

REGIONAL OUTREACH SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING OF 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2009

PRESENT: Julia G (chair), David T (vice chair), Cris A, Tony G, Peter J, Michael G, Peter B (sec)

APOLOGIES: Tony S, Andy, Bill R

The Teleconference commenced at 2000 hrs with each member calling in to log on.

Meeting commenced at 2012 with the service prayer led by the Chairperson.

Previous minutes tabled by email; approved 1st Michael, 2nd Julia

OLD BUSINESS:

Workshops August 2009

Armidale. Peter B reported that 16 people from the Serenity Seekers NA group in Armidale attended, plus the 6 visiting facilitators (Kitty, Julia, Frank, Victoria, Tony & Michael on the weekend of August 1st, 2009. Feedback from the attendees has been of a positive nature. The information was well received and the workshop was declared a success in terms of information and fellowship.

Accommodation and lunch was provided by the group, along with a \$100.00 donation towards travel costs.

Grafton. Julia G reported that 6 members of the Grafton group, plus Scott from Coffs Harbour attended the workshop. Again the members were enthusiastic and appreciated the workshop.

Overall there has been very good feedback from the groups. Julia will thank the participants for their time and input.

David T: What was the cost of these workshops?

Julia G: Armidale made a donation of \$100 towards travel, Kitty (regional delegate) supplied the literature and lucky door prizes. Associated costs met by PR and Regional Delegate funding

Cris: Are any more workshops planned , where and when?

Julia: None currently planned, but suggestions welcome.

Peter B: Benelong Haven rehab could do with some information as they currently have no interaction with NA.

Julia to approach Scott as this is in the Coffs Harbour area.

Regional Meeting List Update:

Peter B has spoken to contacts in Port Macquarie, Canowindra and Orange and has updated changes for their meetings. Karatha contact no longer living there and the person nominated by him as possible contact has not responded to phone message, so possibly the meeting is no longer running.

Julia emailed the other meeting contacts for updates. Responses incoming.

Julia G reports 1 new meeting opened in Broken Hill, (literature forwarded with inclusion on list to be done) and 1 new meeting in Whyalla SA, which she passed on to RCM in SA, but so far no further contact with Whyalla.

These changes will be forwarded to Dave K (PR) for inclusion in the new Regional Meeting Lists by Peter.

Correspondence:

Email from Kalgoorlie (correction facility) seeking info on meetings. Referred to RCM WA.

Email contact from 2 loners seeking support. Contact continued.

Meeting on- line:

Cris; 2 people have enquired. Cris suggested the NAWS link as appropriate. Cris will sort out a link (see action list) and forward it to Outreach members for their opinion/approval.

David T. Does NAWS endorse meetings on-line?

Julia. Kitty advises there are some problems, but general feeling is it is OK. Cris agrees. Cris to follow up.

Draft Letters:

David T moves to adopt the draft "Venue" letter(with the NA logo as letter head).

Unanimously approved by members of the committee.

Final drafts of the 3 remaining letters. Approval by email to Julia within 7 days requested. (ie 21.09.09)

Meetings on request:

David T: Are there any guidelines for Meetings on request? Julia advised there is no Regional or Outreach policy around this. This is not used often, but some people have been doing it for years. Tony offers to seek advice from Jim. David says if we have no clear policy on this now, shouldn't Outreach be looking at things such as clean-time, someone from each area being on the list of contacts. Committee members' suggestions for criteria are to be emailed to chair for inclusion in next agenda.

Changes to current list are: Charles in Orange is the only one there, the other member to be taken off list, after Christmas Tony W will be taken off the Tasmanian list as he is moving.

Volunteers from Outreach committee: Cris A and David T to be included on list as contact for their respective areas.

Conference Call:

David t reports: "We are using the new system tonight on a free trial basis. Previously with Telstra it was OK, but costs were carried individually. With Skype we encountered a lot of problems in the end, resulting in the need to seek an alternative system. This one seems to be the most affordable and has the bonus of each teleconference being recorded and a copy sent to me. currently the account is to come to me with a credit card payment of \$20/month. This fee is for 10 people and a time limit of 2 hours. Additional people and time are billed accordingly. The call up is simpler, with each participant having a log on code and the teleconference commences when the chair (currently David) logs on. Tonight we had no problems coming on, and the reception is clear, with each participant being able to hear and be heard clearly. The billing system needs to be sorted so as it is not coming as a debit from individual Credit card."

Comments and Questions.

Consensus is that the system works well, everyone being able to hear clearly.

What is the cost to the individual? We will not know until accounts go to the individual participants, but it is anticipated it will be the cost of a call to one of the log on centres (eg Brisbane, Sydney, Newcastle) with a maximum of \$2.50.

Reimbursement? David to be reimbursed by Julia out of her Outreach float, or a initial 3 month payment in advance to be made to David, with Julia to take up with Regional treasurer how best to surmount this problem.

Housekeeping:

Letter to Lyndon House not done yet. Julia and Victoria (Regional PR) to continue working o this.

Possible overpayment of \$100 to Julia by Kitty from Region for costs incurred in workshops. Julia holding the money until the next Region when this can be sorted out.

Literature account paid to FSO by RSC . currently nothing outstanding.

Any other reimbursement to Committee members to be forwarded to Julia in the next 2 weeks. Eg Phone calls, stationery etc.,.

Template for NA poster. David T to email the poster designed by Victorian area member to committee. There are 2 , with the "sexier" one being the preferred. "it looks a lot more professional".

New Business.

Pen Pals, Contacts and Sponsorship by Distance. Julia is to take these proposals to RSC in October to elicit its support , approval and participation.

Cost of Outreach. Currently Julia holding a float of \$200.00. Request by Julia to seek RSC to raise this to \$300.00. this is based on current outgoings for postage etc.,. Group conscience approval unanimous

Julia and David to work on a Projected Budget to present at RSC , based on the outgoings for the past 3 months. A bookkeeping type template will be prepared to assist in the upkeep of current finance records.

World meeting list. David T advises that this list is not really a true reflection as some of the meetings on it are no longer happening. NAWS has been notified, but no action has been taken. Peter j tasked to x reference these lists and notify Julia to take up with NAWS.

Julia is to request the number of "NA Today" for Outreach be upped to 90.

Peter B (secretary) to prepare Action List and forward it by email asap.

Meeting closed with the Serenity prayer at 2155 hrs.