

RCM Report to ASC January 2021

On-line Region Saturday 09/02/21
RCM (Neil P) attended.

This was a busy RSC meeting, 39 in attendance at throughout the day, including Admin committee, sub-committee chairs RCMs and Alt RCMs. 19 Voting RCMs present.

No observer link this time as the trusted servant has completed his commitment.

Please spread the word and help get this position filled asap. If you are interested please contact – email@ukna.org

Action at Region:

Bids for region – March Region will be held via on-line Sat 13th. Link to follow. Discussion was held about the possibility of May and July regions going back to F2F. Feeling was that it was too early to make that decision. This will be revisited in March. Question was raised about whether RSC should stay on-line permanently. As there are a lot of new RCMs who have never attended a F2F RSC we should let them sample those first then maybe take a vote.

Positions Vacant – Chair – 5yr CTR, Secretary – 3yr CTR, Vice Secretary – 2yr CTR, Vice Resource – 2yr CTR, Treasurer – 5yr CTR, Vice Treasurer – 4yr CTR.

Elections – Martina – Secretary

Minutes for last region – November meeting was recorded, hopefully one of the admin committee can get these transcribed asap.

Treasurer report: No treasurer at present, please announce this in your meetings, we really need this filled asap. We can still function as other members off the steering committee are signatories and have access to the statements. Figures listed below are from November.

Opening Balance £ 21,891.10

Prudent reserve £ 11,350.00

Income £13,828.30

Expenses £1319.52

NAWs & EDM contributions £6672.38 each.

Closing balance: £20,017.16

EDM & NAWs Contributions balance £13,517.45 (This includes a small buffer for any transfer fees)

At September RSC it was agreed to make a higher one-off payment to NAWs as we were well over our prudent reserve. Usual contribution to EDM and NAWs is 20% over prudent reserve to each. At September RSC it was agreed to send 40% to NAWs as a one off. This was to help NAWs with these tough financial times. On 01/10/20 UKRSC made contributions of £26,070.47 to NAWs and £12,486.13 to EDM. This was gratefully received and recognised by NAWs with a letter of thanks.

The point was raised that we are still well over our prudent reserve and that this should be passed on asap. After some discussion it was agreed that rather than just making one off extraordinary contribution it might be better to change our policy. It was suggested that this should go back to groups to seek opinion. The recommendation was that we leave the EDM contribution at 20% and increase the NAWs contribution.

This is still on the table as we ran out of time in a.o.b

UKRSC end of year figures and 2021 projections have been released. These have been added to the UK Region section on the Sussex website.

Ratifications:

UKSO Directors – David O and David T

EDM and WB were votes of confidence rather than elections.

EDM (European Delegates Meeting) Simon J – Vice Chair, Mathew J – Zonal Delegate

WB (World Board) Jim E

Old Business – PLI question was raised again. The general feeling was that a blanket policy for the UK as a whole would be the preferred option. It was suggested that we form a working group to look further into this. **If you would like to get involved with this please contact asc@sussexna.org**

Sub Committees –

Full versions of all Sub-committee reports and all region working documents can be found in the UK Region section in the For members page at www.sussexna.org

This includes all positions vacant, meeting times and meeting id links.

UKPI

COMMITTEE POSITIONS VACANT

Chair [5 years], Chair, vice to all apart from GLO & FLO

UK PI WEBSITES/PAGES

Are now active in the professionals tab on the ukna.org website, it's not very prominent, and is accessed through the 'For Professionals' tab but until the new ukna site goes live the website committee cannot do anything about that. Only change made this month was changing the expected results date of the survey from October to November, once we have the new data I will update the pages.

UK Survey has been finalised and got to designer to have digital leaflet produced. Some figures are on the UKPI site in the demographics section, full download will be on there in the next couple of weeks.

UKCOMS

Vice Chair (4 years) , Secretary (1 year) , Vice Secretary (6 months) , Treasurer (5 years) Vice Treasurer (4 years), Website Chair (2 years) , Website Secretary (1 year), Distance Sponsorship Chair (3 years) & Vice Chair (2 years) , Email Coordinator (2 years), Vice Helpline Coordinator (3 years clean time & 1 year experience as Day Coordinator) , Day Coordinators x 2 (2 years Clean time & 1 year

experience as Helpline Volunteer), Helpline Volunteers (1 year clean time & full training given, Share Review Vice Chair (2 years) Share Review Committee Reviewers (1 years) , Distance Sponsors (2 years) , 12 Step Volunteers (1 year).

Can we please encourage people to add committee information to the website?

www.ukna.org/committees

Can we please encourage people to put themselves forward as a 12 step volunteer?

www.ukna.org/12

Helpline Stats

October 2020 ~ 1385 calls = 7834 minutes,

November 2020 ~ 1327 calls = 7773 minutes

December 2020 (up to 15/12/2020) ~ 655 calls = 3390 minutes.

Fellowship Development

Needs a treasurer and minutes secretary. Updated guidelines to be ratified at March RSC. FD have supplied UK RSC with the information to complete a full inventory, admin committee will look into this further.

UK RSC asked FD to facilitate a regional service workshop, details to follow asap.

UKH&I

No committee at present. Really need people to step up and take this on. Please contact resource@ukna.org

Prison Sponsorship

Prison sponsorship is now functioning as a stand-alone committee.

Positions Vacant - *Treasurer: 4yr c/t, Vice Treasurer: 4yr c/t, Post Person: 2yr c/t, Vice Post person: 2yr c/t*

All commitments are for 2 years and all up now. You don't need any prison experience for this committee.

New guidelines can be found on our website. These need to be ratified at March RSC. £868 requested to order new literature, postcards, posters etc. All had to be replaced with the service office moving to Preston as these all include a postal address. This was approved by region.

This committee has really stepped up are turning out some great work. 32 new contacts in the last 2 months.

UKCNA

Committee Vacancies

Secretary and Vice, Merchandise chair and vice, Recording chair and vice.

Meetings Last Sunday of the month. 11am. Zoom

Email davewedorecover@yahoo.co.uk for link and or to join what's app group.

New Years Eve Celebration of Recovery and Fundraiser went well. 150 average in attendance. Gross figures for donations and merch are - £827 and £380

Question was raised about the possibility of the convention actually taking place in July. No contracts have been signed and an agreement has been made with the hotel that a final decision will be made 3 months prior to the event.

UKSO

Move to Preston is now complete. New address is - **Suite B4, 2 Winkley Square, Preston PR1 3JJ** (This has been updated on the Sussex site)

From Wednesday 13th January, the office will be open 3 days per week so there should be little delay in dispatching orders. Current days will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

We have become aware that some of the fellowship have started using the ESO, and would like the UK Regions, and areas to support the UKSO, else we risk the future viability of the UKSO.

RD

We attended a separate business session to gather a conscience around attending Winter EDM in Rome, voting using an online survey the week after. The outcome to hold the 1st full Winter EDM virtually for 4 days between 18th -21st February 2021 was passed, 23 – 1. This is the 1st full virtual EDM in its history.

36th European Conference & Convention Narcotics Anonymous (ECCNA36) – “Never Alone” 23/24/25 July in Kiev, Ukraine.

The Host committee of ECCNA36 have been working tirelessly to bring us together for another European Convention to support the EDM.

Pre-registration available now <https://eccna.eu/pre>

Links for further information www.edmna.org

There is Covid – Cashback if ECCNA36 is cancelled.

WCNA38 (World Convention in Australia, 2021) WCNA38 postponed until 2022, due to uncertainty as a result of the pandemic and its' effect on our members' ability to travel safely, if at all.

Spiritual Principle a Day Book project (SPAD) is continuing with review & input around batch 4 of the following Spiritual Principles: Anonymity, discernment, empathy, faith, gratitude, honesty, hope, open-mindedness, vigilance & willingness. Every member is encouraged to input into our ongoing literature project

www.na.org/spad

AoB

Motion 1 - For 'external sites' that are individual group websites being used to facilitate covid safe attendance of meetings be deemed acceptable under the UKRSC website guidelines - under the item 'Other links to help comply with local or national laws' , hence URLs for NA group websites may be linked or communicated via the UKNA website.

After some conversation it was decided that there should be no facility on the UKNA website to host external links. Comms chair stated that if every group had it's own site and was listed on UK site there was a potential for up to 1200 links. Firstly this would put extra pressure on the server and also it might lead to confusion and lack of continuity in our message. Vote taken by RCMs. **Motion failed.**

Motion 2 - To remove all face-to-face meetings from the website until ASCs can be consulted and a consensus can be reached at RSC regarding how to manage face-to-face meetings who have been reported to be operating in a non-covid safe fashion.

After much discussion and 3 straw polls it was decided to take this back to the groups to get their conscience. However it was then highlighted that 2 months was too long to wait so it was agreed that there should be an urgent conscience taken via email. This has been sent out to all GSRs. Neil will vote on ASC behalf once a consensus has been reached.