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

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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:

- Resolution by the Four Seasons Group on service rotation.

Twelve Traditions: The Twelve Traditions were read by Rob A.

ROLL CALL:

Executive	Committees	CSR	CSR	Observers
Bill P - Chair	Michael A - Help Email chair	Garnett E - CSR Fresh Start	Eric L - CSR Four Seasons	Alex P - Fresh Start
Emily S - Secretary	Kelly D - Newsletter chair	Bobbie M - alt CSR West End Step	Gilles D - CSR Second Chance	Jessica M - Second chance GSR
Bruce B - Treasurer	Shawn M - Entertainment chair	Lynn M - CSR New Hope	Pam F - CSR - Downtown Dartmouth	Steve A - DCM Dist 1
	Mike M - co-chair PI	Tim D - CSR Hubbards	Murdo M -alt CSR Highland Park	
	Troy S - Corrections chair	Rob A - CSR West End Step	Carole-Anne D - alt CSR Back to Basics	
	Allison M - Hospital Visitation chair	Jeremy J - CSR Acceptance	Alan M - alt CSR Sunrise	
	Sharman M - Telephone Chair			
	Foster L - co-chair CPC			
	Cathy M - Literature chair			

7th Tradition: \$36.95 Collected by Bruce B.

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Shawn M and seconded by Rob A. Motion passed.

Minutes Approved from Previous Meeting: Moved by Foster L and seconded by Eric L. Adopted unanimously, no errors or omissions.

REPORTS

Secretary:

Hello everyone, things have been going well in this department. I signed a check for the literature committee this month and helped out with central service contact information requests. I helped put on a meeting at the Marguerite Centre last week and the residents were very happy to have the opportunity for the AA meeting and fellowship in recovery. I have also had an opportunity to volunteer at the detox unit through Dartmouth General Hospital for the past several months which has been very rewarding, especially when I meet individuals at AA meetings later on. I will be out of the country the first two weeks of June and will ask the Central Service co-chair to record the meeting for me so that I can assemble the minutes when I return. Thank you, Emily S

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Treasurer:

Opening balance: \$6559.80

Closing balance: \$6811.40

Debits: \$343.45

Credits: \$595.05

Prudent account: \$ 4890.72

Literature: \$854.77

VISA/Debit: \$421.02

Co-chair:

I am at the University of Calgary this week and cannot attend the Central Service meeting. The 9th step promises continue to reveal themselves. As I look out the window of the Science Theatre on campus, I am overwhelmed with gratitude. AA has changed my life and continues to show a new path filled with peace and contented living. I hope all members of Central Service had a great April to report. I have nothing of weight to mention, but that I can be contacted at any time via AA co-chair email if needed.

Your truly in Service,
Michael

Chair:

1. During the month of April, the Chair attended the District 1 meeting on behalf of Central Service. Unfortunately the District 2 meeting was on the same afternoon.
2. The Chair also attended the meeting of the Mid-Winter Round Up.
3. I have attended a number of group meetings this past month. It is noticeable at some meetings that we are seeing a surge of new members particularly in the 20's to 40's. This is heartening. It also opens up the possibility of new volunteers for service work and the development of the future leadership in our area.
4. The Web master posed questions to the Chair as to who has access to the various accounts on our Web Page. This has not been addressed in the past in any formal sense. My reply suggested a principle of the need to know. The Chair and Co-Chair of a Committee have the need to access their account. There is no need to access the account of any other Committee. The Executive and particular the Chair and Co-Chair for reasons of oversight may have reason to access accounts where there is a problem which affects our services, our reputation. Otherwise there is no need to know beyond the monthly reports at our meeting. The E-Mail Help account has historically been accessed by the Chair of the Committee and the Chair of Central Service in terms of responding to enquiries. The Webmaster does have access to the whole of the Website as the Administrator, for purposes of maintenance and security of the site. There is no need to know the inner workings of a Committee.
5. Since responding to the Webmaster the thought struck me that this in fact is an application of the meaning of Anonymity in A.A. as it applies to the Web Site.
6. I may be planning a personal vacation for September in Arizona which happens to coincide with the annual intergroup seminar of A.A. I may have more news in the coming months.

Best Regards

Bill P.
Chair

Comment: As a new member of Central Service, I have experience with these Google account issues and back up and I can assist with these difficulties. I will speak with the webmaster.

Question: Is there a time line for committee chairs to answer their emails? **Answer:** No, that is up to the chairperson.

Comment: As literature chair, I do not seem to be getting the literature emails which are still being sent to CS chair. We will sort this out.

CPC:

Good Evening, the CPC Committee met jointly with PI on Saturday April 6th. PI chaired the joint session after which CPC met on its own. CPC decided to discontinue the joint meetings, while continuing to work closely with PI. As well we decided to meet again May 1st and invite Chris R., former CPC Chair in an effort to glean what information and contacts already exist. This meeting was very successful and Chris was a great help. Since that meeting we have established a contact with EHS and have

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had a discussion with a military contact. We will be following up on contacts with the Atlantic School of Theology and Doctors Nova Scotia. We do not have any scheduled presentations at this time but are busy. I feel certain our efforts will pay off soon.

There has been a problem accessing the CPC Gmail account and at the time of writing this report I still do not have access to it. It seems Google Security blocks all unknown devices from logging in, which is extremely frustrating. We are working closely with the webmaster to resolve this issue as we are certain there is valuable information there we are not availing ourselves of. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 22nd.

We continue to seek additional committee members so please spread the word.

Yours in Service,
Foster L, Co-Chair, CPC Committee

Corrections:

It has been a steady month with meetings at Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility. All meetings have been conducted with only a few changes. Being winter in the Maritimes we have had several instances of last minute illness and vacations. We are fortunate to have some members available on stand by and couple of individuals who have been available on more than one occasion per month to assist. In fact, one evening we had 3 women in attendance to conduct the meetings (just in case). With extended summer vacations we will have the need to continue increasing our volunteer numbers to maintain weekly attendance. Our current member status to conduct meetings is:

20 approved

5 recently submitted for approval

4 awaiting approval

I had a conversation with the acting Superintendent last week and no issues have been profiled to her. All have been great to deal with.

As you may be aware GSO has dispatched a request for members to Carry the Message through letter writing to Federal Institute clients in Canada. Information is available for download on the AA.org site and we have forms available at tonight's meeting.

Finally, we have been invited to participate in a pilot Community Facility Resource Fair on May 16th. The goal is to create an atmosphere of hope and optimism for offenders and have a positive impact. There are many community-based organizations/ resource groups planning to be involved in the half day event. This would be a great opportunity for PI to take part. If there is any interest on behalf of the committee, names must be submitted by this Friday (May 10th). CRC does not apply for this event. However, photo ID and facility rules apply.

Yours in service, Troy S

Comment: GSO in NY is looking for updates on Areas who are putting on meetings in correctional facilities. **Answer:** I received a call from them this week.

Entertainment:

May Day Event - Saturday May 25th, 2018

The evening portion that is organized by the Entertainment Committee is going just fine. The Cute as a button band is ready to perform.

The daytime activities that are organized by various groups are all booked up.

The Eye Opener, Downtown Dartmouth, Keep It Simple, Early Risers, & Bill P with the Meditation Group, are all participating in the May Day activities. The format for the day is completely up to the group's throughout the day. There will be a light lunch available, and literature for sale from the Literature Committee. We still have a few tickets left for the dance later in the evening.

The Entertainment Committee will now be meeting the first Saturday of Each month at 1 PM in the upstairs area of the Ferry Terminal, where the new private booths are.

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The next event after May Day will be the A.A. Campout in August, more will be revealed about the details next month on that activity.

In Service, Shawn M.

Help Email:

Help Email saw 4 Email inquires in April.

Two inquires were from family members asking for support for the Alcoholic in the family. They are ready to make changes.

Sent a copy of the meeting list as well as an explanation on the Types of Meetings.

Had a Gentleman from AA in Illinois, USA asking what the Meeting Types meant. Explained them to him. He will be in Halifax in August. Offered a few suggestions on a couple of meetings while in downtown Halifax.

Received an email from Steve, DCM District 1. Online Meeting list was showing incorrect address for help email. Email sent to Webmaster and now is fixed. Can all groups please look at their meeting list to ensure that we have the correct email address for Help Email.

Yours in Service
Michael A, Help Email Coordinator.

Hospital Visitation:

Hello Everyone,

It was a quiet month for hospital visitation. We still have many volunteers prepared and ready for when there is a need, it's great to see so many members interested in helping out. My one ask would be for those CSRs in attendance, please take back to your groups that this service is available. We want to ensure that anyone who would like visitors is able to get them.

Thank you, Allison

Literature:

Revenue		Expenses		Inventory	
		Grapevine	\$627.37	Total Inventory	\$8226.35
Local Sales	\$576.7	AAWS	\$1658.87	Cash on hand	\$106.50
				Credit Union account	\$854.77
				O/S Deposit CU	\$585.5
				Scotiabank VISA/ Debit	\$421.02
		Bank fees	\$3.00		

Revenue		Expenses		Inventory	
TOTAL SALES	\$576.7	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2289.24	TOTAL VALUE	\$10194.14

Emily has tried to help me simplify the report, so I hope this is a bit simpler to read.

I met with Club 24 this month, and they have agreed to Central Service Literature opening up a Storefront Operation at the same rate as they charge AA groups to meet. I will be giving them post-dated cheques for rental and storage from June – December 2019 in the amount of \$35.00.

There are some items that will be needed – stapler, 3-hole punch, pens, paper, staple remover, tape, duct tape, scissors, one-drawer filing cabinet with lock and key, calculator. If anyone has extra of these items, please let me know. I will be happy to pick them up.

Store hours at Club 24 (back door at 3 Dundas Street) will be from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday June 1, 2019, Saturday July 6, 2019 and Saturday August 10, 2019.

Trudy and I will be setting up a table at the Provincial Roundup in June and the AA Day at Club 24 in May.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have. Yours in service, Cathy M

Question: Concerning the Visa/Debit account, do you deposit to that account? **Answer:** We transfer money from the Credit Union account into that Visa/Debit account where online purchases are made from. **Question:** Why is the balance higher?

Answer: I had to guess at the exchange rate.

Question: Once the store front it open, can people still contact you directly for orders? **Answer:** Yes, of course.

Question: Do you have a contact preference - phone, email? **Answer:** It doesn't matter. I check email every two days.

Question: Where is the storefront located? **Answer:** Club 24 downstairs, the back entrance.

Bluenose Bulletin:

The Bluenose Bulletin will be adding event posters every second month for the rest of 2019. Any Chairs that would like their poster considered for publication, should contact the Newsletter team via email.

A reminder to all CSR's that all announcements must be submitted by the 25th of the month to appear in the next month's bulletin. When submitting your Group's birthday announcements please ensure that you include the group's name, date of celebration, as well as the celebrant's name with their last initial and number of years of sobriety. Please send all of your submissions to newsletter.aahalifax@gmail.com.

Please note that will be no changes or additions to the bulletin once it has been published.

Yours in Service; Kelly and Eric

Comment: The meeting list will now be updated every month by the newsletter committee.

Question: Is the website contact form working currently? **Answer:** Yes, we are getting all those emails directly.

Question: Why is there no central service contact list on the back of the newsletter this month? **Answer:** We will publish that list every second month in the newsletter. We want to keep the length to four pages and we want to freshen things up by printing various flyers instead from time to time. The service contact list can always be found on the website.

2018 Mid-Winter Round Up:

Well new year has started for the 2020 MWRU. We have had elections and have filled the following Positions:

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Treasurer -- Andrew S Co Treasurer -- Darlene S Secretary-- Bill P. Reg Co-Chair — Rick G

Registration Chair-- Alan Morris Entertainment Chair-- Peter J. Hospitality Chair --Ashley C

The Following Positions are still Available: Co Chair ,Public Information Chair,Registration Co-Chair, Program Chair (2) Program Co-Chairs, Entertainment Co-Chair, Hospitality Co-Chair.

I have been in talks with the hotel and we have a proposed contract. There are just a couple things we need to re visit. The dates for the round up is Feb 14,15,16. I would like for all CSR's to go back to the groups and stress how much we need to have some of the positions filled so we can keep moving on with Roundup. The main Position which needs to be filled is the Program Chair. We had our second meeting for elections and no one showed up except the already positions that are filled. Without a Program it will be difficult to have a Round Up. So lets step up to the plate ad give back what was freely given to us. Service is where it is. Next meeting is Sunday June 2 2019. Yours In Service, Bruce

Question: Are you having a banquet this year? **Answer:** That's in discussion currently. **Comment:** In order to be elected to these positions you need to show up at the meeting on June 2 and have someone nominate you. **Comment:** Could the previous program chair be a consultant to the new chair? **Answer:** Yes definitely.

Public Information:

Good evening everyone, I won't be at the meeting tonight as I am away on vacation for a week. Mike M., Public Information Co-Chair will be attending this month. We have a couple of exciting things to report this month. First, we reported back in January that the committee contacted several Shelters and Hospices a couple of weeks before Christmas to see if they would be interested in having some of our AA Information Pamphlets, and 12 did. We have been in contact with these 12 Shelters and Hospices and they want more, which is great. We will be delivering them this week. Second, our committee has received a new contact with CTV/C100 and Virgin Radio and they asked us to send a letter of information to them and they will try to get some of our Public Service Announcements on these media channels.

We are continuing to work on various projects to carry the message and are still looking for help. Our next meeting will be June 1, 2019 at 10:00 at 45 Connolly Road. Please announce our meeting at your respective groups.

Yours in Service, Leah

Telephone:

All seems to be going very well with the phones. We're settling in with our new positions. If any member would like to help out by taking a phone for a brief time, let us know. It can be a great way to give back to the program.

Thank you

Phone Chair, Sharman M

Question: Do the AA phones have unlimited calling within Canada? **Answer:** Yes. **Comment:** There is a gentleman from Ottawa who calls and ties up the phones talking about things not related to alcohol.

Treatment:

No report at this time.

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Webmaster/Website:

Hello everyone.

For the next two weeks, Pedro will be monitoring the Webmaster inbox to ensure attention to urgent requests.

I am on vacation from today, May 7-22 but look forward to seeing you all in early June.

April was a productive and yet seemingly ordinary month for Web Admin. Duties included:

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Coordinating with the Newsletter Team to update upload the latest Bluenose Bulletin and Meeting List;
Uploading various flyers such as that for May Day, the Provincial Roundup and various workshops; and
Monitoring and handling incoming emails to Webmaster email address.

I am extremely grateful for a smooth first month and look forward to the months ahead!

Yours in service,
Matt W, Web Administrator

District 1:

Hello everyone, my name is Steve and I am an alcoholic. I am the DCM for general service in District 1. I am a member of the Back to Basics Group in Halifax.

The Districts 1 & 2 Pre-Conference Meeting

The Districts 1 & 2 Pre-Conference meeting was held on Saturday, April 13th, and was, I felt, a very productive gathering. It was great to be able to provide the Area 82 Delegate to the General Service Conference, Kirk S., with useful feedback on the 14 selected agenda items which were discussed. A big thank you to the District 1 General Service Committee members who each presented an agenda item.

A total of seven GSRs and Alternate GSRs participated from District 1, as well as two District 1 Officers. For District 2, there were four GSRs and Alternate GSRs, and two District 2 Officers participating. Including the non-voting guests from outside of Districts 1 & 2, a total of 26 people participated in the meeting.

Lisa N., the District 1 Alternate DCM, is preparing a document summarizing the discussions and votes at the Pre-Conference meeting. This document is expected to be distributed to Districts 1 and 2 General Service Committee members within the next few weeks.

Nova Scotia Service Weekend

This year's Nova Scotia Service Weekend takes place from July 5th to 7th in Bible Hill. During the months of May and June of this year, District 1 GSRs will be requesting their group's input on the six agenda items to be discussed at the Nova Scotia Service weekend.

The four new business agenda items can be concisely summarized as:

1. New Area 82 Assembly voting procedure proposal (submitted by District 17).
2. Interactive Area 82 website district online map proposal (submitted by the Pictou Harbour Group, District 7).
3. Wording change proposal for *The Twelve Concepts for World Service Illustrated* pamphlet, and page 60 of the Service Manual (submitted by the Wolfville Group, District 17).
4. Public Information capacity on an Area 82-wide basis proposal (submitted by the Recovery Group, District 15).

The two other agenda items are:

1. The proposed Nova Scotia Provincial Roundup rotation; and
2. The proposed Area 82 Assembly rotation.

Please speak with your group's GSR for further information on these six Nova Scotia Service Weekend agenda items.

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2019 Nova Scotia Provincial Roundup

The 2019 Nova Scotia Provincial Roundup is taking place from June 7th to 9th at the Tamarac Education Centre, 57 Tamarac Drive in Port Hawkesbury. The theme is "Caring and Sharing." Please note that the email for pre-registration on the roundup flyer is incorrect and should be campbelldebbi@gmail.com. Special room rates at two Port Hawkesbury hotels are available until this Thursday, May 9th.

55th Nova Scotia Provincial Roundup – June 2020 – Hosted by Districts 1 & 2

A proposal has been put forward to highlight A.A.'s 85th anniversary as part of the 2020 Nova Scotia Provincial Roundup to be held in HRM.

So, instead of calling it a roundup, the proposal is to call it:

Founders' Day 2020

85th Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous

Saturday, June 13th, 2020

(Exact date or dates to be determined)

Halifax Regional Municipality
Nova Scotia

A kickoff meeting for planning, organizing, and carrying out Founder's Day 2020 will take place from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm on Sunday, May 19th, 2019, at Club 24, 3 Dundas Street in Dartmouth. Many rewarding service opportunities are available. Every Founders Day 2020 Committee position is open. Come on out and volunteer!

District 1 Treasurer

District 1 is continuing to seek a Treasurer. If you or someone in your group might be interested in this position, please let me know and I will provide you with more details about the duties and responsibilities.

In conclusion, I will be pleased to address any questions or concerns you might have for me.

Respectfully submitted, peace and love in service,

Steve A

Comment: The first weekend in June is traditionally the service weekend, and the second weekend in June is traditionally founder day weekend. **Comment:** Is it presumptuous to put a date out for the 2020 Provincial Round up when the rotation has not been voted on yet? Why is this on the agenda when it has not been finalized? **Answer:** We go in with the hopes that we can move ahead on this, but of course if it is voted down we will stop discussion on it. The idea is trying to open up the provincial round up duties to more districts to more evenly carry the load.

District 2:

No report at this time.

Area 82:

No report at this time.

All Reports were motioned for approval by Rob A and Seconded by Bruce B. Motion carried.

ELECTIONS

Webmaster co-chair: No nominations.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was put forward by Eric L of the Four Seasons Group that all groups in District 1 & 2 be placed on the rotation for the weekend phones and the detox meetings. Seconded by Kelly D.

Currently there are 52 groups available to help out with these rotations and yet there are only 17 of the 52 who take the phones and only 20 of the 52 who help put on detox meetings. The groups who take it on are feeling it is a heavy commitment because they have to take on these duties so often because the rotation is so small. The idea is presumed consent - if the groups don't want to participate they will contact the chair of the relevant committee to let them know, but otherwise they will automatically be placed on the rotation list.

Comments:

- We can't force groups to volunteer. Each group is autonomous.
- From a DCM perspective, about half the groups are active in this kind of service but those who aren't active have good reasons. How many groups have CSRs and GSRs, let alone are able to participate in this kind of service? Some groups only have a handful of members.
- A more refined motion could be worded to encourage groups to try this, instead of presumed consent.
- It could be the responsibility of the committees to sell the idea to groups and raise awareness rather than force.
- Many groups do not know they are even eligible for this type of service; the message needs to be carried to them.
- With experience in other non-profit organizations, it is common that 10% of the volunteers do 90% of the work. AA is a unique organization and this type of motion could work against our unique traditions.
- If the decision is made for the groups, there is more of a chance they will not show up. Telling people what to do makes enemies.
- We could suggest that committees reach out directly to groups to raise awareness, answer questions and encourage them to participate; this could be done every two years, every time a new chair is elected.

VOTE: 5 in favour; 13 against. Motion defeated.

Announcements from Groups :

- There is plenty of brand new literature available: pamphlets on AA accessibility, the God Word, Many Paths to Spirituality and Mental Health. There are also new Grapevine Books: One Big Tent, AA for the Military and AA for Women.
- GSO has a quarterly newsletter which has very useful information.
- Bruce B is celebrating 9 years of sobriety on May 25.

Adjournment:

The next Central Service Meeting will be Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 7:00 pm (St. Mark's Church).

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM with the Responsibility Pledge.

Monthly Financial Statement for April 2019

Opening Balance April 1 2019 **\$6559.80**

DEBITS:

#735 Rent \$60.00

#736 Bell Mobility \$251.45

#737 Literature/ Corrections \$32.00

CREDITS:

7th Tradition \$33.75

Four Seasons \$500.00

Entertainment \$31.30

Hubbards Step Sisters \$30.00

Closing Balance April 30 2019, **\$6811.40**

Prudent account: opening balance **\$4890.52**

interest **.20**

Closing balance **\$4890.72** **\$2000 of prudent is For Ins**

Literature Committee: Opening balance **\$234.77** **Closing** **\$854.77** **(Debit Card) Open** **\$413.76** **Close** **\$421.02**