

**MINUTES OF
CENTRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING 6 Apr 2021
Zoom Meeting**

WELCOME AND OPEN: Meeting opened by Michael H. at _____ pm with the _____.

TWELVE TRADITIONS: The Twelve Traditions were read by _____.

Zoom ID address Meeting ID: 512 036 8953 Password: wecandoit

ROLL CALL:

EXECUTIVE	COMMITTEES	CSR	OBSERVERS
Chair -. Michael		Back to Basics – Heather	Area 82 –
Co-Chair -. _____	CPC -. _____	Four Season –	DSM District 1 – Paul
Treasurer -. _____	Corrections -. _____	Fresh Start – Jeff	DSM District 2 – Blair
Secretary – Jamie	Entertainment -. _____	Hubbards – Barb	DSM 1 Alt – Jessica M
	Help Email –	Serenity Sister – Jackie	
	Hospital Visitation – Gil	West End Step –	
	Literature -. _____	Keep it Simple – Joan	Cathy
	Newsletter – Michael	Sunrise - Garth	Collin
	Mid-Winter – Tom		Joshua M
	PI – Clayton		
	Telephone -. Michael		
	Treatment -. _____		
	Webmaster – Pedro		
	Webmaster Co-Chair –		

CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motioned to approve the agenda by Michael A _____ Seconded by Heather _____

MINUTES APPROVED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motioned to approve the Mar 2 minutes by Heather _____ . Seconded by Michael A _____

REPORTS

Secretary

It was a productive month. I chaired the Mar CS meeting. It was a good learning experience. Bridging the gap presentation was give by Area. They left us with a good starting point. I discussed this with the Treatment chair and it was decided that this could be a joint Correction’s and Treatment project. This will be discussed at the April CS meeting. I received one insurance payment from the Welcome group.

Yours in service Jamie Q. Secretary

Treasurer

Co-Chair

No report

Chair

There were 25 members in attendance at the March Central Service Meeting. Central Service Chair was not present at the 2 March Central Service Meeting. Secretary carried out zoom meeting and minutes. Much gratitude to Central Service Secretary for doing all the taskings this month.

And a great Segue to my next topic, we continue to seek a highly motivated service orientated individual who would like to take over Co-Chair Duties immediately. This position would be until January 2022, at which time if elected, would take over the Central Service Chair Duties.

Spirit of Rotation

Newsletter has been filled,

Executive position of Secretary has been filled by Jamie until January 2022,

PI has a new Chair for rotation in January 2021.

Phones has a new Chair for rotation in January 2021.

Phones has a new co-chair for rotation in January 2021.

Hospital Visitation has a new Chair for rotation in January 2021.

Help Email has a new co-chair for rotation in January 2021.

Treatment Chair is Sharman for January 2021,

Treatment co-chairs nominated for rotation is Jodie R. and Angie R.,

All other sub-committee positions require service volunteers.

We look forward to meeting future service volunteers at this coming 6 th April, Central Service Meeting to fill the remaining positions of CPC, Entertainment, Webmaster, and Literature.

The Literature proposal as written by Central Service Treasurer has been approved. New incoming Literature service volunteers will have to use this as their standard operating procedure herein.

Thank you all for your service,

Michael H.

Central Service Chair

Committees:

CPC

No report

Corrections

This past month March, the Corrections meetings are still suspended. I shall update upon any changes. Tom S. Corrections - Chair.

Entertainment

No report

Help Email

Was a slow month, 3 women and 1 man reached out this month.

Reasons for contacting us are:

1. Was a member of alcoholics anonymous before, wanted to return, wondering how she can join the serenity sisters.
2. A father trying to get help for his son. Was turned away from everyone they contacted. Was wondering of other resources. Michael A reached out to them, for a 12 step call.
3. Looking to attend meetings and how to join.
4. A lady reached out for her loved one, she went to the site and it wasn't updated.

Gave them the information they required. Your in service Help Email coordinator Sherry G

Hospital Visitation

Good evening everyone ,The month of march was busier .On march 14 I hosted a zoom meeting with most of the volunteers from Hospital Visitation A member took the minutes We had a roll call that introduce everyone to each other. I wanted to do this from the very start. Off being nominated as chair. Since I joined the volunteers list a few years ago I never received a call. And so I wasn't alone most volunteers never got a call either. I tough it was a waste of time. Most people volunteers so they can participate. So by bringing everyone

together brain storming getting their views it was a success. The next day I received the minutes. On the 17 I contacted Jocelyn Tranquilla at NS Health Authority she a social worker at the rehab center on Summer St. Jocelyn had requested a visit for one of her client. I took the opportunity to introduce myself and she offer to send a text to all other social workers in her department. Last week a member and I worked on a post for the News Letter. It will be in the April Bulletin. By rallying the troops I have opened a door of opportunity for hospital Visitation. Next meeting April 4 11.30 am ID 2552752863 Password 123456. Gil

Sharman – What rehab center are you dealing with. Gil – The one on Summer St. Sharman – is it for men only Gil – I will check into that. Someone else commented that it is a medical rehab facility not an addiction rehab facility

Literature

No report

Mid-Winter

Hi friends my name is Tom ,sober alcoholic and outgoing Chairperson for the Midwinter r/up. Great to be sober .alive and free here with you all. This will be my last report and it will be short. At our last meeting all committee members present shared experiences of their first ever virtual Midwinter r/up. I have invited them to attend here tonight as well to share and sum up that experience in a min or two if they choose. Bill who is present will sum up our treasurers report as well. At this present time we are looking for nominations for a new Chairperson for the 21/22 Midwinter r/up. My belief is that this R/up will go virtual as well, giving the time frame by the time things settle with the pandemic we've been challenged with. The next meeting for committee nominations is May 14 7:15 pm. I encourage all who are interested in being nominated for positions be PRESENT. Audio files will be available soon and will be free for the listening. There will be several pictures submitted to the area 82 Nova Scotia archivist. IE:(Flyer Program Committee) memorial of our first ever virtual Midwinter Round Up. You will hear from our treasurer ,the cost to run our r/up was about 15 grand cheaper than it usually is and with donations/contributions from all of you our great fellow members we managed to put together an amazing R/up with a variety of experience, strength & hope shared by many members in both AA & Alanon. A virtual experience in & of itself ,it truly was and I was humbled as many of us were to have such a fun-filled, hardworking, energetic, enthusiastic, exciting and most of all, committed team who took the helm of the ship and sailed it through any storm that reared its head. The ship wasn't sure of the direction it was headed but with the team-work of each and every one and Gods hand in it all we reached the calm seas and provided what his plan was for our wonderful fellowships of Alcoholics Anonymous and Alanon. With gratitude and I believe I can speak for the Team as one, our thanks goes to you our fellow members for making this Virtual R/up a success in helping all members and many new-comers who attended for their very first time .So a big kudos to all of you.

God bless, thanks for my sobriety Humbled in service with gratitude Tom R

Michael – I was the cochair. Glad I was able to be part of it

Joshua – I was the chair of hospitality. We had no issues. We had many volunteers and everything I have heard has been super positive. It was nice to be able to part of. I learned a lot.

My experience states the round up was a success, there were hurdles. I would like to see an online portion to the round ups going forward.

My experience was positive but it was a little concerning as to the lack of volunteering. Participating is important.

Gil – I was impressed with the round up. It was beautiful. There was a little confusion with our group but all went great

May 14 715pm is the next round up meeting which will include nominations for next year

Newsletter

Please be advised that announcements for the Bluenose Bulletin must be sent to newsletter.aahalifax@gmail.com by April 25th, 2021 to ensure your announcement gets posted in the May edition. Also a couple days ago Michael you were looking in the achieves and did not see many of the newsletter. I checked into this and myself and Petro were able to get most of them back to 2016. Thank you. Mike M.

Paul – I was to read something I rec. I had an alcoholic in our district that in the newsletter we currently have an intern position for the literature chair. They have not been voted on as yet so they should not be listed. Mike – ty point taken I will edit things like that further

PI

The Public Information committee meet last Saturday via Zoom. We have been working on the following:

-AA PSA will be on Halifax transit (April/May)

-Radio/other media being investigated

-Added the PI meeting to the newsletter with a link to our section of the AA website

-Investigating social media policy and

gender neutral poster designs with NY.

-Investigating local/provincial unions to see if our message/contact info would be of use. Specifically employee assistance programs/other health & wellness directives or resources (This has to be investigated at the area 82 level first).

-Finishing calling Dr offices/clinics

-AA posters have been approved for all 14 local public library locations

-Investigation with Bedford & Sackville junior high/high schools guidance counselor offices to see if our message/contact info could be of use.

-Investigation with the Barristers society

Checking with municipalities to see if we could put some signs up in some public places. Contacting district 3 as they already have got approval for this idea.

-Nominated Bill as the Public Information secretary during our last meeting, this will aid in coordination.

-Attended speaking at non-AA meetings seminar (NY)

-Attended area 82 monthly committee meeting

-Addressed a general inquiry that the Halifax Examiner had about the increase in drinking during the pandemic, very general stuff, I remain anonymous.

We will continue to include our meeting in the newsletter, it will most likely be the first Saturday of the month.

Settled on a mission statement

-Ensuring AA is found by those who need it- In service Clayton Public Information AA

Paul – Ty for mentioning the area active committee. Can you share with others when those meetings are so others can try to attend as well. Clayton – yes I will look that up and post in the chat I think it is also in the Newsletter I believe

Telephone

The phones have been going ok. Still working on Kinks. I will be meeting with My Co-Chair and my possible second Co-Chair. This coming Thursday to work on a plan of action for the Telephone Committee.

Overall the phones are going well. We are although in need of more people for the day phones. We currently have 9 people rotating the phone.

I have been in contact with two other people that wish to take the day phone, but we really would like to see new people stepping up. Some of the day phone people have been doing this for years.

Please go back to your groups. We are a resource tool, so if a sponsor recommends they take the phones, please give me a call.

Yours in Service Michael A Phone Chair

Paul – Yesterday I rec a call from a Mother who was very happy that you stepped up and spoke to her son

Jeff – I know you were cleaning up the Twelve Step List. Just wondering if you have had any luck with that and if you have be able to get any new volunteers for that. Michael – We have 20 men and 20 women currently on the list so we do want to reformat it a bit

Treatment

All is going well with Treatment.

Jodie and I had our first meeting at The Marguerite Center last month. The ladies were very excited to have us back. We had a great meeting, leaving them with smiles on their faces and hope in their heart.

Our ladies in AA will be going in twice a month to put meetings on. If there are any ladies in your groups who are interested in going, they can contact me or Jodie.

I have emailed the Center the Information I received on Bridging the Gap. Christine is interested in reading up on this and talking to the girls about it.

I have not heard from the Detox Center in a while, so I will be contacting them this week to find out if they are planning on having us come in and put meetings on again. I will also talk to them about Bridging the Gap.

I hope you are all doing well. Take care. Treatment Chair Sharman M

Webmaster

The month of March I executed updates mostly with new positions and with the web itself. The usage of the web sense the peak in January has been decreasing now that we are getting back to open meeting. We also lost some info with the hack but was able to recover some info including the old Newsletter so they are available again as well.

District 1

District 2

Good evening friends, I am grateful to be here and grateful to be sober. District 2 held their March monthly meeting on Zoom with 4 groups represented.

The month of March was busy with Area 82 and District 2 business:

- ▣ The Area 82 DCM/Area Officers Meeting for Q1 was held in March with 11 Districts represented
 - o The two meetings with the NS Health Authority regarding in person meetings were discussed. I strongly encourage your group to follow these requirements, due to the hefty penalties for non compliance
 - o Area 82 is in need of resumes for the Committee Co-Chairs that will be elected at the Spring Assembly on May 28-30
 - o As a result of an incident in District 10 and the pandemic. Groups are encouraged to incorporate the Safety Card (Yellow Card) as part of their meeting
 - o The Treasurer for Area 82 has resigned and it was approved to elect a new Treasurer at the Spring Assembly
 - ▣ The next Area 82 Active Committee meeting is on April 26 at 6:00pm on Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88688093457>
 - ▣ The Area 82 Pre-Conference Workshop was a great success with 11 Districts participating
 - ▣ Districts 3 & 17 are working on the possibility of hosting a NS Provincial Roundup on Zoom
 - ▣ District 2 is holding a Step 11- MEDITATION & MINDFULNESS workshop on Sunday April 25 at 2pm at Club 24
 - ▣ District 2 still has an opening for the position of Secretary for the 2021/2022 term
 - ▣ District 2 will be having their regular monthly meeting on April 18 at 2pm on Zoom
 - ▣ As of April 21, Early Risers will be adding a second meeting of Saturdays at 10:00am at Club 24. This will be replacing the Eye Opener meeting which has closed.
- 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.

Yours in Service, Blair A. DCM District 2

Area 82

A motion was made by Michael A and Seconded by Heather to approve the reports.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Central Service Elections

CPC – no nominations

Entertainment – no nominations

Literature – Cathy nominated Joshua M. Joshua qualified himself. Approved. Welcome Joshua M

Mid Winter Round Up

Webmaster

Co Chair Telephone committee – Michael A nominated Colin. Colin qualified himself. Approved. Welcome Colin

Co Chair

- b. Compliance with Covid Rules – Just following up from issue last month with following the rules. It was said that if rules are not followed going forward then all present will rec a \$1000 fine. There is a link on the website and the Department of Health Website so please ensure that all present at AA events / meeting follow all the rules related to Covid.. Garth commented there was a person at a meeting he was at that refused to wear a mask. Blair

commented that as long as the group did their part that is what is required. If people do not want to follow the rules they should be asked to leave. (Our common welfare should come first)

C. Bridging the Gap – Jamie – At the last meeting Area gave a presentation on Bridging the Gap. I can remember it has been talked about many times in the past and it doesn't seem to go anywhere. We can either keep doing what we are doing allowing people from different committees to step up when necessary or we can put something in Central Service to add a committee to take care of this. Blair – I have put some thought into this as well. Is it not already part of treatment and some other groups like telephone and corrections. I think it is there it is just not formulized. Jamie – It seems to be getting done just not in an organized way. Blair – I know it has come about through contacts etc Paul – I have had a conversation with District 3 and with Gerry W. There is Bridging the Gap pamphlets you can get. It is made up of multiple committees which would have to get together to make it happen or a sub committee be set up. Sharman – when I look over the information I am not sure if we just keep going the way we are with the committees forwarding people to the necessary person or it needs to be a committee. Heather – I am picturing when we go to detox we give out our phone number and let them know where meetings are. Jamie – I believe that we can formulize it better so we have contacts to forward people to. Gil – There are members that write letters to people that are jail which I believe is part of bridging the gap. Jamie – maybe the 4 chairs, Paul, Blair, yourself and I can brainstorm and put something forward to Central Services. Jeff – This does come up here and there and I am unclear why we require more than the 12 step list. Why do we require Bridging the Gap when we have this list already but maybe a stand alone committee would make more sense in some situations. At GSO Bridging the Gap is part of the Treatment Committee.

d. AA google re club 24 – It goes against our Traditions and has been there for years. We will never figure out who did it but it should be changed. Michael will take care of that.

NEW BUSINESS

A)

Announcements from the floor

Jeff – Fresh Start is back up and running Wednesdays at 830 pm in Sackville

Jamie – Four Season is now in person Thursday 730pm and Sunday 11am (Hybride meetings)

Next meeting 4 May 21, 7 PM

Meeting adjournment at 8:53 PM with the Responsibility Pledge.