

# Chinook Area ASC Minutes



**Date:** May 28, 2016

**Time:** 12:00pm to 3:15pm

**Location:** The House

**Notes By:** Jeff L., ASC Chair

## Order of the Day

### 1. Open with the Serenity Prayer

**Time: 12:00 PM**

### 2. Readings

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| a. 12 Traditions                                   | By: Lorne G.   |
| b. 12 Concepts                                     | By: Theresa.   |
| c. Page xxvi in 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition Basic Text | By: William S. |

*From: Everything that occurs ...*

### 3. Introductions

William S.	GSR, More Will Be Revealed	1 Vote
Cody I.	GSR, Free To Be (Women's)	1 Vote
Lorne G.	HOPE Vice / Literature / GSR, Stepping Into Recovery	1 Vote
Scott	GSR, Freedom Fridays	1 Vote
Gloria	GSR. Pirates of the Valley	1 Vote
Luis R.	Member	0 Vote
Ian	GSR, Back to Basics	1 Vote
Mike	GSR, Simple Way of Life	1 Vote
Clay N.	Dying to Live / Convention	1 Vote
Bill	GSR, Fresh Start	1 Vote
Theresa	GSR, Beltline Serenity	1 Vote
Les	GSR, The Path	1 Vote
Bill K.	Sowing the Seed	1 Vote
Chad	GSR, Conscious Contact	1 Vote
Jayme L.	Activities	1 Vote
Jeff L.	ASC	0 Vote

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TOTAL VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT 14 VOTES

PROXY VOTES SUBMITTED BY

NONE

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TOTAL PROXY VOTES 0 VOTES

### 4. Adoption of Previous Minutes

- Passed

### 5. Group Reports

#### **The Path**

**Les, GSR**

- no real changes at the meeting
- 15-20 people/meeting, a decent turnout
- H & I service position open

#### **Free To Be**

**Cody, GSR.**

- Meeting is doing well

#### **Beltline Serenity**

**Theresa, GSR**

- dwindling numbers at the meeting, probably due to the nice weather



- *haven't heard from the church regarding the complaint that was reported last ASC, group hopes to hear from the church soon.*

## **Fresh Start**

**Bill, GSR**

- *meeting doing well, getting lots of newcomers*
- *need lots of meeting lists*
- *occasionally newcomers are using the phone lists given out at the meeting*
- *volunteer members available for service*

## **Dying to Live**

**Clay N., Member**

- *15-25 people/meeting*
- *donation of \$78.00*
- *group does not have a GSR*
- *group is aware ASC needs member support*

## **Simple Way of Life**

**Mike, GSR**

- *group does not have business meetings.*
- *Mike the GSR may switch home groups*

## **Back to Basics**

**Ian, GSR**

- *group just had its 10th or 11th meeting*
- *8-10 people/meeting*
- *the number of home group members is rising*

## **Sowing the Seed**

**Bill K., Member**

- *meeting going well*
- *15-30 people/meeting*
- *group looking to elect a new GSR*

## **Stepping into Recovery**

**Lorne G., GSR**

- *30-50 people/meeting, including 15 women*
- *meeting is celebrating 15 years of existence with a celebration at North Glenmore Park, Saturday August 20 from 9 am - 3 pm, free beef hot dogs and beef Hamburgers*

## **Miracle in Recovery**

**Dan, GSR**

- *meeting is well attended and doing well*

## **Pirates of the Valley**

**Gloria, GSR**

- *5-8 people/meeting*
- *unsure of what the prudent reserve of the group should be or how much the group will be able to donate*
- *meeting going well*
- *well stocked with literature and supplies*
- *meeting location consolidated*

## **Freedom Friday**

**Scott, GSR**

- *meeting going well*
- *positive changes at the business meeting*

## **More Will Be Revealed**

**William S., GSR**

- *20+ people/meeting*
- *6 home group members*
- *group made substantial donation to Area 2 months ago, will have another donation at June's ASC*

## **Conscious Contact**

**Chad, GSR**

- *meeting going well, good attendance*
- *business meeting is struggling, group has lots of home group members but not many are showing up for*



*the business meeting*

## 6. Sub-Committee Reports

### Area Activities

*Jayne L., Chair*

- **Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues/month @ Sheldon Chumir Centre, 1213 4 St SW, Room 3102, 6:30 PM
  - June's activities meeting the committee will be planning the campout agenda, as well as summer activities for July and August
  - encourage members to bring softball equipment to the campout
  - poster is available for distribution

### QUESTION PERIOD

*No Questions Asked.*

### Area Convention

*Joanne N., Chair*

- *Written Report Submitted - Appendixes*

### QUESTION PERIOD

*No Questions Asked.*

### HOPE

*Lorne G., HOPE Vice Chair  
(Absent with Regrets)*

- **Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat/month @ The House, 513 – 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW, Saturday April 11, 2015, - 11H00
  - *Written Report Submitted - Appendixes*

### QUESTION PERIOD

*No Questions Asked.*

## 7. Administration Reports

### Administration Committee Notes

*Jeff L., ASC Chair*

- *ASC falls on the Saturday of the convention, motion to have it on Sunday the 26th.*
- *admin and ASC need support*
- *good to see so many people here today!*

### QUESTION PERIOD

*No Questions Asked.*

### Chair

*Jeff L., Vice Chair*

- *Nothing to Report*

### QUESTION PERIOD

*No Questions Asked.*

### Vice Chair

*Vacant*

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### QUESTION PERIOD

*No Questions Asked.*



## *Treasurer's Report*

*Dave R, ACTING Treasurer*

- *Absent with Regrets – Report submitted*
- *Written Report, Appendices*

## QUESTION PERIOD

*No Questions Asked.*

## *Secretary Report*

*Vacant*

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## QUESTION PERIOD

*No Questions Asked.*

## *Literature Depot*

*Lorne G., Operator*

- *Written Report, Appendices*

## QUESTION PERIOD

*No Questions Asked*

## *RCM and RCM-Alt*

*Pat L., RCM /Tim R., RCM-Alt*

- *Absent – No Report*

## QUESTION PERIOD

*No Questions Asked*

## **8. Open Forum/ Discussion**

### Discussion at the ASC Table

*Topic: Returning HOPE to ASC,  
Improving ASC,*

*Generating interest in members to participate in ASC and HOPE*

- *both committees need a vice-chair and a secretary, Hope doesn't have signing authorities, ASC should write meeting list cheque*
- *Yellow Pages needs paid monthly*
- *for this month make ASC the HOPE treasurer*
- *HOPE conscience was just to bring up the discussion of returning HOPE to ASC, do not have a preferred direction*
- *in discussing topics motions are not necessary*
- *the idea of moving HOPE to ASC have been discussed at Dying To Live group and at HOPE*
- *Area and HOPE need the same positions filled, both have staffing problems*
- *sub-committee chairs would go to ASC*
- *sub-committees and groups may benefit from more direct contact with each other*
- *ASC challenges are why HOPE formed, ASC was long and experiencing a lot of conflict*
- *QUESTION: Why was HOPE separated?*
- *ANSWER: ASC wanted to try something new, without specific committees for H&I, PI and Outreach there was no accountability, so an Ad Hoc Committee created HOPE*
- *QUESTION: has low attendance been a constant issue for HOPE?*
- *ANSWER: No, it's a recent issue*
- *If HOPE is absorbed into Area, there is still a unity issue where groups aren't being represented at the Area.*
- *QUESTION: How much does this add to Area*

- *ANSWER: No DCM*
- *one member likes that HOPE is separate from Area*
- *Service is a foundation of recovery, but if someone wants to be involved with HOPE and ASC they give up 2 Saturdays a month if HOPE and ASC are separate*
- *World put through a different service structure*
- *have separate committees for H&I and PI*
- *groups aren't getting HOPE committee information*
- *if HOPE and ASC aren't succeeding let them fail*
- *2 Saturdays a month is a lot*
- *a member active in both HOPE and ASC is really struggling with the amount of service the positions require*
- *Combining HOPE and ASC could help, things move slowly at the area level. consider improving ASC itself. 2 Saturdays is a big commitment, ASC improvements could include making HOPE improvements*
- *The Activities Committee used to be part of HOPE, now is part of ASC, seems to be working well*
- *1st Tradition and 7th Tradition: give finances, people and direction to services*
- *our group sent a GSR with no experience to Area and it failed*
- *Part of the seventh tradition is providing people to do service, think about this when considering how your group follows the traditions, right now people are forced into service*
- *people are dying, the groups must do something different*
- *service at ASC and HOPE are unattractive, changes need to be made*
- *HOPE merging with ASC would increase the efficiency of both bodies and make service more simple, right now the service structure is confusing for interested members*
- *it's important to mentor people into service*
- *could have HOPE and ASC alternate months so only one Saturday a month is required for people wishing to serve on both*
- *announcements need to get to groups more reliably*
- *fellowship activities could be used to promote service*
- *the issue is a solidarity issue within the fellowship, there's no quick fix because it's a systemic issue, need to seek God's will rather than self will, the steps give people a desire to help others, having positions fail is not good for ASC or the area*
- *How is the 7th tradition being brought to area by groups who don't participate at ASC? What allows groups to be groups?*
- *The open positions require 2-3 years of clean time, members with the required amount of time should be stepping up.*
- *QUESTION: how do we attract members*
- *ANSWER: consensus based decision making? Meeting every 2 months?*
- *The concepts guide service. members should be reading the concepts, considering especially concepts 3 and 8*
- *Concept 3 states: The NA groups delegate to the service structure the authority necessary to fulfill the responsibilities assigned to it.*
- *Concept 8 states: Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications.*
- *%30 of the area groups are outside of Calgary, this is a problem unique to the Chinook Area*
- *the area's struggle to find people to do service is not unique to the area*
- *HOPE and ASC started struggling around the same time*
- *HOPE and ASC would usually be combined in other areas*
- *one member stated: bringing HOPE back to ASC is a great idea, an opportunity to rebuild unity in the area, this could encourage new growth, mentoring into service is really important*
- *No action Item required*

## 9. Elections

*No Elections Held*

Jeff D. not present to stand for treasurer, couldn't commit to every month



## 10. Nominations

Louie nominated for vice-chair by Lorne, accepts the nomination  
Gloria nominated for vice-chair by Theresa, accepts the nomination

Louie R service resume:

- 14 years clean, got clean in Calgary, is a sponsor, has had more than 12 sponsees, has done a lot of service positions, was part of 4 different home groups in Calgary, PI chair, Convention chair, has been part of 5 or 6 conventions as a speaker or panel member. Interested in the challenge of a new position. He'd like to be chair in the future. Is willing to commit to the 4 years the position may require, could meet on a weekday if ASC changes the date it meets.
- Clay had rule of order: any experience with consensus based decision making?
- Louie: no, but willing to learn

Gloria S service resume:

- 2 years 8 months clean, has been doing service since she was 3 months clean. Has been the GSR for ever home group she's had, Convention secretary, H&I chair, PI member, NA hotline, active H&I member, worked with her area's psych center which required a special clearance and a security check, RCM alt, has experience with consensus based decision making, has never mis-appropriated NA funds.
- Bill K: would you be willing to start with a different admin position? Would someone else be GSR for your group?
- Gloria: would be willing to take a different position, her group probably would not have someone to replace her as GSR.
- Lorne: are you ok with driving from Canmore to Calgary in the winter
- Gloria: experienced winter driver, no problem.
- Gloria rescinds vice-chair nomination to take secretary nomination

- Ian gratefully declines nomination for treasurer, take to groups that we need a treasurer
- Lorne declines HOPE chair nomination
- Ian nominates himself for HOPE chair, asks to be given a month to think about it.

Ian H. service resume:

- is a sponsor, has a home group, has done steps several times, has almost 7 years clean, was Activities treasurer, GSR, did workshop for H&I, part of H&I in Edmonton, hasn't done service in this capacity in 3 years, has good mentors.
- Can Back to Basics find another GSR?
- Ian: yes

Open Positions:	ASC Treasurer (2 Year Term)	3 Years Clean Time Suggested
	Hope – Outreach Coordinator (1 Year Term)	2 Years Clean Time REQUIRED
	Hope – Meeting List Coordinator (1 Year Term)	2 Years Clean Time REQUIRED
	Hope – Web Coordinator (1 Year Term)	5 Years Clean Time REQUIRED

## 11. Old/ Unfinished Business

Quorum for Chinook Area ASC (66% of average of previous 6 meetings) = 7 Voting Members  
Total Voting Members Present = 14 Voting Members (Plus 0 Proxy) – 14 Total

### Motion #2016-04-264

Support CANA convention in Chinook Area 2017

support CANA convention 2017 and not have an area convention next year.

Results: **PASS** For: 12 Against: 0 Abstain: 1

## 12. New Business



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## **Motion 2016-05-265**

*Modify PnP #3.1 To Allow motions to be accepted at ASC after agenda item 8 (open discussion) rather than before #6 (sub-committee reports)*

**INTENT:** *To allow business to proceed instead of impeding it.*

**MADE BY:** Dying to Live

**SECONDED BY:** Freedom Friday

### **Discussion at ASC**

*Clarity: if we come up with ideas of things we would like to do during discussion we can't present motions until the next month, impedes things getting done.*

*can chair move agenda items at his discretion?*

*this motion modifies P&P item 3.1, has to go back to groups*

**Results:**

*Tabled for to groups as per Policy*

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## **Motion 2016-05-266**

*To have ASC move to a weekday evening, if this passes take choice of day to groups*

**INTENT:** *To make ASC Meeting more attractive.*

**MADE BY:** Dying to Live

**SECONDED BY:** Freedom Friday

### **Discussion at ASC**

*weekend ASC is unattractive to members*

*possibly more members would come on a weeknight*

*ASC was originally put on the weekend because it's a large area, members might have a hard time showing up at night if they live out of town, but there is the online GSR tool for out of town members*

*ASC would still be once a month*

*do groups or GSR's decide the night? Ask groups if they are ok with GSR's choosing the night*

**Results:**

*Tabled for to groups as per Policy*

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## **Motion 2016-05-2667**

*June 25 2016 – the date of the next ASC is during the convention, would like to move it to the Sunday afternoon of the convention after the last speaker.*

**INTENT:** *To make ASC Meeting available to convention attendees and not impact ASC functionality due to many members being involved with the convention committee.*

**MADE BY:** Beltline Serenity

**SECONDED BY:** Free to be

### **Discussion at ASC**

*can attract interested parties to attend the meeting, rather than promote ASC*

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*could have a Consensus Based Decision Making Workshop at the convention. Steve with NAWS is a planning guru and could be very helpful.  
Consensus Workshop TBD, would probably occur June 25  
could have the Workshop after ASC if decided*

*TIME Sensitive motion – not able to send back to groups*

**Results:**

**PASS** For: 13 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

**Admin would be at 12:30 pm and ASC at 1:00 pm**

**13. Announcements**

Activities would like it announced to have members attending the campout to bring softball gear.

**14. Close Meeting with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Step Prayer**

**By: Bill K**

**Time: 3:15pm**

**Next ASC Sub Committee Meetings:**

**June 26, 2016 @ Chinook Convention 13:00h**

Chinook Area of Narcotics Anonymous						
Service Committee Mentor List of Trusted Servants						
2016						
Name	Position	Suggested Clean Time	Beginning of Term	Ending of Term	Length of Term	Current Term in Position
Jeff L.	ASC Chair	3 Years	2015.11	2016.11	1 Year	1
OPEN	ASC Vice Chair	2 Years			1 Year	
OPEN	ASC Treasurer	3 Years			2 Years	
OPEN	ASC Secretary	2 Years			1 Year	
Pat L.	RCM	5 Years	2014.10	2016.10	2 Years	1
Tim R.	RCM Alt	4 Years	2015.11	2016.11	1 Year	1
Lorne G.	Literature	5 Years	2014.11	2016.11	2 Years	1
Jayme L.	Activities	2 Years	2016.02	2017.02	1 Year	1
Joann N.	Convention	5 Years	2015.11	2016.11	1 Year	1
OPEN	HOPE Chair	3 Years			1 Year	
OPEN	HOPE Treasurer	3 Years			1 Year	