout (neighbouring county/area) had been arranged on the same weekend as the Sussex campout. The consensus was that neighbouring areas should do due diligence with surrounding areas before setting dates. Region has no authority to enforce a change though.

FD:

Report back which ASCs that have FD committees

GSR workshop/assembly is at UKCNA, Sat 1st July 1-3pm, GSRs are encouraged to attend.

Will be at Devon campout delivering on How to build stronger home groups.

"The UKNA Fellowship Development Committee's aim is to help Groups, Committees & Areas build cohesive structures which will stand the test of time"

The goal of any fellowship development effort is to communicate with and assist NA members and groups.

WSC update

Very USA centric, was difficult for non-English speaking countries

Cultural differences can be a challenge

182 men/65 women, 44 countries and 28 languages

Went through Motions

Heard Serenity Prayer in 28 different languages!

DAY 2

Prison Sponsorship:

Positions vacant:

- Chair;
- Vice Post Person/Literature distribution;
- Vice Chair;
- Vice Sponsorship Liaison Person;
- Vice Secretary,
- Vice Welcome Pack Person.

Always need male sponsors

UKCNA:

Creche sorted, 15 children registered for convention.

Need some equipment about recording of shares, may have to buy some equipment.

Need to ratify updated "RSC guidelines for UKCNA"

UKPI:

Positions vacant:

- Fellowship Liaison 4 yrs CT;
- Digital Media 5yrs CT [all digital media (e.g. displays);
- Administration 5yrs CT (to manage incoming enquiries from outside, manage Basecamp & Library of documents); various other Vice positions. Guidelines for Admin & DM to be drafted and submitted to UKR.
- 6-7 areas gave reports (out of 37 areas)
- Will be an H&I presentation at UKCNA on Friday afternoon.
- Waiting for final reports on bus campaign.
- Planning national campaign on bank machine receipts.
- Will present to Royal College of Nursing in Brighton.
- There is a survey coming.
- Audio basic text almost done which has been very laborious.
- A couple of ASCs had criticised the UK website but actually for a website done by volunteers, the general
 consensus was that it was very good.

UKH&I:

Positions vacant:

- UKH&I Vice Chair
- UKH&I FLO
- UKH&I Vice Treasurer
- UKH&I Vice Digital Coordinator

Archive:

Been fairly quiet, will be updating guidelines

- Vice Chair
- Treasurer Vice
- Vice Secretary

UKSO:

We exist to provide support to the NA Fellowship in England, Scotland and Wales, primarily the supply of printed material. We are a limited company whose remit is to sell NA approved literature at a price that covers our operating costs and no more – we are mandated to not make a profit.

Literature sales have remained strong and the office is above budget year to date on sales and net surplus.

UKSO have been discussing the environmental footprint of keyrings and are in discussion with NAWS about it.

There were some further discussions around the web developer

UK Comms:

Lots of service available:

Vice Chair (4 yrs CT), Vice Treasurer (4yrs CT), Secretary (1 yr CT)

Website:

- Developer (4yrs CT), Chair (3yrs CT), Website Secretary (1 yr CT), Email Coordinator (2 yrs CT), Meetings
 List Coordinator (1yr CT), Events list Coordinator (1yr CT), 12th Step Coordinator (1yr CT)

 Helpline:
- Helpline Coordinator (5 yrs CT), 1 years experience of Day Coordinator. Day Coordinators x 3, (2 yrs CT), 1 years experience of Helpline Service. Helpline Training Coordinator (2 yrs CT), 1 years experience of Helpline Service. Helpline Volunteers (1 yr CT)
 Online Outreach Meetings:
- Vice trainer (1 year CT)
 Share Review:
- Panel leaders x2 (2 yrs CT), Share Review Committee Reviewers (1 yrs CT)
 12 Step list
- 12 Step Volunteers (1 year CT).

WSC update – cont:

Brazilian presentation shown

https://worldna.org/menu-page/

Motions

Biodegradable keyrings:

Sussex were not the first to suggest this, the motion below was from 2018:

18-18	Sustainable practice	11.11.18	Clean time keyrings to be made		NELASC	May be an	More	
	in NAWS produced merchandise		from recycled and non-toxic plastic			increase in cost of <u>keyrings</u>	information required	
						Resources cost associated with potentially sourcing a new supplier		
19-18a	Inventory	11.18.19	To schedule into January 2019 RSC	To fulfil our yearly	Kent	2 hours on RSC	Passed	

Apparently this was a motion that was getting put forward to the World Service Conference but got lowered as a priority in response to the pandemic. Our European delegates are going to make some enquiries and find out what happened to the previous motion and they will report back in 2 months at the next regional meeting.

In the meantime, the UKSO has been looking into getting more environmentally friendly (possibly wooden) keyrings produced on a national level............

Treasury:

Consultants have recommended that We should approach HMRC and obtain a status of 'dormant' – i.e. not financially active for tax purposes.

NA members shouldn't hold money in personal bank accounts....it isn't legal for us to earn interest on NA funds, meetings should think about community bank accounts.