

Hawaii Area 17 Committee Meeting Minutes
Saturday February 20,2016
Hosted by Tri Island District #13

9:30 Call to Order

Announcements

Reading-Allen, Help on annual conference program from Service Manual

9:45 Area Officer Reports

Secretary- Minutes of June 2015 Committee meeting presented. Mary motioned for approval, Floyd M. seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer- presented Treasurers Report, includes expenses for January that look like a huge deficit but please don't panic. Checks from Oahu have not arrived yet. Mike motioned to accept, Bill seconded. Minutes approved.

Registrar- was not able to attend last assembly due to illness. Thanks to all who covered those duties? Still catching up on new GSR's registrations etc.

Alt. Delegate- *available on website

Alt. Chair- Inform the Delegate Assembly April 2-3 2016 hosted by Honolulu District. May 21st. Committee Meeting hosted by Waianae Dist. *Please register early. August 27-28th, Budget Assembly hosted by Kihei.

Chair- *available on website

10:04 Delegate's Report-

10:20 Handing out of flash drives and conference folders

Review of step-by-step process of reviewing ITD Topics.

11:30 Proposal presentations

Corrections bylaws revision to Area17 Structures and Guidelines. 3.1, 3.2, 3.7-E.

Background, in the past (1981) Corrections committee was on Oahu only and did training for going into the prisons/facilities. Stems from the era of all assemblies on Oahu and that back then AA was in-charge of going into the prisons, there has been a shift in responsibility in the last 30 years. S & G are out of date as to how things are actually done.

Formal Proposal:

Rescind and remove Alcoholics Anonymous Hawai'i State Corrections Committee By-Laws from Structures and Guidelines, remove reference to said bylaws from section 3.7-E and remove Corrections Committee Chair from exceptions to appointing and confirming procedure in sections 3.1 and 3.2.

Time will be given for this proposal to be presented and discussed at the Inform the Delegate assembly. Have GSR's take it back to the groups and vote on the proposal at the Budget Assembly.

Draft Proposal: Add an item to the secretary's duties in Structures and Guidelines to "send approved minutes to the GSO Office." Discussion on where to actually send the minutes was had.

12:00 Noted...Bob is against it.

12:45 call to order

Discussion on "How to help GSR's".

Walk around with blue pamphlet, "What is a GSR," service manuals and S &G." The new GSR's break out session, a "101 things for a GSR to know" would help. The AA group pamphlet was a most helpful tool as a new GSR. Maybe present that at orientation assembly.

Read the GSR handbook, it is an easy read with lots of good information.

Would a list of bullet points be more helpful?

Get "Bob in a bottle". Find a way to pass on enthusiasm.

Get groups to have Alternate GSR's. GSR's are not always attending orientation assembly.

Please encourage your groups to send GSR's to orientation assembly because it is difficult to cram an assembly into a one-hour presentation.

This is not a perfect system so GSR's can be gentle with themselves and expectations.

GSR's can mix their experience in with their business reports to increase interest.

GSR's could be given jump drives with the GSR packets so they have all the information right after their first assembly.

Talk to those new GSR's and share our own experience, ask them how they are and answer questions.

Remember that what we are doing here is saving lives. GSR's are in integral part of that.

As an overwhelmed GSR I was inspired by the Mynabird to keep going and trying, by the writing of committee chairs and officers.

I try to make my experiences with area look as great as I can and hope that GSR's will participate.

I have experience now and by participating in caravans, workshops etc. it helps get GSRs motivated.

1:15 Decisions for Assemblies and Committee meeting hosting districts.

2017 meetings

January Orientation – District 11 Kihei

Feb. Committee-Dist 3 Leeward

Mar/April – ITD- Dist 13 Tri Island

June Committee – Dist 10 Waikiki

August Budget assembly –Dist 8 West Hawaii

Fall committee – Dist 4 Windward

Optional assembly – Dist 7 Hilo/Hamakua

1: 30 Committee Reports:

CPC

Corrections- Some problems are happening with MCCC that the people who are certified to go in, are not being able to enter the facility. Chair feels that it is so important that he be there to be the liaison and keep the lines of communication open with facilities who really need and want this valuable service.

Mynabird

PI

Oahu has some important events coming up, Hawaii Island

Anonymity break in a private magazine published in the islands.

CEC

Planning for ITD assembly, getting info to the committee by March 1st.

Treatment

Has some brand new literature racks that he is using for

Getting meetings into the hospitals with literature racks.

DCM reports

#1 Diamond Head

8 out of 23 GSRs attended, two new GSRs. Reviewing alcathon and trying to write up what worked for future alcathons.

#2 Honolulu

Getting GSRs do outreach for service for the upcoming Assembly, April 17th a workshop on the concepts with past Delegates as panelists.

#3 Leeward

Feb. 4th Dist. meeting. Got 2 new GSRs, discussed workshops. Doing caravans and get some young people involved in service. Emphasising how important it is for

them to be involved. 2 groups are non-conforming but trying to find a way to encourage participation.

#4 Windward

One meeting has been removed from the schedule. Thanks for updating website. St Christopher's Church wants meetings to get insurance so meetings are trying to consolidate to share the costs. 2 ITD work days coming up to address the topics and inform their group members. Event May 7th, Workshop on Sponsorship. 1 x a month Homestays are available to host members for assemblies.

#5 Maui No Ka 'Oi

Has offered to help with homestays

#6 Kauai

Thank you for all the participation for Inventory Assembly, current vision to create a workshop on our island about service??? Creating a S & G for finance committee.

#8 West Hawaii

West Hawaii moved District meeting to next week to distribute topic information to members

#9 North Shore

Caravans to outlying meetings, getting face to face with GSRs. June home group days workshop coming up and service with GSRs.

#10 Waikiki

Able to solve insurance issues. Passed the basket to District to hold workshops with #2. Groups have changed distribution to help Intergroup, maybe pass

#11 Kihei

Growth and development of district is building participation. Helped with motion on Corrections. Treatment is working with new center on Maui

#13 Tri-Island

Conventions

Planning for convention wants neighbor island participation, call the chair, or e-mail them. Program chair, register early. Friday night dinner and fireworks is a special event for us. 2015 financial report will be available at next Assembly. New treasurer Pam D. will start

Intergroup Maui

Good to be here and humbling March 27th Easter bash planned

2:20 Break

Roundtables

3:15 Reportback:

Committee Chairs

Discussed the “purpose of Area?” There is a contradiction between the S & G and the service manual.

Prevention of relapse create a pamphlet
Helping GSRs

DCMs

Liability insurance

Lack of opportunity for 12 step work on Kauai at this time.

Helping GSRs – service workshops to generate interest, Concept 2 “Why is service important”

Participation of groups in District- DCM participate in groups to be helpful and encourage participation.

On your mind:

Windward District will be having more support for ITD assembly

Adjourned at 3:30