

Central Service Committee Meeting

United Memorial Church

Young Street, Halifax

13-03-05

1. **Welcome and Open:** Meeting opened by Chair George M at 7:02 p.m. with a few moments silence followed by the Serenity Prayer; all were welcomed to the March CSC meeting.
2. **Twelve Traditions:** The Twelve Traditions were read by Craig M, Back to Basics Group
3. **Roll Call:** The sign-in sheet circulated the room while roll call took place, the following people were present:
George M. Chair CSC; Foster L Co-Chair; Bill P Treasurer; Paula D Secretary Fresh Start Group; Samaira G Phone Chair; David T West End Step; Bruce B Atlantic Group; Anne P Living in the Solution; Betty C Mutual Group; Christopher H Back to Basics; Craig M Back to Basics; Jamie Q Four Seasons; Coleen H Bedford Group; Karen G Downtown Dartmouth Group; Darla W Timberlea Group; Arlene P. Cole Harbour Group; Zeta B Colby Village Big Book; Ron I St. Margaret's Bay Group; Brenda B Cole Harbour Group; Garth M Sunrise Group; Niall S Acceptance Group; Fred D St. Margaret's Bay Group; Jim E Cole Harbour Group; Mary Lou C Mutual Group; David C West End Step; Elaine B Mutual; Judee Johnson 2nd Chance group;
4. **7th Tradition:** \$38.20 Collected, taken by Bill P.
5. **Minutes from previous meeting:** Recommended for approval by Samaira G - Approved

6. Reports:

Secretary: Paula D reported not much to tell. All is well. Any questions e-mail at secretary.aahalifax@gmail.com

Recommended for approval by Judee J - Approved

Treasurer: Bill P. Opening Balance \$2893.32, Credits \$1,451.17, cheques cleared \$281.55, bank total \$4062.94, cheques outstanding \$203.42, Operating balance \$3859.52, Prudent Reserve \$2167.86, Total Available funds \$6027.38

Recommended for approval by Bruce B - Approved

Chair: Central Service Committee Chair Report

Greetings Folks,

In Feb. I met, either in person or electronically, with Foster, Bill, Paula and Chris - I am continuing to develop, with the executive and others, a go forward plan to present Central Service and our website as a one-stop shop for folks across the Districts and the Area. That is, a one stop shop for District and Area contacts, for events, a link for archived minutes and documents and links to other jurisdictions including GSO.

I attended the District 2 GSR meeting and popped into the District 1 GSR meeting but apologized to Tom because I had to leave but left my CS report with him. I had further discussions with Barry H, Tom R., Tim M. and Marilyn R and they are all on board with helping us to further develop our website. I attended our wonderful mid-winter round-up and enjoyed it immensely.

Please connect with me if you have comments, questions and suggestions for me as your Chair.

Yours in Service

George M.

Recommended for approval by _____ - Approved

Co-Chair: Just starting out not much to report. He is looking forward to the rest of the year. Thank you. Recommended for approval by Jamie – Approved.

Committees:

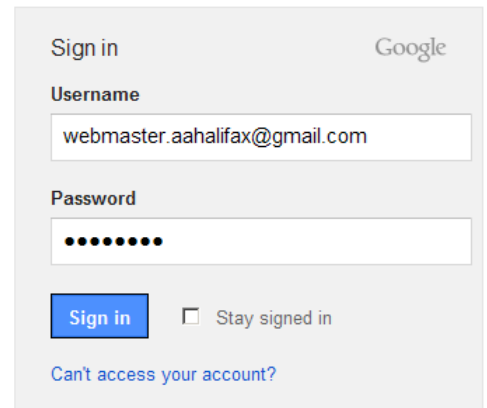
Newsletter: George reported on a great job by Coleen. He loved the changes to the newsletter this month. Coleen reported it was time consuming. She is still worried about doing something wrong. She thanked Chris for his help. She got to meet Marilyn R and got a lot of information and tips from her. She knows now not to assume. Recommended for approval by Craig M – Approved.

Webmaster/Website/E-mail: I'll try to keep the minutes as short as I can 😊

1. **Help emails:** Two emails were received in February and each was handled in an expedient manner, with one member being contacted offline to discuss getting family members involved in AA. Nothing else to report.

2. **Service Email Accounts:** All Central and General Service members now have a "Service" Account that will act as Service identity on the AA Halifax/Dartmouth website as well as Newsletters. It is very likely that you will receive correspondence in this manner so these positional emails will require monitoring. The Website Administrator can set it up to auto forward to your home account if you are comfortable with that otherwise you will need to monitor your email periodically by clicking

<https://accounts.google.com/Login> and signing in using the username in Annex A and the password that the Website Administrator has set up for you. After logging in you can then access your email by clicking the "GMAIL" tab at the top. To obtain your password please send an email to Webmaster.AAHalifax@gmail.com requesting same.



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3. **Contact List:** A contact list was developed last month with the **purpose of facilitating communication between service members**. It has started to be populated with contact information for Service members from Central and General Service and other District contacts. The information contained in the list is **Service position, first name and last initial, service email, personal email (if permission has been granted by member) and personal telephone number (if permission has been granted by member)**. The list **is protected** and at this time can only be accessed by CSC members going to <http://www.aahalifax.org>, clicking on “Contact List (CSC only at this time)” under the “General Information” menu then using their Service Account login to access the document. The document is therefore password protected and your information is secure. If you are a Service member who would like access to this document please email Webmaster.AAHalifax@gmail.com with your request and it will be further discussed at the next CS Meeting.

4. **New Online Calendars/Schedules:** Dynamic E-calendars and schedules have now been created to keep everyone apprised on the current and changing situation for the following Service functions. Refer to these calendars and schedules if you are wondering what meetings are taking place this week, which group has the phone this weekend, who has detox this week or what is happening in Your AA Community this month:

- a. Meeting List Calendar;
- b. Events Calendar;
- c. Weekend Phone Schedule;
- d. Detox Schedule; and
- e. Forensic Hospital Schedule.

General Information
Central and General Service Meeting Minutes
Daily Reflections
Meeting List
Newsletter
Events Information and Schedule
Weekend Phone Schedule
Detox Schedule
Forensic Hospital Schedule
Mid-Winter Roundup 2013
2013 Area 82 Assembly & Roundup
Central Service Guidelines
AA Meetings in North America
Frequently Asked Questions
Contact List (CSC only at this time)

March 2013						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	1	Meetings on Wednesday Keep It Simple Group — O.D. ▼ Wednesday 12PM-1PM Club 24, 3 Dundas Street, Dartmouth		
17	18	19	2	Downtown Halifax Group — C.D. Wednesday 1PM-2PM St. Mathews Church, 1479 Barrington Street, Halifax * South entrance down the steps *		
24	25	26	2	New Beginnings Meeting — O.D. Wednesday 7PM-8PM New Beginnings Ministry Church, 26 Cherry Brook Road, Cherry Brook * Cherry Brook, directly behind the Black Cultural Centre *		
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5. **E-Mailing list:** Central Service is going to trial using an electronic information service to distribute various information relating to AA such as a convenient link to the monthly Central and General Service Minutes, Monthly Newsletter and upcoming events, anything really. This will help us quickly push any new or changed information to Our Fellowship. The intention is to send the E-Mailing list bi weekly, once with the Newsletter as its main article and second with the General and Central Service minutes as its main articles. To use this service though you need to subscribe! To do so, go to <http://www.aahalifax.org>, look at the top right corner for the image below and enter the information required. You will receive a confirmation email to let you know that you are all set up. Too easy – so sign up!

Subscribe to our E-Mailing List

To subscribe to our E-Mailing List simply add your email below. A confirmation email will be sent to you!

First name
Last Initial
Email

Annex A: Central and General Service “Service” emails

Central Service Executive

Title	Name	AA Halifax Email
Chair	George M	Chair.AAHalifax@gmail.com
Co Chair	Foster L	Cochair.AAHalifax@gmail.com
Treasurer	Bill P	Treasurer.AAHalifax@gmail.com
Secretary	Paula D	Secretary.AAHalifax@gmail.com

Central Service Committees

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Newsletter	Coleen H	Newsletter.AAHalifax@gmail.com
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Alt Literature	Karen G	Literature.AAHalifax@gmail.com
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Website Admin	Christopher H	Webmaster.AAHalifax@gmail.com
Email Coordinator	Christopher H	Help.AAHalifax@gmail.com
Events Call/E-News	Brenda B	Events.AAHalifax@gmail.com
Hospital Visitation	Betty C.	HospitalVisitationAAHalifax@gmail.com
Hospital Visitation	Co-Chair	HospitalVisitationAAHalifax@gmail.com

Districts 1 & 2 Committee

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Alt DCM 2	Bob R	DCM2.AAHalifax@gmail.com
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CPC	Earlene R.	CPC.AAHalifax@gmail.com

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Corrections

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Maria R.

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Corrections.AAHalifax@gmail.com

Recommended for approval by Niall – Approved.

Hospital: Betty advised many were visited over February. A lot were men so she was thankful for help from Wade. Tony was in the hospital from the candle light group but she did not know his last name. By the time she found it he was out. She thanked Mary Lou for her help. She also thanked Chris for his help.
Recommended for approval by Arlene – Approved.

Telephone: Samaira said phone is going well. She has received all the suggestions for the 12 step call list and will make the changes and have the pamphlets for the next CSR meeting in April. She advised the list is just for people doing the calls. She has updated a new AA logo on it. It is the original logo. It was asked if a doctor's office calls and needs a 12 step call done would it be taken. Samaira advised it would not be any different than any other call and yes it will be taken.
Recommended for approval by Betty – Approved.

Mid-Winter Round-up: Mid-Winter Round-up: Bill P. reported they are continuing to tie up loose ends for the next committee to take over. There were 440 people in attendance at the Roundup, and 106 people attended the banquet. The numbers were down about 100 from last year. They broke even. \$500.00 remains in the bank account. They have the \$1500.00 to repay CS. Speakers were a big hit. There were enough volunteers. Entertainment was a big hit. Had a fantastic committee it all went very well. Election of new chair has been done and Murdo M. has been elected for next year's Chair. It was recommended that next year there be a list for marathon meetings as nobody knew what was going on with them. It was advised that it is on the list for next year.
Recommended for approval by Ron I – Approved.

Entertainment:

By: Brenda Bruce, Entertainment Chair

February 27, 2013- Approximately five people came to the **Family Skate at the Oval**. A good time was had by all. One member was visiting from Cape Breton and had read about the skating event on the website.

Upcoming Events – March 10 and April 14 is the **Pot Luck Bowling**.

Brenda (Chair) and Ron (co-chair) and others have been discussing ideas for future entertainment activities! Recommended for approval by Zeta – Approved.

Literature – Jamie reported Opening balance \$2119.73, Credits \$1251.85, debits \$997.52, Bank total \$2374.06

1. Grape vine orders for books, there is some price difference of the books that are ordered from the web site to the actual price we are being charged. I will talk to Web manager to have a disclaimer put on the literature order form.

2. Round up went great, sold over \$1000.00 in books. There seems to be more interest in books that are not seen a lot, i.e. grapevine books, so will try and have more of them on hand for next time.
3. Karen and Jamie will start displaying books we hold at the next CS meeting, this will enable CSR's and hopefully their groups' literature reps to see and place orders at the meeting.
4. Spoke with the bank and our accounts will become community accounts and we will be paid back for the last 2 months of service charges and will get 30 transactions (withdrawals and deposits) per month.
5. There were many people at the Round up that were very disappointed that they were not able to purchase Medallions for themselves and their groups. Karen and I under the literature hat will work with the CS executive over the next month to come up with a proposal to sell medallions to Area 82. Jamie Q. Recommended for approval by Arlene – Approved.

District 1: Fred advised not much to report. He advised he will be attending all groups in District 1. Recommended for approval by Samaira – Approved.

District 2: Had a great meeting last week at our District with all GSRs. Our secretary, Sandy, suffered a terrible loss last week and I would ask that you keep her in your prayers as she is in ours. We have been asked by Tim M to pass along information regarding the Service Weekend this year. He is looking for agenda items; we have all the GSRs in District 2 going back to their home group to get information. Sunrise group in Dartmouth will be hosting a workshop on Treatment: Tuesday March 5th at 8:30pm. They will be holding a regular meeting along with the workshop in another room. Alex L – Treatment Chair will be taking care of this and it will be very informative. A fair number of members had the chance to attend the round up and everyone had a great time. Job well done Round up committee. All is well in District 2. Yours in service, Barry Hayes DCM District 2. Recommended for approval by Anna – Approved.

Other: No report

7. **Old Business:**

- a) Secretary Member Reports – Please email Secretary Paula D with all your reports from tonight. Email them to secretary.aahalifax@gmail.com
- b) Fred and Garth asked for anyone interested in being a co-chair for the phone committee. No takers. Will do it again in April.
- c) Elimination of bank charges will be followed up by Foster.

8. **New Business**

- a) Jamie has a recommendation for medallions for selling them through the literature committee for CSR for Districts 1 and 2 as well as Area. He is looking more into it and he and Karen will put the recommendation through next month. He asked that we bring it to the different groups to see what they think about it.
- b) Telephone committee Survey requested. Do we want to keep the AA phones as is or do we want to have it with NFLD as a 1 800 #. Asking to please fill

out a survey on our website. Deadline is March 31st, 2013. Link
www.surveymonkey.com

- c) A motion was made by Foster to have the start up funds for the Mid Winter Roundup to remain with the committee instead of going back and forth from the treasurer to the committee. It was 2nd by Jamie – Moved. It was suggested by Arlene to put a footnote on the bottom of the budget noting that the \$1500.00 remains with the committee.

9. Announcements from Groups

- Mary Lou – Mutual group announced they are celebrating 56 Years Friday, March 15th at 8pm at the United Memorial Church Young Street, Halifax. They will also have 4 birthdays as well.
- There is a new meeting in town. Circle of Friends – A big book solution group. Meetings are Saturday evenings at 7:30pm at the Dartmouth North Community Centre, 105 Highfield Park.
- Cole Harbour BB Study Group will be celebrating their 24th Anniversary on Monday March 4th. Also Arlene will be celebrating 20 years of sobriety.
- Fresh Start Group in Sackville will be celebrating 30 Years on Mar. 27, 8:30 p.m.

10. Next meeting

2013-04-02

11. Adjournment with Responsibility Pledge

Motion for Adjournment by Arlene at 9:10pm.