

**MINUTES OF
CENTRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING 2 JUN 20
Zoom Meeting**

WELCOME AND OPEN: Meeting opened by Michael H. at 7:00 pm with a few moments of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

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

ROLL CALL: N/A

EXECUTIVE	COMMITTEES	CSR	OBSERVERS
Chair – Michael H.	Ad Hock Technology – Marie	Acceptance – Jeremy J.	District 1 – Steve A.
Co-Chair – Jamie Q.	CPC – Heather C.	Atlantic - Joshua M.	District 2 – Blair A.
Treasurer – Bill P.	Corrections – Troy S.	Back to Basics –	Area 82 – Trudy A.
Secretary – Kelly D.	Entertainment – Shawn M. <i>absent</i>	Cole Harbour – Mark T.	Area 82 – Kirk S.
	Help Email – Michael A.	CVBBS	Area 82 - Monique M.
	Hospital Visitation – Allison M.	Eye Opener	John H. – Highland Park
	Literature – Cathy M.	Four Seasons - Eric L.	Angus C. – Welcome
	Newsletter – Kelly D.	Fresh Start –	Chris H. – Four Seasons
	Mid-Winter – Tom R.	Highland Park – Sharon N.	
	PI - Leah C.	Hubbard's -	
	Telephone – Sharman M. <i>absent</i>	Keep it Simple – Michael	
	Treatment – Stephanie J.	New Hope	
	Webmaster – Pedro G. <i>absent</i>	Serenity Sisters – Jodi T.	
	Webmaster Co-Chair – Jeremy J	Sunday Night Serenity – Gerry L.	
		WESG – Rob A.	
		Welcome – Paul B.	
		We Agnostics – Peter	

CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motioned to approve the agenda by Cathy M. Seconded by Allison M.

MINUTES APPROVED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motioned to approve the minutes by Cathy M. Seconded by Jamie Q. Motion passed.

REPORTS

Secretary

Thank you to all committees that have submitted their report already. If you haven't please email your report at the end of the meeting. If you didn't receive an email with the agenda please provide me your email address to ensure you are on the distribution list. I would like to acknowledge all the hard work and fantastic changes that Cathy M. has done with the Literature.

Treasurer

I am not able to attend this evenings meeting, as on behalf of the Public Information Committee, I am participating on a panel titled: "Addictions in the Music Industry" put on by the East Coast Music Association.

This is the fifth meeting in five years, I've missed.

May Activities

Main Account

Opening Balance:	\$6,853.17
Debit: Phone Bill	\$ 762.24
Closing Balance:	\$6,090.93

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Closing Balance:	\$4,893.18 + .21	\$4,893.39
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Literature Account

Opening & Closing Balance:	\$3,657.94
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- It remains the suggestion that Central Service receive no donations from groups.
- The phone bill is high. I am following this up with Bell Aliant for a more detailed breakdown on usage. Certainly, since March there has been a higher than usual usage.

We have \$3,090.00 in the bank after obligations and we have \$4,893.00 in prudent reserve. The mid-winter Round-Up has \$2,000 for start up in another account.

Q. Do we have rent to pay? No, not until we go back.

Co-Chair


I have been familiarizing myself with the position of Co-Chair. It is a challenge during these unprecedented times. I have been able to assist the PI and CPC committees. I think in this new normal we need to ensure each member knows there is still plenty of service work to do. I would like to encourage each CSR to go back to their groups and familiarize them with each committee.

Chair

No report.

Committees:

Ad-Hock Tech

	 Task Name	Start	Finish	% Complete	Resource Names	Duration	Pr
1	Technology Committee	Fri 3/6/20	Mon 10/26/20	35%		169 days	
2	Committee Governance	Mon 4/27/20	Mon 5/11/20	100%		11 days	
7	Zoom Meetings	Fri 3/6/20	Thu 3/19/20	100%		10 days	
11	Detox/Treatment/Corrections Online Zoom Meeting Recommendation	Wed 4/8/20	Mon 4/20/20	100%		9 days	
14	Square Technology Wrap Up (Literature Committee)	Sat 5/16/20	Thu 6/25/20	9%		30.25 days	
22	ON HOLD Entertainment Committee - Selling tickets online	Fri 3/6/20	Thu 3/12/20	9%		5 days	
26	Printer Assessment (Central Service/PI/CPC)	Mon 4/13/20	Tue 6/23/20	22%		53.9 days	
30	Digital Monitor/Advertising Assessment PI/CPC)	Mon 4/13/20	Fri 6/5/20	66%		42 days	
36	Website Usability Research and Recommendations	Mon 5/4/20	Thu 9/24/20	10%		105.25 days	
53	Technology Committee Road Map Planning	Mon 10/26/20	Mon 10/26/20	0%		1 day	
55	Accepting 7th Tradition Electronically – Assessment	Mon 4/20/20	Wed 5/13/20	100%		18 days	

CPC

May the with I attended our Area 82 committee meeting, following that meeting I joined a PI/CPC workshop in Toronto by invitation. The committee had two calls this month from hospital Social Worker's wanting information. Our committee along with PI put on our first zoom presentation for students of the Maritime Business College. I'm also attending a PI/CPC workshop in Georgia. The committee is looking for a co chair as Foster has stepped down from his position please bring this back to your groups.

Corrections

2 new volunteers have been cleared. Due to COVID 19 we still are not able to put on meetings.

Entertainment

Will not be attending Zoom meeting. Nothing new to report.

Help Email

Had only 3 requests for May and all were for online meeting requests.

Hospital Visitation

During this past month, the committee continued to adapt to the "new normal." We have found that many who could not get to meetings during COVID circumstances are able to access the Zoom Meetings to attend online. That being said, volunteers continue to be available for those who do not have access to the internet and are in need of a meeting or fellowship. Once again, I just ask that CSRs take back to their groups that if there is a member who does not have internet access, there are options available to help bring AA to them. Volunteers are happy to make a phone call to chat AA anytime the need is there.

Literature

- Inventory on hand (resale value) \$7,785.80
- Bank account \$3,657.94
- Cash \$81.55
- Total \$11,525.29
- Bookstore at 3 Dundas St is permitted to be open every Sat, starting 6 Jun 20 from 11-1.
- One AAWS order has been placed in the amount of US \$887.15 (est \$1240 CDN)

Q. Is there protocols for COVID 19 in place for the store to open. The store will be cleaned and there will be hand sanitizer available.

Mid-Winter

Elections will be held on 7 Jun 1300, Zoom meeting.

Q. Has a location been decided on yet? No, it has not and it is possible that it will be online. TBD.

Newsletter

This is an excellent time for committees to promote the various ways members can help. Submit your ideas to our email address.

Q. Can we get the Ad Hock Technology Committee in the newsletter? Absolutely.

PI

The PI Committee is continuing to carry the message by contacting various organizations and government agencies with our continued services during Covid 19.

Highlights of the month and upcoming events.

Attended the Area 82 monthly committee meeting on May 18, 2020;

Attended the Area 83 Public Information meeting along with PI Chairs from other Districts in Area 82;

Attended anonymity workshop in Minnesota with PI chairs from other Districts in Area 82;

Contacted by the East Coast Music Industry to attend a presentation on June 2, which has been changed to June 9;

Presentation with CPC at the Maritime Business Academy on May 27, 2020;

Attending a PI/CPC workshop in Georgia on Saturday June 6;

Attending the NS Service Weekend Committee Workshop on June 13;

Working on other various projects.

Telephone

I recently received an email regarding the phone situation. I spoke with my co-chair, who takes care of the evening phone and also the member who takes care of the daytime phone. They have not had any issues at all regarding passing the phone around. Their helpers don't mind taking it. Back in the beginning of COVID 19, one member asked how he is to manage the phone. She told him to clean and disinfect it. He said...ok thank you. We would like to continue to manage the phones as they always have been for the time being. I am continually contacting my co-chair and daytime member to make sure everything is going well.

Q. What is the situation on the weekend telephone? Not sure.

Q. Is it up to the committee who is taking the weekend phones? The committee has decided the phones will stay as is.

Treatment

As expected all facilities remained closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As things are beginning to open up again, I will be contacting Detox, Forensics and Marguerite Center in Jun to see when they may expect to resume meetings.

Thank you to Cathy for delivering some Big Books to the Detox facility. Also delivered were 10 little Big Books and AA pamphlets.

As Sandy K. has stepped down as Co-Chair of Treatment, I am actively seeking a replacement. Stay tuned.

Q. Can Detox access Zoom meetings? Will find out.

Q. Does Co-Chair have to be a woman? No.

Webmaster

No report.

District 1

District 1 DCM Report to Districts 1 & 2 Central Service Committee

Submitted Jun 1st, 20

District 1 Workshop on Concepts 3, 4, and 5

- Facilitated by Tom R. of the West End Step Group, a well-received District 1 workshop on Concepts 3, 4, and 5 was held by Zoom videoconferencing on Sunday, May 31st, with twelve people participating, including two people from St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador.

- 'Handouts' from the workshop are available upon request (send an email to dcm1.aahalifax@gmail.com).

May 20 District 1 General Service Committee Meeting

- Held by Zoom videoconferencing on Sunday, May 31st, a total of eleven people participated, including eight GSRs and one Alternate GSR, one District 1 officer, and the Area 82 Alternate Delegate. It is worth noting that 53% of the District 1 GSRs or A/GSRs participated in this meeting.

- The District 1 General Service Committee voted unanimously to make a \$2,159.89 contribution to G.S.O.

- Concerning the District 10 Nova Scotia Service Weekend proposal to amend the Area 82 Guidelines with regard to the General Service Delegate's expenses at the General Service Conference in New York, District 1's decision is to not go ahead with any such amendment or amendments.

- District 1 is unanimously in favour of the Nova Scotia Service Weekend proposal to cancel the in-person Area 82 Assembly scheduled to take place from October 9th to 11th in St. John's Newfoundland and Labrador, and to replace it with a Zoom videoconferencing meeting held during the same time period.

- A decision was made by District 1 to make a request to the Area 82 Chairperson that the Area 82 Alternate Delegate, Trudy A., be the one to give the reports from the District 1 & 2 Central Service Subcommittees during the Nova Scotia Service Weekend. This decision is supported by Trudy A.

District 1 Treasurer Position

- District 1 is still seeking a Treasurer. Anyone interested in receiving information about this position, please give me a call at 902-405-5488.

20 Nova Scotia Service Weekend Reminders

- The 20 Nova Scotia Service Weekend will be held online using the Zoom videoconferencing platform starting with a GSR workshop on Friday, Jun 12th, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and then a full-day meeting on Saturday, Jun 13th, beginning at 9:00 am. All A.A. members are welcome to participate, with voting to be done by the Nova Scotia GSRs and district committee officers, and by the Area 82 officers. The Zoom meeting I.D. is 559 167 021 and a password is not required.

- The GSR workshop is entitled The Many Sides of Service, and will be remotely facilitated by Billy N., from Buford, Georgia. Billy is a former Class B trustee, and a former chairperson of Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. This workshop will be open to all GSRs in Area 82, including those in Newfoundland and Labrador, as well as any other Area 82 A.A. members who are interested in participating (the Zoom meeting I.D. is 559 167 021 and a password is not required).

- The agenda for the 20 Nova Scotia Service Weekend is available by visiting here.

District 2

District 2 held their May monthly meeting through Zoom with five GSR's in attendance plus the executive of District 2.

Due to the current uncertainty of how long the COVID-19 pandemic will last. The following changes were necessary.

- The virtual 70th General Service Conference was held May 16-20 for voting items and a Pre Conference on April 29-May 13 for non voting items. GSD Kirk will provide an update at the NS Service Weekend.

- A new press release was issued by GSO titled "Physically Distanced but Digitally Connected -- The Alcoholics Anonymous Message Carries On Amid Coronavirus (COVID-19)" and is available on AA.org.

- Area 82 and District 2 is recommending groups do not make contributions to them at this time. GSO has made a \$3 million drawdown from the Reserve Fund, so any contributions would be appreciated.
- The virtual NS Service Weekend will be held Jun 12-14. The Area 82 Officers and DCMs from Nova Scotia and Newfoundland will meet as one on Jun 6.
- The Saturday night sharing session portion of the NS Service Weekend will be a workshop held Jun 13 or 20 on the pamphlet "Problems Other Than Alcohol" and combined with Newfoundland.
- Area 82 is hosting a joint workshop on Jun 12 at 7pm for both Nova Scotia and Newfoundland on "Many Aspects of Service" and will be conducted by Billy N. (Class B Trustee, Past Director and GSD).
- The Alt. Delegate for Area 82 is holding monthly Zoom Meetings to discuss any challenges or successes Committees (PI, CPC, Corrections, Treatment, etc.) are facing.
- The minutes for the 2019 NS Service Weekend and Area Assembly have been received from Gerry W. the Chair of Area 82.
- It will be decided after the Service Weekends for Nova Scotia and Newfoundland if the 20 Area 82 Assembly will be in person or just a virtual format through Zoom. As a reminder it is a voting year for anyone eligible for an Area 82 position.
- District 2 will be having a Zoom Meeting Jun 21 at 2pm to replace the in-person Jun DCM meeting.
- District 2 has decided not to hold a workshop in Jun due the many activities being held by Area 82.

The GSRs and Executive of District 2 have received all of the communications sent from Central Service and Area 82 to ensure the groups in District 2 are up to date with the day to day changes. I would like to thank the Committees and Executive of Central Service for ensuring the AA message is still being carried during this difficult time.

Area 82

We are gearing up for the Service Weekend. May not have the financial report by then. A condensed report will be given. Every Wed night we are having a Zoom meeting to get familiar with Zoom. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Q. Will there be a Conference Report this year? Yes, in Oct.

A motion was made by Bill P. and Seconded by Cathy M. to approve the reports.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. COVID 19 challenges

Four Seasons opened an email account for members to sent e-transfers to and had a boot by the meeting room We were able to raise \$1,000 for GSO.

- b. AA Phones

Q. Is there a process established to manage the phones? Yes, there is. The binder is not being passed, the phone chair has the 12 Step List.

The groups want to take over the weekend phones again. Fresh Start has volunteered for this weekend. Jodi will talk to Sharman about the rotation, but she believes that the rotation will be the same as on the AA website.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. ZOOM meeting submissions for the website process.

As the Webmaster is not present it will held over for next month.

- b. Donation to GSO. GSO is needing financial support during this time. Area doesn't need a donation. They are good for this year. A motion was made by Heather C. to send \$2,000 to GSO and seconded by Cathy M. Vote: 16 Yes, 2 No. PASSED

- c. Will Trudy, the Alt Delegate only report on the four committees that she is Chair of? It was discussed and decided that all reports will be given to Trudy and she will report on all of the committees this year.

- d. Plan for when meetings open again. After a discussion it was decided that it was up to the groups to decide what they do regarding how they open back up. They will need to research the Province's guidelines and liaise with the facility they hold their meetings at before they open. Our insurance policy doesn't cover COVID 19.

Next meeting 7 Jul 20, 7 PM

Meeting adjournment at 9:10 PM with the Responsibility Pledge.