Area Committee Meeting August 11, 2018 10:00 a.m. Minutes Reiter Center, Three Lakes WI

The meeting opened at 10:00 am.

Welcome to first-time attendees.

Area Chair, Jeff Davis opened the meeting by reading the housekeeping guidelines and the voice/vote explanation, vote by substantial unanimity with 2/3 majority unless otherwise stated, and 4 minutes for DCM reports & 2 minutes for comments.

Prayer

Timer: Diane Counter: Gloria

Roll Call:

Area Officers

Area Chair / Alternate Delegate, Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar

Committee Chairs

Archives, Corrections MI, CPC, Now & Then, Literature, Public Information Chair, Treatment Chair

Minutes from the 05/20/18 Area Committee Meeting were approved without changes. No one opposed.

DCMs:

01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 10 - Alt. DCM, 13, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23,

Past Delegates: Panel 62, Marty L

Delegate's Report: Attached

DCM Reports: Please see pages 7-13.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Discuss the three tabled motions concerning the Now & Then.
 - 1. Jeff D., Area Chair read the first motion:
 - **MOTION**: The Area 74 Public Information Committee would like to direct the Area 74 Webmaster to begin updating archival and current editions of the Newsletter of Delegate Area 74, Now & Then, to the Area 74 secure password protected page known as the "Area74.org Service Page".
 - Open for discussion amongst Area Committee:
 - 1. Char: We now know we are getting a new webmaster. So there will be a new web design. So we need to step back and take care of first things first such as the web design process and then bring back the motion.
 - 2. Terri: Last rotation as Public Information Chair, Committee put out motion last fall. Matt is the current webmaster on committee. The website is

secured no matter who the webmaster is. Currently the minutes are on the site and so are the archives. Terri read the background and did a lot of research. Terri read to ACM, "Assembly did approve to add the minutes to the Area 74 website as follows: Back in 2013 at the Fall Assembly, the motion that was passed was this: The Area Committee Recommendation that minutes of area 74 business meetings and Committee meetings be posted on the Area 74 website in a password protected area to be reevaluated in one year for additional content. Final vote was 51 voted yes and 13 voted no." Terri also mentioned "yes, that is a high number of voters".

- 3. James: Public Information Chair says the current System on the Area 74 website will direct our new webmaster directions on what to do.
- 4. Bryon: Now and Then newsletter is in the website archives and it was easy to transfer them in.

*This motion will move to September's Assembly Agenda under Unfinished Business.

- 2. CPC Motion: I move that the editorial staff of the Now and Then move toward the digitalization of the Now and Then Newsletter. AA Groups who are provided a Now and Then newsletter would be afforded the opportunity to request a hard copy of the Now and Then if they have no email or other means to receive the publication digitally. Those who wish to purchase a subscription for a hard copy of the Now and Then would have that opportunity.
 - Open for discussion
 - Terri, Co-Editor of the Now & Then, said Jeff provided (per finance committee) two different budgets; 1 if we stay at the paper copies at \$7000 or 2 include Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) motion that was to be digital distribution. Beginning Jan 2019 = total budget is \$2,500.
 - 2. Dean, CPC Chair,
 - 3. Amber, Confusion about the wording of this motion. From her personal home group and questions, i.e., AA groups who are provided the N&T Newsletter would be afforded the opportunity to request a hard copy. Is that a no-cost? Should be addressed there if the hard copy for the group would be at no-cost. Also, no email or other means to receive the publication digitally, seems really limiting, for personal preference, it excludes people there.
 - 4. Randy, friendly amendment should state AA Groups, that was the original purpose of the N&T was for AA Groups. Needs to be verified. So this could apply to any person that wants a digital copy. And there's a number of people that are interested in that. So it should state that in the motion that the original intention of the N&T was for AA Groups. Also should address or state in the motion that if AA groups wish to purchase a hard copy. Verbiage needs to be more clear.
 - 5. Char, all 3 motions have been brought before the Assembly 3 times, each time the Motions were thoroughly discussed. A lot great points were brought up. Every aspect of all 3 motions was out there. We have that info when we were in attendance. We could not reach an agreement. All three were tabled for lack of time and disagreeable wording and whatever else the issues were. It was agreed that these 3 motions would be brought to the Area Committee so can work together to find a commons solution that works for everybody to

come together and bring this back to the Assembly because the people who made these motions are here to bring back to the Assembly in a form that is easy to understand, so we don't have to agree to these motions the way they are, withdraw and start over, or somebody has something in place there. They can be taken off the Assembly agenda, and we work together to present something that we can all unify around. That is the purpose of this Area Committee. The health and welfare of our Area. So let's do something good today please.

- 6. James, problem with it being digital, we only have 386 emails out of 600. So we would need 300 more emails to have digital copies sent out. How are we going to do that?
- 7. Cheryl, responsibilities of DCM'S and GSR'S to get out to our groups. Very easy to make a copy and distribute. But to agree with this and the motion that says AA groups, who are provided a N&T Newsletter are afforded a hard copy. It means they would be provided one or they would get one. And those that wish to purchase a subscription, can. So both things are clearly stated in the motion.
- 8. Terri, Co-Editor of N&T, in the electronic bunches that they put through, they anticipate a marketing cost, to the Area and work with the DCM's to make sure a copy goes out to everyone. They included this in their budget.
- 9. Dean, Jeff talked about it for the last 3 or 6 months to get email addresses. Seems to be concerns on our data base and issues that need to be resolved. Has no problem changing the motion whether it says groups, Area Chair provided an old copy of the motion and apologized for that error and adding any confusion.
- 10. Mike, contacted every DCM in his area and only received 4 responses. Are we going to have DCM's that don't show up here and don't answer emails, so we are going to have decide here as a body.
- 11. Char, the difference for the budgets of 2019 for N&T, is \$2,538.
- 12. Ron, needs to be clarified, friendly amendment, the newsletter would be afforded the opportunity as opposed who wish or others who wish. As for distribution list, he has 30 contacts for emails. The contacts are for the GSR's. only has 2 groups that have no contacts. Forward document and GSR's to forward to the rest of their group. Motion needs clarification and beating the horse 3 times now.
- 13. Matt, District voice was that moving to electronic seemed like a no brainer, as far as logistics works out was, contribution report, 23% are participating. Those that want a newsletter will find a way to let us know, those that don't want, don't really care. Save money and move motion forward,
- 14. The people that organized these three different motions, to meet and come up with a wording which includes all the things we have been talking about at the last 3 assemblies, that maybe we would be able to vote on one motion.
- 15. Dean, AA groups who are provided the N&T newsletter would be afforded the opportunity to request a hard copy. The last sentence says, go to >>>> to purchase a subscription.
- 16. Terri, vision was everyone would get an electronic copy. However, for those who do not have email would still receive a paper copy.
- 17. Ron, the groups would be afforded the opportunity at no cost.
- 18. Dean, AA groups who are provided the N&T Newsletter would be afforded the opportunity to a request a hard copy of the N&T at no cost.
- 19. Dean, reviewed the motion again and suggested changes to the worded.

- 20. Terri announced their perception of motion.
- 21. Sara, announced some people don't have access to printers for hard copies and only may read N&T from their cellphone.
- 22. Dean, Withdraw motion and re-write.
- 23. Motion was revised again by Dean.
- 24. Revised
- 25. Revised
- 26. Dean removed this motion and Terri will come up with a motion.
- A Motion: The Joe & Charlie Big Book Study groupincorporate editorial staff
 of the N&T Newsletter to the Area service rotation as two year elected
 positions....... Has been withdrawn by Brent.
- 4. Reopen discussion on Ad-hoc committee recommendation to accept WICYPAA donations. There is a discrepancy between the original motion the committee was charged to deliberate and the recommendation that was brought forth and passed at our last Area Committee meeting.

Basically, there was a big typo. There was a verbiage error. The Ad-hoc committee was unanimous at our meeting during lunch. What was passed: at our last ACM moves forward in support in accepting donations from WICYPAA conferences. And that was not the full intentions. What they wanted was: The Assembly establish determination on accepting contributions from any YPAA entity recognized by GSO. We recommend to the Assembly that we accept contributions from any YPAA entity versus just WICYPAA conferences. That what's they originally intended. It came out wrong at our last Area Committee Meeting.

Jeff read the corrected motion as follows:

The actual MOTION sent by area committee meeting reads: <u>The Finance committee</u> moves that the Assembly establish determination on accepting contributions from any YPAA entities recognized by GSO.

Any discussion? none.

Those in favor of making that change to the Assembly in September: Yes=15 No=1. Minority Opinion? No, minority opinion. Motion passes.

New Business:

- A. Approve September 15, 2018 Fall Assembly Agenda Jeff D. (Area Chair) Add to agenda the following:
 - -Sharing session
 - -Area Officer Reports
 - -Area 74 Committee Chair Reports
 - -WICYPAA Report

Lunch

- -Unfinished Business:
 - -ASL Translator Motion from Treatment and Accessibilities Committee
 - -1st tabled motion of the PI Committee Password protected website

-New Business:

Possible Motion from the N&T for distribution Possible Motion from District 05. Re: Webmaster

Confirmation of new Webmaster. Possible nominee

New Archivist

WICYPAA motion – accept contributions

-Conference Updates & Bids:

Add 2020 Spring Conference Report - District 13 was awarded

-Need to add Dates to Remember for 2019 as well.

All in favor to approve agenda: 20 in favor and 0 opposed. Simple majority.

2019 Dates to Remember, discussion because of General Service Conf. East Central Regional conference in area 75 in Milwaukee, Oct 18-20, 2019. Area 75 is hosting.

The question is about the dates of the Forum. Is it July 12-14 or in November? It wouldn't be the 17-19 because that's a Sunday – Tuesday.

Delegate's Workshop is usually in the early part of March? Came down to March 2, 2019 or March 9, 2019.

After discussion of other possible dates it resulted in a vote on:

March 9th?: All in favor = 18 March 16th?: All in favor = 2

April Winter Assembly = April 27th

General Service Conf = 19-25th, 2019

Which affects the Area 74 Spring Conf = May 17-19, 2019 Assembly = May 18th Area Committee Meeting = May 19th

There would be no Delegate there to give Delegate Report. So do we go ahead with that date and schedule our Delegates report at another time? Move forward. Delegate mentioned that more food for thought: interesting to see if we had business for that day at the Assembly. Other Area's only hold one Conference a year and they don't have any business going on during that conference. So this will be interesting to see how this plays out. This would give us some ideas on how to change the whole structure of our service meetings for a year and save money without having 2 big conferences and maybe no business is done at a conference. Just a thought as this may have opened an opportunity.

Ron: August 2019, turn that into an Assembly Committee meeting and give Delegate report at that time.

Char: Guidelines have 4 assemblies a year.

Randy: Called the question, possibility of having our delegate's report at our optional meeting.

All in favor of our Dates to Remember: Yes=18. Oppose=2. Minority opinion would you like to state your opinion. None. August 10, 2019 possible Delegate's report.

Sept 13-15, 2019: Area 74 Fall Conference = Dist 04 Waupaca WI Sept 14, 2019 Assembly Sept 15, 2019 Area Committee Meeting

October 26, 2019: Year-end Assembly

December 14, 2019: Area 74 Committee Meeting

Announcements:

- 1.Please go back to your districts and let them know the Area is looking for a new Webmaster. Have them provide a little about themselves.
- 2. Norm, Literature Chair Any one that would like to order literature, will be placing a large order the Wednesday after Labor Day, so they will have a large inventory at the Conference.
- 3. Bryon, Archives Chair, at our last ACM our Archivist is stepping down, but will be active until we get a new archivist. Please ask anyone interested to provided info about themselves to Bryon.

Motion to close, 2nd.

Meeting Concluded at 2:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Vickie R Ackley
Area 74 Secretary 2018-2019

Minutes passed and approved on:

Date

DCM Reports:

District 01 - Matt B.

We service the greater Green By area, with nearly 100 meetings per week listed on our schedule. By now the area has received back the seed money for the 2018 Spring Conference and the split of surplus monies from conference of 887.17.

Our district has one recently vacated chair position for CPC.

All other positions are filled and attendance at our district meetings is 20-25 members. We have numerous upcoming events in our district for summer activities including our district/central office picnic in September.

Corrections reports strong attendance from members and sponsorship program is still going strong. District events has done Brewer bus event and has a golf outing planned in August.

Our current financial report shows a balance of 6456.89 which includes our prudent reserve of 1300.00 We have taken surveys from our group regarding the tabled agenda items from previous conference and have consensus on those items that I will provide during the discussion of those items.

District 02 - Brent H.

District 02 extends from Oshkosh in the south to Clintonville and Bonduel in the north and west from Weyauwega to Brillion in the east. There are approximately 130 meetings held in the district weekly. Our District meetings are held on the second Sunday each month at rotating venues within the district. We continue to average between 20-40 attendees. Our General Service Representative (GSR) Roundtable prior to our district meetings continues to be well attended also. All A.A. members are invited to attend. The monthly Newsletter has a circulation of 140 hard copies and 474 electronic copies. We have filled all of our service positions except Local Committee Member C (LCM -C) and Grapevine Chair. We are now in need of a new Local Committee Member B (LCM -B) as Jack H was voted in as our new Newsletter Editor. Our committees continue to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. We continue to have feet on the ground serving our District.

Our Public Information Committee and Webmaster are currently re-designing our District Website. We will be getting an update on our District Website re-design at our District meeting on Sunday.

Our 2019 Area Spring Conference Committee continues to meet on a regular basis. They are meeting today and are anxiously waiting for direction from the Area on how to proceed.

Upcoming events include an August 18th Intergroup hosted by the Stockbridge Group in Stockbridge. Also, the Bonduel-Shawano Intergroup will be held on September 22nd.

If anyone is interested in our Newsletter electronically, please contact me.

District 03 - Danielle M.

District 04- Barry M

We currently have 29 groups and 30 meetings including open and closed meetings and women's only meetings.

Participation at our monthly District meetings has increased. We have not had an issue with reaching a quorum of voting members.

Our Corrections Committee has a good working relationship with both the Waupaca and Portage County jails with AA meetings in both.

Our Treatment Committee continues to work closely with the inpatient treatment facility located in Stevens Point. Volunteers provide an introduction to AA and share their experience, strength, and hope with residents of the facility.

Besides producing meeting lists and managing our computerized hotline system, our CPC/PI committee attends and has a display at health fairs and similar events.

Group donations have been strong. That combined with prudent spending by our committees has us looking for some new ways to serve the alcoholic. One idea we are looking into is having a workshop. Stay tuned.

Our fall 2019 Conference Committee is working hard on planning the 2019 Conference. A walk through of the facility was completed and a contract was signed. Our Conference Planning Chair Michael will have a complete report in Wausau.

District 05 - Marybeth S

Gave verbal report at today's meeting.

District 07 - Phil D.

District 07 encompasses parts of Wood, Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties. We have 28 registered meetings with 11 GSR's currently listed, with 4 or 5 attending District meetings. District meetings were held on June 10 and July15.

- 1. Our PI committee is in process of revising and distributing new meeting lists. We lost the Thursday Night City Hall meeting but gained a new meeting in Colby Wednesday night name yet to be determined.
- 2. Two CPC committee members and the DCM had a meeting July 27th with Family Health Center AODA center set to open in Marshfield in August. They are delighted to establish an A.A. connection for anticipated service needs of the still suffering alcoholic. This is part of a growing network of care which started in Eagle River. I would be happy to help other districts tie in should the opportunity arise. This is the organization which sought our help from the El Grupo Spanish speaking meetings to ensure that meeting lists in Spanish were available to their occasional Hispanic patients who speak little or no English.
- 3. One of our CPC committee members also attended the Rural Institute for AODA conference in Menominee for 3 days to help cover the A.A. booth with Dean our Area CPC chair. Thank you, Dean, for all your hard work!
- 4. We sponsored a District wide Sharing Session on June 16th, following the format on page S40 in Service Manual very closely it lasted about an hour. We addressed declining meeting attendance and meetings where doors are locked though we list them on our District Meeting List. About 20 members attended and everyone got a chance to share their ideas and concerns for consideration. Sharing sessions seem to be a good tool to identify and air out elephants in the rooms. Several members

indicated interest in forming an ad hoc committee to look into the ideas presented. A secretary is ESSENTIAL to the process. Many thanks to Diane for her service.

- 5. The District sponsored a Summer Picnic at Schneider Park in Neilsville on July 21st, hosted by 3 of our A.A. groups. Good barbeque, games, camping and boating. A 50-year medallion was presented to Jerry S. by his son Terry S, who is our GSR for the Neilsville meeting.
- 6. An A.A. Hot Line and Clark Co. Jail meetings are still under consideration.

District 08 – Randy O.

Gave verbal report in person.

District 10 - Michelle Z.

Alt DCM attended for Michelle today - Amber C.

District 10 DCM report, Amber O, alternate DCM standing in for Michelle Zanoni, August 12, 2018

Greetings to the Area Committee and thanks to Amber O, Alternate DCM, for taking my place today.

We are the largest District geographically, in Area 74. Our District stretches from Mercer, south to Tomahawk, west to Lac du Flambeau and east to Crandon, and includes the cities of Rhinelander, Eagle River, Minocqua, and Antigo. 41 meetings are held weekly throughout our District, for approximately 34 groups.

Our monthly GSR meeting usually meets every second Saturday of the month, but due to the Area Committee meeting, we met last week Saturday instead. We had 14 people at our last meeting. Five were GSRs. All of our Committee Chair positions are filled. The most active committees are Corrections and PI/CPC.

District 10 hosted a picnic in Conover on Saturday, July 14th. It was well attended, and everybody had a good time.

We now have a new Website Chair and website has been re-vamped and is much easier to update. Amber O., here, was the person who researched this and if any other DCMs have questions about how the new website is working for us, please ask her about it.

District 13 - Sonny L.

District 13 is located in Ashland and Bayfield Counties of North Wisconsin. The committee meeting is usually held on the 1st Monday of each month.

Meeting Schedule: There are 32 Monday thru Sunday meetings. 1 seasonal meeting that meets in the warm season.

Red Cliff Indian Reservation Friday 6:00 pm meeting is an active meeting as of July. Iron River Wednesday 7pm The Grapevine Girls meeting in now inactive as of July.

Financial: Financial situation is that the district is maintaining a positive financial balance.

Phone "Hot Line" (715) 682-4460: May no report. June was mainly calls about days, times and meeting locations. July no report.

Corrections:

<u>Bayfield County Jail:</u> The woman's meeting is held on Thursdays. Has been meeting in May, June and July. Is in need of additional woman to help with going to the jail and chairing the weekly meeting.

The mens meeting is held on Thursdays. Has not been doing okay, and is need of additional men to help with going to the jail and chairing the weekly meeting.

<u>Ashland County Jail</u>: The women's meetings has begun. Is in need of women to go to the jail and help get meetings started on an ongoing basis.

The mens meeting is held on Wednesdays 3:30pm and is in need of additional men to help with going to the jail and chairing the weekly meeting.

Efforts are continuing to get the word out that more service workers are needed to help with the jail meetings.

Elections: The District held elections October 2017 and mentions each month about open committee positions. Current filled positions are: District Committee Member, Alternate Committee Member, Treasurer, Corrections.

The districts' Grapevine and Secretary are no longer in those positions. The Corrections position was changed from Ed M. to Terry M.

Area 74: The district was made aware from the Delegate's emails of the calendar year 2019 General Service Conference date change from Saturday April 21 thru Sunday 27 to Sunday May 19 thru Saturday 25. The date changing effects Area 74s May Spring Conference already bidded for and scheduled to occur Friday May 17, Saturday 18 and Sunday 19, 2019. The spring conference schedules Saturday for the Assembly meeting that allows the Delegate to give report to the Assembly about what occurred with the General Service Conference annual agenda from their conference. That Delegate's' report most likely will not happen at Area 74s 2019 Spring Conference because she will not be in attendance.

Conference Bid for May 2018: Marty L. did background research and phone calls to gather needed money amounts to be able to put together an itemized budget for a Bid. The committee discussed these budget items for around 30 minutes. The motion was made to Bid for the May 2020 Conference at the May 18-20 2018 Conference at Oneida WI. District 13 was the only bidder and Area 74 accepted and approved District to hold that conference.

Since May 4 some District Committee member met with the Motel Manager and signed a contract to secure the Motel and Dates of the May 2020 Spring Conference and made a \$200 down payment.

Some ongoing discussions were about the days events of the schedule and who might be the A.A. Speakers for speaker meeting and/or Alanon speaker meeting, panel topics and usually on goings of a conference...

The District will ask for the \$1000 seed money from Area 74 Treasurer at the Saturday August 11th committee meeting at Three Lakes.

End of report

District 17 - Cindy

Hello, my name is Cindy and I am an alcoholic. I am the DCM for district 17. As I reported before we recently added a PI committee. They have three people on the committee and are really off to a great start. They have been ordering pamphlets and setting up packets to distribute at local doctors' offices and hospitals. They are keeping busy.

We also just had a district picnic in Iron River. There were about 50 people in attendance. I had really hoped for more people from Iron Mountain as we promoted it heavily, but I guess not many people were willing to make the 1 1/2-hour trek. There were a few people from other districts and it was nice to see them there. Thanks guys.

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District 18 - Shannon R

We just had our monthly District Meeting on August 4th. It went well. We have a new GSR that has come to the last two District Meetings. We are very excited to have her. The last two District Meetings we have had enough voting members to meet our quorum which would be 7 voting members. We are averaging anywhere from 8-12 people at our monthly district meetings.

At our last district meeting we were informed that the Thursday Night Women's Big Book Study will no longer be meeting due to lack members. Also District 18 will be looking for a District Secretary. I was informed by our current District Secretary that she has accepted a job that will be taking her out of the UP. She will be stepping down at our next District meeting which will be held on September 8th.

Our monthly Trusted Servant Workshop that we hold before our monthly district meeting is going really well. We have had a lot of positive feedback. We have about 5-7 members show up to the workshop every month. We recently just went through Concept Nine and we will be doing Concept 10 in September.

At our next District Meeting we will be revising our meeting schedules to have new ones printed.

I am super excited for our GSR Workshop that we are holding next weekend!! August 18th in Palmer at The Richmond TWP Hall from 1pm-4pm. I think it's going to be a lot of fun. There will be coffee and

snacks. We have four panel speakers to share their experience and Sara P will be giving her Delegates Report.

District 18 is very disappointed with the decision that has been made to change the dates of the 2019 GSC, as I'm sure everyone in this area is. We are curious as to where this leaves our area for our 2019 Spring Conference? What can we do as an area to prevent this from happening again? I keep hearing about censuring the board or reorganize the board. How does that help?

I wanted to say thank you to District 02 for all that have done with planning the 2019 Spring Conference.

District 20 - Cheryl Anderson

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District 21 - Ronald Schreiner

District 21 covers northern Houghton and all of Keweenaw counties in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The area includes two universities, year round tourism is our major industry, thus our recovery population is very transient. We strive to be available to all who study or visit here, be it the alcoholic in recovery, the alcoholic who still suffers, or their families and friends. Because of this we recognize and actively support two allied programs, Al-anon and ACOA. We currently have 25 active AA meetings, as well a 6 seasonal meetings running through October 15th. We cooperate with Houghton County's drug court, as well as local residential treatment facilities and shelters, and although not in our district, continue to support Wednesday night A.A. meetings at Michigan Department of Corrections, Baraga Max.

Our 24 hour A.A. hotline is answered *live* by Dial Help personnel in Houghton, meetings are listed in our local newspaper, and radio stations are running our PSA's, all at no cost. Our *abridged meeting schedule*, A.A. pure, can also be found on the Area 74 website.

Attendance at our District Meetings has been down slightly, but enthusiasm is high. Plans are being made for a November 3rd workshop, as well as our August, 2019 Intergroup. We are looking at the third weekend in August so we do not conflict with this Area Committee Meeting if held. New meeting schedules are in the works and we are preparing a new 25 second PSA to be aired soon.

In my last report I noted that our new Friday 5:15 pm 11th Step Grapevine Meditation meeting was struggling. The time was recently changed to 6:30 pm, attendance quadrupled, and in the spirit of self sufficiency has been able to start paying rent and reimbursing for startup literature. I want to publicly thank Jim N. for hanging in there to make this meeting a success.

This has been a relatively short report so I have left this space left blank, just in case I remember something I forgot...

District 23 - Steven S

The following areas represent where District 23 has been directing its energy to be of optimum service to our A.A. Groups, and to Area 74 in general:

- 1: One primary focus of the last agenda was improving location of the District 23 Meetings to increase engagement across the District. Current Status (as of 8/16/18):
 - a) District 23 GSR Committee Meeting is held at Lake View Methodist Church in the Town of Hertel, WI. The information has been passed on to all active groups in the district, as well as to the "Now & Then" editors for future publication.
 - b) Attendance is consistent at 10-14 participants.
- 2: District 23 currently has 42 meetings per week.
- 3: District 23 groups provide meetings at two of the County jails in the District.
- 4: District 23 participated in the 34 Annual Health Fair at Essentia Health in Spooner WI. Kevin W reports paramedics and EMT's were very interested and grateful to have resources and information.
- 5: Sunday Morning Donut Group GSR has been on a mission to disseminate information in the community- Public Information. He reports a positive response from community members in displaying information. He states he has restocked the resource indicating they are being used! Thanks Greg.
- 6: District 23 is again pursuing placement of service announcements on local radio stations.
- 7: Per the suggestion of Kevin W District 23 is adding the Concept that corresponds with the month of the District meeting agenda to increase knowledge and awareness.
- 8: The Group Change Form and New Group Forms are being sent out with the monthly agenda as a convenience and friendly reminder of the existence/importance.