

WEST HAWAII AA INTERGROUP

Business Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2011

Present:

	Name	Representing
1	Pat W.	Hana Like
2	Ches F.	TeleService
3	Bruce W.	Editor
4	Marianne F.	Treasurer
5	Chappy	V. Chair
6	Chris C.	Recording Secretary
7	Rhia B.	Mauka Wahines
8	Jeff F.	Waikoloa Night Owls
9	Vera S.	Happy, Joyous and Free
10	Ed M.	Men of Maluhia
11	Ellen	Wiamea Winners
12	Bart	Torchlight
13	Sandra V.	Activities
14	Mike V.	Daily Reprieve
15	Joel B.	Rebellion dogs
16	Pat S.	Hanalo Women
17	Bob D.	Chair
18	Paul J.	KKAA
19	Paul K.	Aloha Mana
20	Linda P.	Mana of the Round Table
21	Rachel P.	Office Manager
	Adonis O., Loyal A., Matt P., James A., Kai,	Aloha Mana, Visitors
	Sam A.	Nooners, Visitor
	Maggie K.	Hanalo Women, Visitor

Voting Members

Call to order: 5:30 with Serenity prayer

I. Establish a Quorum: Chappy counted 21 voting members

II. Readings:

Tradition VIII: Read by Maggie K. Bob D. commented: Rachel is a paid special worker.

We applauded her service and will miss her greatly.

Concept VIII: Read by Loyal.

III. Approval of minutes from June 16th Business Meeting: Motion to approve: Chaps and y 2nd Marianne; approved unanimously. July 21st Minutes: Motion to approve by Marianne 2nd by Joel. Approved As Corrected

IV. Trusted Servants Reports

- a. Treasurers Report: Marianne stated we have had good contributions. Prudent reserve has not been touched. Made book and other orders. Insurance is prepaid in insurance fund. Clarification about prudent reserve and grapevine structure. Motion to approve by Rhea and 2nd by Joel. Approved.
- b. Activities Report: Rockin Recovery Fellowship. Work out date that will not conflict with other meetings. Forward the flyer for posting on the website. Maybe at the coffee farm. But not getting replies in venue. Everyone seems to be really excited we have a lot of great talent.
- c. Office Report: Rachel; open volunteer position Wednesday afternoons. Orders placed. All is to be current for change of management.
- d. Tele-service Report Ches everything going well. Need a couple volunteers, call 896-8495. Get info out to your groups. 12th step call in the hospital, 3 members were 12th stepping a slipped alcoholic just like the Bill and Bob photo. Rachel has been a wonderful support.
- e. Vice-Chair Report: Chappy placed and employment page on website. 1100 hits on website. For meeting schedules, mostly. Based upon the details of web search. Activities page is up. All activities and caravans are listed on web. Please call or email at webmaster@westhawaiiiaa.org. for any postings or information.
- f. Chair Report: Bob. On our toes getting the information out about open position. Busy period. Meeting with members talking about the By-Laws. Looking forward to moving forward.

V. Old Business:

a. By-Laws (Please make copies from Web site www.westhawaiiiaa.org) Proposal was read from Aloha Mana by Chappy. Proposal from KKAA read by Bruce. Discussion. Joel stated, that the sentiment is the basically same.

b. Joel read statement from group. Discussion. Joel made the motion that:

“The Intergroup Steering Committee officers shall serve for two years, or until their successors are duly elected.” Be replaced with:

“The Intergroup Steering Committee officers shall serve for two years, or until their successors are duly elected. No officer shall be eligible for re-election for two consecutive full terms in the same position. Any member of A.A. may stand for a position provided that the person shall meet the minimum requirements for the position.”

Rhia seconded the Motion. Motion was read again. Vote Called: 19 to 1; with 1 Abstention. Jeff M. expressed the minority opinion. No vote changed. Motion Passed. All represented groups need to be able to vote on the change.

- c. Motion made to vote (the groups consciences) by next month by Joel and 2nd by Rhia. 6 to 12 against. Motion failed. Chris C. made motion for Vote to be concluded at October Meeting Second by Joel. Note: 2 voting members left the meeting. Vote was unanimous at 19.

VI. New Business

- a. Bruce W. was introduced as Temporary Appointment to Position of Corresponding Secretary. Read the position. From the bylaws. Bruce stated his Qualifications. Motion made to confirm by Jeff and 2nd by Joel. Bruce abstained 20 in favor. Bruce confirmed.
- b. Resignation of our wonderful Office Manager – Rachel. We will miss you.
- c. Office Manager flyer. Copies distributed to members. Deadline to apply on the 26th.

VII. Group Reports:

Ed of Men of Maluhia; Talked of crosstalk problems in the meeting, tightened up rules making meetings safer for those who attend.

Ellen of Waimea Winners; Looking to do a special get together spaghetti dinner will have more information later.

Linda of Mana of the Roundtable; has a good number of visitors, meetings in the morning have a lot of newcomers, we have a strong core group.

Paul of Aloha Mana; Invited fellow group members to see what is going on at the intergroup business meeting, Aloha Mana meetings are sporadic and sparse, especially on the weekends.

Vera of Happy, Joyous, & Free; St Luke's Church, going great 15 to 20 people, caravan for potluck meeting and a raffle, starts at 6 for potluck, then meeting at 7

Paul of KKAA. Meetings are doing well & strong. Pancake breakfast on August 20th.

Maggie of Hanalo Women's Group; thinking of changing their location from Yano Hall it is too noisy, will hold naming after locating new meeting place.

Bart of Torchlight Group; We are sometimes getting quite a few people, getting visitors of 5 to 10, toning down the crosstalk. Open group. We know what our primary purpose is, Torchlight meetings will be at Spencer Beach during the Aloha Mana Campout.

Joel of Rebellion Dogs; attendance of 15, need a prudent reserve, were sending GSR also, but decided not to until they have a prudent reserve in place, closed men's group.

Pat of Hana Like; Holding 19 meeting a week, 7 pm Sunday book study may be in the works also a Halloween party, and have a GSR travel fund.

Jeff of Waikoloa Night Owls; 18-25 in attendance, doing well.

Marianne of Hapuna Beachcombers; Over 20 have been in attendance on the grass.

Mike of Daily Reprieve; doing well at the hospital.

Rhia of Mauka Wahines; membership is back up after the move.

Sam of Nooner's. 12 - 40 at 7 meeting per week. Sending GSR to Area.

VIII. Announcements:

- IX. Adjournment: 7:05PM Closing Prayer: *I am responsible when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help...I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that.. I am responsible.*

Attachment #1

Aloha Mana Group Of A.A., District 8

At the Business Meeting of Aloha Mana, Sunday, May 29, 2011, A motion was made, seconded, and voted upon. The votes was 4 to 1. The Minority opinion was not shared.

The motion as submitted to the West Hawaii District 8 inter group is as follows:

Motion: Removal of Exclusivity in Elections

Problem: Bill and Bob, our founding fathers, established an unwritten practice that the Spirit of Rotation serves best for the service committees of A.A. It has been a practice in Area 17 and District 8, that the Chairs of Service Committees and Officers shall be two years and rotation to take place. Intergroup chose to disregard this practice. One person was denied to stand for a position because they made a late request for the position after the close of the Nominations. However, this person was asked to stand for another open position.

Our trusted servants are not indispensable. Inclusivity allows all to stand. Proposal to add to the By-laws:

The Intergroup Steering Committee officers shall serve for two years or until their successors are duly elected. No officer shall be eligible for re-election for two consecutive full terms in the same position. Any member of A.A. may stand for a position provided that the person shall meet the minimum requirements for the position.

Respectfully submitted,

Aloha Mana Group of A.A.
District 8
Area 17

Attachment #2

Proposed changes to the West Hawaii Intergroup By-Laws from the Kailua-Kona Group of Alcoholics Anonymous (KKAAs).

In section III Steering Committee

Delete the line that presently reads: The steering committee officers shall serve for two years, or until their successors are duly elected.

Insert in its place the following: The steering committee officers shall serve for two years. In the spirit of rotation steering committee officers shall not be elected to serve consecutive terms in the same position, however their service may continue past the two year term until a successor to the position is duly elected.

In the next paragraph, delete the sentences that read: Nomination of officers shall be closed at the October Intergroup meeting preceding the next election meeting. Election of officers shall be held every even year, in the month of November, and the elected Officers shall take office on January 1.

Insert in their place: Election of officers shall be held every even year, in the month of November, and the elected officers shall take office the following January 1. Nominations for office may be proposed to the steering committee up to and including the election meeting in November.