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CENTRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
St. Mark's Church, 5522 Russell Street, Halifax

August 6, 2019

Welcome and Open: Meeting opened by Bill P at 7:00 pm with a few moments of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Call for Items to be added to the agenda:

- elections: Entertainment co-chair
- Discussion on Intergroup trip to Arizona

Twelve Traditions: The Twelve Traditions were read by Eric L.

ROLL CALL:

Executive	Committees	CSR	CSR	Observers
Bill P - Chair	Michael A - Help Email chair; CSR Keep it Simple	Dave R - CSR Living in the Solution	Eric L - CSR Four Seasons	Steve A - DCM Dist 1, alt CSR Back to Basics
Michael H - co-chair	Allison M - chair Hospital Visitation	Garnett E - CSR Fresh Start	Murdo M - alt CSR Highland Park	Blair A - alt DCM Dist 2
Bruce B - Treasurer	Stephanie J - chair Treatment	Betty L - alt CSR Colby Village	Gilles D - CSR Second Chance	Bert J - chair Toronto Intergroup
Emily S - Secretary	Leah C - chair Public Information	Mark - CSR Downtown Dartmouth	Carol-Anne D - alt CSR Back to Basics	
	Troy S - Corrections chair	Mark T - CSR Cole Harbour	Lynn M - CSR New Hope	
	Cathy M - Literature chair	Milton B - CSR Eye Opener	Doug P - CSR We Agnostics	
	Heather C - chair CPC	Curtis F - CSR Sunrise		
		Teddy A - CSR Lions Den		

7th Tradition: \$ 22.90 Collected by Bruce B.

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Bruce B and seconded by Milton B. All in favour. Motion passed.

Minutes Approved from Previous Meeting: Motion to approve the minutes. Motion made by Troy S and seconded by Milton B. Adopted unanimously, no errors or omissions.

REPORTS

Secretary:

It was a quiet month for secretarial duties. I asked for advice from a member experienced in service on how to address last month's aborted discussion on forensics in the minutes, as the discussion occurred after the chair decided the discussion should be tabled until this month. It was suggested that I leave the discussion comments out of the minutes until an official discussion took place, but that it be noted that an unofficial discussion took place. I had a great time at the camp out this past weekend - thank you to the entertainment committee and everyone who took part. Emily

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Treasurer:

Opening balance: \$7453.67

Closing balance: \$4931.94

Debits: \$2791.23

Credits: \$268.43

Prudent account: \$ 4891.34 Literature: \$1463.27 VISA/Debit: \$281.37

Co-chair:

This month was rich in sobriety. I was able to participate in the annual AA Golf fun ball tournament. There were approximately 24 members that attended. Fun was had by all.

Hope everyone had a beautiful July,

Yours in service, Michael H.

Chair:

1. We are in the quiet of the summer months. In July on behalf of Central Service I reported to the District 1 and 2 meetings. I attended the Workshop in July put on by District 1.
2. With the Service weekend there was no meeting of the Public Information meeting.
3. I attended the meeting of the Mid Winter Round Up.
4. The Chair Elect in September is registered with the Intergroup Seminar at the end of September and a room is booked for the three nights. This is all in US dollars and this will about to close to \$500. The air flight will have to be booked once the election takes place.
5. I would encourage all groups to the virtues of the Mid Winter Round Up in light of the new members who are making themselves felt at meetings.

Best Regards in Service

Bill P

CPC:

Good Morning, CPC report for July, We met on July 20th at North Woodside Community Centre. We had a request from Debi Noye the new Peer supporter with addictions to support peers and patients, met with her in July to see what service the committee could do for her and what she was looking for, This was a great experience for now she is looking at more of bridging the gap, she now knows what is available to her from our program, she was very interested in what we do and have to offer. Foster sent an email to Halifax Labour with no response, he will be following up with other labor organizations. There will be no CPC meeting this month as there is nothing to discuss. Next meeting will be September 21st. Yours in Service Heather

Q - What group is Debi affiliated with?

A - She is taking a new position with Addictions and Detox. This could be a good contact for us in the future. Both PI and CPC met with her.

Corrections:

It has been a steady month of meetings during the month of July at the Correctional Facility. There were a couple of instances where due to circumstances beyond control, last minute replacements were required to fill in for the scheduled chairs. Some members have stepped up and have offered to be at the ready as last minute replacement for any future instances.

The schedule through September 25th has been shared amongst the committee members. I am pleased to say all dates have been filled with members offering to be "backups" if required. Some members are returning to the roster following a scheduled summer hiatus. Newest members have been cycled through the schedule and all are working out well.

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A message forwarded through the CPC Committee was forwarded to the Corrections Committee from the new Addictions Clinician at the facility requesting literature for a new member who is an AA member. We were immediately able to accommodate the request by directing her to literature that is kept as extra inventory in a secure area. She was grateful for the timely response and ability to fulfil the request.

We are continuing to discuss with Facility officials and other Districts within Area 82 (and other Districts/Areas) the development of a Pre-release service, or what is referred to in the AA Corrections Workbook as a Bridging the Gap service. Past experience has shown that attending an AA meeting on release day is one of the most effective and vital tools for an inmate to transition and maintain sobriety "on the outside". As a result of the Nova Scotia Service Weekend and follow up contact with other District Corrections Chairs, a working draft proposal is being compiled and shared for joint submission.

Finally, I have been in contact with the coordinators of the 3rd Annual Corrections Conference being held in Houston, TX in November. It is anticipated 400 AA Members involved in corrections will share experience, exchange information and hear from trusted servants throughout the fellowship. This fits in nicely with a pre-planned trip to South America and I wish to attend as a representative for our Central Service. No stipend is being requested.

Yours in service, Troy S

Comment: Good job! Very impressed with all the Central Service committee presentations at the General Service weekend.

Entertainment:

The AA Campout went well.

We had around 32 Adults and 8 children for Friday night, plus another ten or so that just came up for the Day.

Saturday we had 39 Adults and 13 children, plus another 25 or so that just came up for the day and the Pot Luck Supper.

By Sunday evening there were only nine of us left.

The weekend itinerary was well received with participants all the way through. The highlights were the Pot Luck Supper & Sat. Night Campfire Meeting.

The people who came just for the day were not charged anything since we were not charged for them.

The next event will be the Halloween Dance. Flyers and tickets will be out by Sept. for that event.

A big thank you to the committee members and volunteers who worked really hard to make this activity fun for all.

Here is the updated report on Dollar Lake. (Ticket selling is important, so thank you to those people who did).

Prudent reserve = \$ 450.00

Gas - Site check = \$ 20.00 (Prior to event)

Committee Printing expense (Ink Cartridge)-Prior to event = \$ 47.10

\$ 450.00 - \$ 67.10 = \$ 382.90

Camping Event Costs:

Starting prudent Reserve = \$ 382.90

Camp site rental costs = \$ 251.20

Groceries = \$ 112.97

Taxi costs = \$ 20.00

Supplies (plates, forks, knives, spoons, propane canisters, etc),= \$ 108.19

Ice & Firewood = \$ 20.50

Photocopies = \$ 11.45

Gas & car expenses = \$ 57.49

Total Expenses = \$ 581.80

Ticket Sales = \$ 390.00

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7th Tradition Contributions (Includes tickets bought for others to go) = \$ 136.00
Total revenue = \$ 526.00

Event Costs = \$ 581.80 - 526.00 = (-\$55.80)

Prudent reserve = \$ 382.90 - 55.80 = \$327.10 Now in prudent reserve.

We did not take a 7th at the supper.

We had a shortfall of \$ 55.80

In service, Shawn M.

Help Email:

Good evening friends, July was a very busy month.

1. A 37 Year old mother who needs to stop drinking. Cole Harbour, Dart. Gave a copy of the meeting list.
 - A. Meeting types.
 - B. Women's meeting.
2. Yvette Gagnon – Founder Comforting Companions Care Providers, wanted to know if she can attend meeting with an AA client. Gave a copy of the meeting list. Explained Open meetings, but also explained that she would not be shut out for being there to provide care. (may offer another room for you). Also explained the role of Hospital Visitation Committee and their role, and gave her the email address.
3. A Jonathan W called wanting help. Wanted to know about meeting and how do I sign up. Gave him meeting list. Explained Meeting Types.
4. A Tara C called in wanting help. Beginner and wanted to know how to start, where to start? – Explained the importance of getting to meeting. Gave her explanation of Meeting Types.
5. Mandy called needing support never attended meeting and lives in Bedford. Gave Mandy a copy of the meeting list. Explained the Bedford groups and wells as women's groups.
6. Young lady emailed regarding her twin sister in a rehab center in NS (Great West Life) agreed to pay, but when she arrived refused. Wanted advice. Sent to Corrections for advice and awaiting reply from Central Service. Co-Chair explained Tradition 6. Outside issue.
7. I am the GSR from the Berwick Group in District 3. We are determining if a phone answering service is possible rather than a cell phone to have someone carry. The voicemail would direct them to the web page or someone would get back to them if they leave a number. Can anyone help? – Explained should speak to DCM or Central Service.

Yours in Service,
Michael A. Help Email Coordinator

Comment: There are often interpreters for hearing impaired members welcomed into meetings.

Hospital Visitation:

It continues to be quiet for hospital visitation in terms of visits but not volunteers. We continue to have lots of people show interest. As mentioned during the last meeting, if there are members who are at home and cannot get to meetings due to health issues, we also have members willing to visit.

One ask I do have is to ensure any requests for hospital visits are confirmed to be for AA members. If it is a 12 step call, this needs to be identified.

Allison

Comment: Perhaps we can send the help email inquiry from Comforting Companions to Allison?

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Literature:

Literature report, July 31, 2019

Inventory on hand:	\$9592.10
Credit Union Account:	\$1463.27
Scotia Bank Account:	\$281.38
Total Assets:	\$11,420.65
Purchases for the month:	\$2389.59
Sales for the month:	\$2280.00

Inventory is broken down as follows:

AA Books:	\$2749.00
AA pamphlets and booklets:	\$3770.10
Grapevine books and materials:	\$3073.00
Total:	\$9592.10

We attended the Nova Scotia service weekend and District 6 Round up. Store Hours will be 11:00 AM - 1:00 pm Saturday August 10. I do have a break down and numbers on how many I have of each item. We have an outstanding order for one of the Sackville groups. I will ask committees to start thinking about the upcoming Round Up and book requirements for next year. I discovered that we can only order the free pamphlets in groups of 200 at a time. We had previously ordered 1000 at a time and did not realize that we did not receive that number. Now is the time for groups to get your pamphlets because we have lots in stock right now.

I'm going to suggest that the central service body make a decision at some point in the future to cap the inventory at a certain number.

Upcoming store days will be Sept 7, Oct 5, Nov 2 and Dec 7.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy M, Literature chair

Q - Is the grapevine literature moving well?

A - At events like round ups, about 50% of the books sold are Grapevine books.

Comment - An inventory of \$10,000 seems very high when we're selling about \$2700 per month. Should we consider a fire sale and offer literature to groups at a reduced rate to get rid of some of this stock?

CS chair: Over the years we have not examined the inventory closely. In January I had a good look at operations. Our goal this year is to examine how the inventory is moving, try the bookstore and make some sound decisions moving forward. The current inventory is in line with what we have had in stock in the past several years. The literature committee offers a service but also operates as a very small business. Some books and pamphlets move very quickly and others sit around.

Comment: I suggest that the co-chair take on the task of working closely with the literature chair to do a thorough inventory, like a 4th step, and decide what needs to go.

Q - How is the store working so far? A - We had one person visit in June and nobody in July. I will continue to operate the store as long as necessary.

Q - Will you set up at Bedford/Sackville AA day? A - Yes.

Bluenose Bulletin:

(Kelly:) I am unable to attend tonight's meeting as I am in PEI exploring all that is Anne of Green Gables with my granddaughter.

This month the bulletin has several announcements for various activities in and around HRM including camping and the Annual Courage Round-Up.

When submitting notices to the bulletin please provide as much information as possible. For birthdays please ensure you provide the first and last initial of the celebrant, years celebrating, meeting date and name of group.

A reminder that the cut off for announcements is the 25th of the month.

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*Please note there are some problems in the meeting list with incorrect times - this will be fixed in the next day or two.

Yours in service,

Kelly and Eric

Mid-Winter Round Up:

Well our last meeting was July 14 and had a great turn out. All but one position has been filled and were sure it will be filled at our next meeting. Our team for the MWRU are as follows.

Chair Bruce B
Co Chair Doug M
Secretary Bill P
Public Info Troy S
Program Chair Heather L
Program Co 1 Judy H
Program Co 2 Alex C.
Registration Chair Alan M
Reg Co 1 Rick G
Reg Co 2 Tanya T
Hospitality Chair Ashley C
Hospitality Co Mark B
Entertainment Chair Peter J

Hotel Contract has been signed sealed and delivered. Our theme this year is How it works, and we now have our Speakers Friday Opening Judy H from Halifax, Sat BQ Doug M from Georgia & Sunday Spiritual Christa B from Maryland

The website and pay pal are set up.

A flyer is being prepared and should be up on the website soon and will be ready for the Area Assembly.

Yours in Service

Bruce B

Comment - an Early Bird version of the flyer is now available and will go out shortly via email.

Public Information: Good evening everyone, I attended the NS Service weekend last month and set up a booth with the CPC Committee which was well received. We had many members come over and look at our display, and ask questions. It was a great opportunity to get to know other PI chairs and exchange ideas with the different Districts. On Saturday Night all of the committees from the Districts across Nova Scotia met to report on what they are doing to carry the message. It was informative. There will be a forum set up in August on the Area 82 website for the chairs of the committees throughout Area 82 to communicate. Our committee was asked by Adsum House to put on a presentation about AA on July 16. It was a wonderful experience. There was 3 members of our committee attend along with the PI Chair from District 17 who we invited to join us. There were 8 ladies from the house which attended and they asked lots of questions about AA. We brought them lots of pamphlets, grapevines and also gave them a Big Book for the house. They were extremely happy to have us there. I got an email from the new Peer Support Worker for the Inpatient Addictions Management Unit at the Nova Scotia Hospital on July 15, and she wanted to meet with myself and Heather, CPC Chair. Her job will be to support patients as they transition back to their homes/community after the Detox Program and she wanted to be able to provide information about AA to patients. It was an amazing meeting and we gave her lots of pamphlets and information. As this is a new position created we are hoping that in the future we can continue to be of assistance. As I reported last month there were over 20 new medical clinics that were willing to allow us to place our pamphlets in their offices. We were looking for volunteers to help with deliveries. I wanted to report that we have had some members step up to help with that. Also Back to Basics and Downtown Dartmouth Groups are willing to take another clinic to continue to stock with pamphlets on a regular basis. We ask that any group who does not now have a medical clinic that they supply pamphlets to and would like to help out to see me after the meeting or contact me at anytime and we will set you up with one. We did not had a PI meeting for the month of July or August, and will have our next meeting on September 7, 2019. Yours in service, Leah C.

Telephone:

Good Evening everyone

I hope you are all well. I'm sorry I won't be at the meeting tonight.

I'm very pleased with the phone service and all the help I have.

It's a great way to assist those who want help with their drinking problem.

Thanks again and take care.

Phone Chair
Sharman M

Treatment:

Detox

Meetings have been continuing at detox as scheduled and it is great appreciated to see the groups that are stepping up to the plate to ensure they are continued. Welcome to the Serenity Sisters who have replaced a group unable to continue with the meetings at detox. If your group is currently not participating in bringing AA meetings to Detox on Thursday and Sunday evenings, please contact Stephanie J., chair of Treatment to be added to the list of groups for scheduling.

Forensics

As mentioned in the Blue Nose Bulletin over the last couple of months, Forensics is in dire need of volunteers to continue with meetings held each Friday night at 8:00 pm. A more updated report on the activity of Forensics will be given at the CSR meeting in September. *Note - there are now just two members on each of the five teams.

Marguerite Center

Attendance of members to the Marguerite Center has been outstanding. I am pleased to report, the list of volunteers for this important meeting held every first Wednesday of the each month is increasing and everyone who has attending a meeting at the Center have thoroughly enjoyed it as the ladies who are currently staying at the Center.

Yours gratefully in service, Stephanie J.

Q - If people want to volunteer for forensics how should they contact you? I emailed the treatment email and received no response.

Q - Does Tom do the scheduling? Does he have access to the email account? Should people contact you directly?

A - Yes, contact me. I will have another look at the email account.

Q - How many groups put on meetings at detox?

A - 17.

Q - The Sunrise group is on the list but has not been called up to put on a meeting for more than three months.

A - I will look into this.

Q - Is there an issue with the forensics meetings taking place on Friday nights?

A - I don't think the night of the week is the issue with lack of volunteers.

Comment - There is a transportation issue, as there is no bus transit available for these meetings.

Comment - It seems the main issue has been a communication issue.

Webmaster/Website:

We saw the usual pace for website maintenance and updates in July. These updates included uploads of the following documents:

- July Bluenose Bulletin and Meeting list;
- Bedford-Sackville AA Day flyer; and
- General and Central Service meeting minutes

Other tasks included contact information updates, email help and preparation of the draft Mid Winter Roundup page.

In closing, I would like to express gratitude to everyone who reached out this month to help keep the site both accurate and up to date.

Have a fantastic August! Yours in Service, Matt W.

Q - The provincial 2020 Round Up would like to have a page on the website.

A - CS chair: Traditionally there has been a page for this; please submit it to the webmaster.

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District 1:

Hello everyone, my name is Steve and I am an alcoholic. I have the privilege of working in A.A. general service with the groups in District 1, and to represent these groups on the Area Committee as their DCM. My home group is the Back to Basics Group in Halifax.

Selected Results from the 69th General Service Conference

The 69th General Service Conference, with Kirk S. participating as our Area 82 Delegate representative, took place from May 19th to 25th in New York City.

Kirk presented some of the results from the Conference in his report at the Nova Scotia Service Weekend in Truro in July (to view Kirk's written report, visit here). Now a publication entitled the 69th General Service Conference Electronic Interim Report is available from GSO (to download this report, visit here).

Today I would like to provide you with an appreciation of just a few of the 69th General Service Conference decisions.

First are two business items which were not approved.

The development of a fifth edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous was rejected by the General Service Conference (the vote was 54 for, and 78 against).

During the District 1 & 2 Pre-Conference Meeting on April 13th of this year, the local vote was 12 to 0, with 1 abstention, for going ahead with the development of a fifth edition of the Big Book.

The request to remove the "Alcoholism at Large" section from AA Grapevine was not approved by the Grapevine Conference Committee (that is, the Committee took no action), and the Conference as a whole "declined to consider" the matter.

At the District 1 & 2 Pre-Conference Meeting, the vote was 10 for keeping the "Alcoholism at Large" section, 1 for removing it, and 1 person abstained.

Next are three examples of Conference Advisory Actions which were passed at the Conference with substantial unanimity (that is, a two thirds majority or greater).

Video shorts will be produced by GSO based on current A.A. pamphlets.

The trustees' Committee on Public Information is to develop a plan to produce the video shorts based on current A.A. pamphlets that provide information about A.A. to the public. The trustees' committee is to report on their progress to the 2020 Conference Committee on Public Information. I suspect these video shorts will eventually be uploaded to the A.A.W.S.'s YouTube Channel, and also made available elsewhere.

This topic was not discussed at the Districts 1 & 2 Pre-Conference Meeting because it was not on the pre-circulated Conference agenda.

The wording of the last sentence in the section titled "How A.A. Members Maintain Sobriety" in the flyer "A.A. at a Glance" will be changed from:

Sobriety is maintained through sharing experience, strength and hope at group meetings and through the suggested Twelve Steps for recovery from alcoholism.

to:

Sobriety is maintained through sharing experience, strength and hope at group meetings and through the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, which are suggested as a program of recovery.

At the District 1 & 2 Pre-Conference Meeting, the vote was 14 to 0 in favour of making this change.

The theme for the 70th General Service Conference in 2020 is: "2020: A Clear Vision for You."

This is not to be confused with the theme for the 2020 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous in Detroit, which is "Love and Tolerance is our Code."

These are only five examples of the decisions which were made at the 69th General Service Conference. I encourage you to read the Electronic Interim Report for further information.

Respectfully submitted, peace and love in service,

Steve A.

District 2:

Good evening friends, my name is Shayne and I am an Alcoholic. Please forgive my absence this evening, I double booked myself by mistake and had to attend the other engagement. Blair A. is here on District 2's behalf.

District 2 held its July GSR meeting on the 21st of the month. It was very well attended and much discussion was had. The main topics on our agenda included a recap of the NS Service Weekend, our Grapevine Kit and whether or not the ADCM would be joining myself in Sydney this Fall for the Area Assembly. Trudy D. gave a brief recap on the Saturday night Sharing session involving service committees from all NS Districts, and Bill P. shared on Central Services last meeting. With 16 people in attendance the meeting lasted its usual 2 hours and in my opinion was very productive.

District 2 will be hosting a workshop on August 11, 2pm, at Club 2. Please join Blair A., as he and his guest share on the topic on Central Service. Its vital duties and how they differ from that of General Service.

The 2020 Provincial Round Up committee met on July 6. Due to the NS Service Weekend occurring at the same time, only a couple members were in attendance. The round up Treasurer has stepped down, leaving the position vacant. Those interested in serving on the committee can speak with Shawn M., Committee Chair, and attend the next Round Up meeting.

Hope everyone is enjoying the sunshine. See you in September.

Yours in Service

Shayne S.

Area 82:

No report at this time.

All Reports were motioned for approval by Eric L and Seconded by Michael A. All in favour. Motion carried.

ELECTIONS

Nominations:

Webmaster co-chair: none.

Entertainment co-chair: none.

OLD BUSINESS:

Forensics:

- As discussed earlier, it seems the issue is communication. If that is sorted out it could resolve other volunteer problems.
- Are there still five teams? We were under the impression that two of the teams were no longer operating; that is why they were not listed in the newsletter - in case they were non-existent.
- Tom S gave the Treatment chair a list recently showing all five teams in operation.
- The Treatment chair is prepared to do what it takes to sort everything out.
- Are meetings still occurring regularly at Forensics? - Yes, but we need more volunteers.
- If emails are sent to the treatment committee email which is listed on the website, do you receive them? - Yes.
- Emails have been sent to that account recently, but there was no response.
- The Bluenose bulletin speaks to groups - birthdays, detox meetings put on by groups, etc. It seems that to have teams is a different thing altogether. Maybe these team schedules should fall under notices rather than service schedules. Perhaps we can have a list of groups who will take on the responsibility to put on meetings as Forensics. When we took this back to our group, the Four Seasons group, and they were interested in putting meetings on at forensics.
- If there is a group who is interested we should not continue the discussion - they should be signed up as a team.
- There were no other groups who were able to put these meetings on. Transportation is often a problem.

As a temporary resolution let it be stated that Four Seasons group will make contact with the Treatment committee to discuss their involvement further.

NEW BUSINESS:

Topic: Central Service sending the incoming chair to the annual intergroup conference in Arizona.

- We don't feel this was taken back to the groups to be discussed properly before a decision was made - why are we sending the incoming chair when Bill is attending already? I researched flight tickets and they are \$900 each way currently. We haven't received even half of the projected donations for the year. If we had looked into this sooner we could have had much lower travel costs. A conference like this deals with areas which have a large intergroup office - we don't have an office.
- We have never seen an AA committee go broke; the fellowship always steps up to support and contribute.
- It was voted last year that the trip would occur in 2019 because we didn't send anyone in 2018.
- Just as District needs to gather information and experience from other districts, central service needs to learn from other areas as well. We have never done something like this before - it is time. The incoming chair can pass what is learned around this table during their two years as chair.
- CS chair: The discussion against this trip last year was around the approved budget, not taking into consideration the \$4000 surplus which the committee has been carrying for a few years. As former treasurer I know peak times of year for income are coming up: Sept, Nov and December. The cost of the trip will be approx \$1500 in transportation, and \$600 for the hotel. This conference will have attendees from both big cities with sophisticated intergroup offices, and also very small towns with operations quite like our own.
- Is this an annual conference? Are we planning on sending somebody every year? I don't understand why we are sending two representatives at a time. Why don't we budget to send someone next year? Bill is going anyway, so he can pass on the info to the incoming chair.
- Bill is going anyway as part of his vacation, so the committee is not sending two members, only one.
- We are not discussing sending someone every year, but it was voted that we would send someone in 2019.
- If we bring it back to our groups now to make another final decision, we will know on September 3 which is only two weeks from departure.

- CS chair: If we wish to discuss whether or not the previous vote will stand, the policy is to make a motion for reconsideration of the previous motion before any other action is taken. The original Motion to send the incoming co-chair of Central Service to Arizona was made by Murdo M on June 4 and seconded by Cathy M. The majority vote was in favour and the motion was passed.

Motion to reconsider the motion to send the incoming chair of central service to the September Intergroup conference. Made by Eric L. Seconded by Heather C.

Comments:

- I would still support the previous vote due to all the discussions made at this table previously supporting the decision, and the treasurer's assurance that this is viable.
- We can look at this as a positive that we have two people able to attend - there is more learning opportunity. This is a mature choice for us; this is the 21st century, it is time for us to get more involved than in the past.
- I really feel our groups should be more involved in decisions like these.
- The treasurer has collected \$1500 in donations during this meeting.

VOTE to reconsider:

10 in favour

11 opposed

0 abstentions

Motion failed.

Announcements from Groups :

- Pat M will be celebrating 45 years at the Fresh Start group the last Weds of the month
- In October Downtown Dartmouth meeting will be celebrating 70 years of continuous meetings (the longest running group in the province)
- There is a Round Up at the Rodd Hotel in Miramichi in October
- The September central service meeting will hold elections for the executive committee

Adjournment:

The next Central Service Meeting will be Tuesday, Sept 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm (St. Mark's Church).

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM with the Responsibility Pledge.

