

**MINUTES OF  
CENTRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING 6 July 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	Adhoc Bridging the Gap – Bill	Back to Basics – Heather	Area 82 –
Co-Chair -. Chris	CPC –.	Four Season –	DCM District 1 – Paul
Treasurer -. <b>Bill</b>	Corrections -. Tom	Fresh Start – Jeff	DCM District 2 – Blair
Secretary – Jamie	Entertainment –.	Hubbards – Barb	DCM 1 Alt –
	Help Email – Sherry	Serenity Sister – Jackie	
	Hospital Visitation – Gil	West End Step –	Hos Vis Co Chair – Wayne
	Literature –.	Keep it Simple –	Hubbards Group – Sarah
	Newsletter – Mike	Sunrise -	Ser Sis Co Chair – Maddie
	Mid-Winter –	Acceptance Group – Ian	Observer - Maria
	PI – Clayton	Downtown Dartmotuh - Mark	
	Telephone – .		
	Treatment –. Sharman		
	Webmaster –		
	Webmaster Co-Chair –		

**CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motioned to approve the agenda by Sherry \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by Heather \_\_\_\_\_

**MINUTES APPROVED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Motioned to approve the June 1 minutes by Heather. \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by Barb \_\_\_\_\_

**REPORTS**

**Secretary**

Good evening and thank you for your service. I have completed the Co Chair turnover with Chris. I was unable to attend last month’s meeting but was still able to do the minutes as we record the minutes. For committee chairs please forward your minutes to the secretary.aahalifax@gmail.com email. Yours in service Jamie Quann

**Treasurer**

Attached should be the six month report for 2021 and the June report. The Literature six month is not according to our resolution. It is a work in progress and perhaps by Fall.  
As of Friday I have not heard back from the Double Tree for a proposed contract if we hold a open round up in February 2022. They can give us either of the first two weekends in February. I'll call the Hotel tomorrow to see when contract is coming.  
Mike I will need to have you sign some transfer slips, as the Literature purchases are being made on my credit card and I want to keep all the finances up to date for CS let alone protect me from interest payments.  
On Bridging the Gap I tried to get the committee together earlier in June to no avail but I didn't follow up further. I will try again before Tuesday's meeting.

Financially we are okay for the odds and ends that may come in. But if things are going to open up again in September with the institutions, we need money. In any case, we still need a balance in our bank account of about \$2500. at the end of September for insurance and telephone in October.

I have the second shot of the vaccine so I'm ready for easier times. Regards Bill Powroz

Central Services Committee  
Treasurer's Report  
July 6, 2021

Operating Account:  
Opening Balance: \$ 2,048.44  
Revenue:  
Hubbards \$ 150.00  
Serenity Sisters \$ 300.00  
Mid-Winter Transfer \$. 480.00  
Hubbards Insurance \$. 47.03  
Total: \$ 977.03

Debits:  
Telephone: \$ 275.60  
Closing Balance: \$ 2,749.87

Prudent Account: +\$0.20 \$ 4,896.05  
Literature Committee  
Opening Balance: \$ 1,293.01  
Credits: \$ 382.61  
Debits: \$. 1.00  
Closing Balance: \$ 1,674.62

Discussion regarding the budget

### **Co-Chair**

Folks, this report is brief as I continue to settle into this position. Yesterday, Jamie and I met to hand-off liability insurance documents and review the current state of affairs of group premium payments to Central Service. We can expect to recover premium costs more easily in the coming year as in-person meetings pick-up. More to come as I settle-in

Michael asked that the insurance paperwork be updated to the website

### **Chair**

There were 19 members in attendance at the June 1st Central Service Meeting.  
Regarding the NS Health Authority gathering rules for AA meetings Face to Face, please adhere to the requirements @ <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/restrictions-and-guidance/>.  
If your group is currently Face to Face and not on the website AAHalifax.org as such, or is planning the changeover from zoom to Face to Face, or Face to Face addition with Zoom please send your homegroup meeting(s) schedule to Webmaster and Newsletter chair.  
Spirit of Rotation  
CPC Chair and Co-Chair is required.  
Entertainment Chair/Co-Chair Required  
MidWinterRoundUp (MWRU) Chair required.  
As Mid Winter Round Up is an event that needs calendar planning with or without the spirit of rotation, Central Service Chair shall sit in as Interim Chair of MWRU, and Central Service Treasurer will sit in as Interim Program Chair of MWRU until such time that these positions are filled.  
Our first task is to look at available places and costs with the plan that we will be having a Face-to-Face MWRU. Availability may become challengingly restrictive in choice of venues if we wait for MWRU elections before doing any preliminary price studies.  
Fail to plan, plan to fail as they say.

Also:

I've asked Central Service Co-Chair for an update of who still owes regarding Insurance Premiums for 2020-2021, more to follow.

I've asked Central Service Treatment for a plan of group rotation, as rehab has opened their covid safety doors once again to put on AA meetings. More to follow.

I hope everyone is enjoying their sober summer days.

Thank you all for your hand in service, Michael H. Central Service Chair Districts 1 and 2

### **Committees:**

#### **Adhoc Bridging the Gap**

#### **CPC**

No report

#### **Corrections**

Nothing new to report from corrections

#### **Entertainment**

No report

#### **Help Email**

Lots of activity this month.

19 ppl in total.

All wanting info on....

1. Info on how to go to meetings

2. Rehab in NS

3. Attend with a friend.

4. Wanted a phone call

5. Do they have to be a member to attend

Gave them all the info required. Yours in service Sherry G

#### **Hospital Visitation**

Good evening everyone. Gilles D. here . June 6 some volunteers met on zoom we had a constructive discussion. We have a poster or 8x10 to put in our package for the administrators of 30 some nursing home and care facility we are working on a letter to accompany the this package. We propose to them we want permission to affix them on a billboard in there facilities so the residents are able to read and decide if there interested in a visit or a call. It s our way to access people without breaking there anonymity. If there interested they can call us for more detail. As far as visits we had 1 and we are still trying to arrange a visit or call for a resident at Sagewood in Lower Sackville. Our next meeting is July 4 11.30 am on zoom 255 275 2863 password 123456

Wayne Co Chair mentioned he is now sponsorship someone at Sagewood

Discussed using the Central Service Zoon act to have a full meeting

#### **Literature**

No report

#### **Mid-Winter**

Bill contacted Double Tree hotel to look at booking either the first or second weekend of Feb. They will provide a contract to be so he can look at the approx number to set up a budget for next year. No commitment currently just looking for numbers

#### **Newsletter**

Just a reminder that meeting notices / updates should be sent to both the Webmaster ([Webmaster.aahalifax@gmail.com](mailto:Webmaster.aahalifax@gmail.com)) and the Newsletter ([Newsletter.aahalifax@gmail.com](mailto:Newsletter.aahalifax@gmail.com)) to ensure your message is communicated to your target audience. Newsletter submissions for August should be submitted to [Newsletter.aahalifax@gmail.com](mailto:Newsletter.aahalifax@gmail.com) by the 25th of August, 2021. Thanks Mike

## PI

The public Information committee meet last Saturday (3 July) at 10:00 via Zoom.

Here are a few items that we discussed/are working on:

- 1) We plan on putting up some AA PSA message (just our AA contact info like the phone # and website) on local signs in Sackville area. Fultz house sounds promising, Acadia hall is being investigated.
- 2) Radio- hopping to air AA PSA on DAL radio and Sackville radio stations.
- 3) Buses- waiting to post our AA signs on the buses until September when we expect more traffic.
- 4) discussions with High school guidance counsellors in the area went well, plans in place to provide them with some resources this September.
- 5) liaison with CFHS(A) addiction prevention & treatment department to see if our resources could be made available in the waiting room/to patients.
- 6) investigating conducting the next PI meeting in-person, intend on still having it at 10 am on the first Saturday of the month. The newsletter will indicate if it is by zoom or at a specific location, as usual any members welcome to attend.

- Ensuring AA is found by those who need it Thanks Clayton

## Telephone

June has been a busy month, but Colin D. (Daytime Phone Chair) and Sandra D. (Evening phone Chair). Are on top of it . We still are in need of Daytime support. We have only 9 persons taking care of the Daytime Phones. We have recently lost 4 persons on the evening rotation and one new person added as well added to the 12. Step call list. If you could let your groups know we are in need of support. Yours in service, Michael A

## Treatment

In June, we started going back to the Marguerite Centre and all is going well. We're always looking for women to help out putting meetings on there. If you can mention it to your groups, that would be awesome. The Nova Scotia Detox facility is excited to get started with us going in again. The manager of the facility only wants the same 2 people to go in on the same day and time every week for a while. I thought I would start with Angie R my co-chair and go on Sunday evenings. The manager is on vacation now and I want to wait until my 2nd dose of vaccine takes effect. Hopefully we will be going in on the 11th. If not then, the next week. It would be great if other groups could help out , but we have to wait. I will be asking groups if they would like to go in and put meetings on when I get the ok to do so.... Maybe in September. Thank you. Sharman M Treatment Chair

Bill – we should discuss your budget now that you are going back into facilities  
Some discussion on vaccine and there relation to entering facilities. It was decided Central Service will not take part in any medical discussions unless the facilities mandates certain rules

## Webmaster

No report

## District 1

Dear Central Service Committee Members of District 1 and 2. Thank you all for being of Service and to carry the message of Hope.  
At our last meeting, we had 10 people in attendance. District 1 has elected a new secretary. Please Welcome Michelle W from the back to basic Group as the new Secretary. We will be having our next Workshop on July 28 stay tune for the great Service topic but please spread the word  
If any of your groups are making changes and going face to face, can u please send your information to the AA Webmaster. This is essential in making sure we carry the message to all members of AA. Thank you all for stepping up and making sure we all Trudge the Road of Happy destiny. Yours in Service Paul B DCM District 1

## District 2

Good evening friends, I am grateful to be here and grateful to be sober. District 2 agreed to not hold a meeting in June as the regular date was Fathers Day and chose not to reschedule

The month of June was fairly slow with Area 82 and District 2 business:

- The AA Grapevine Corporate Board will have a vacancy for the position of non-trustee Director and resumes must be received by July 16, 2021.
- The Eastern Canada regional trustee Jan L. will be finishing her term in April 2022 and Area 82 may nominate a regional trustee candidate before January 1, 2022.
- The revision to the AA Preamble replacing the words “men and women” with “people” as per the advisory action of the 71 st General Service Conference appeared in the July issue of the Grapevine.
- The minutes for the Area 82 Spring Assembly and Trudy’s Area 82 Delegate Report will be shared with Central Service as soon as they are received from Area.
- The communications received from Mark Z. Nova Scotia Co-Chair for Public Information concerning the Co-Chairs for the Active Area 82 Committees has been distributed and will be discussed at the District 2 meeting in July.
- Alternate Delegate Gerry W holds an Area 82 Active Committees meeting on the last Monday of each month at 6 PM. The next one will be on July 26. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88688093457>
- All updates received from Area 82 concerning the restrictions at meetings have been distributed to Central Service Chair and all groups in District 2.
- The Area 82 Fall Assembly will be October 8-10, 2021 on Zoom and agenda items must be sent to Area Chair by August 1.
- District 2 is planning to hold their next workshop once it can be done in person
- District 2 still has an opening for the position of Secretary for the 2021/2022 term
- District 2 will be holding their regular monthly meeting on July 17 at 2pm on Zoom

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 Heather and Seconded by Sherry to approve the reports.**

### OLD BUSINESS

- a. Central Service Elections

CPC

Entertainment

Mid Winter Round Up

Webmaster

- b. Compliance with Covid Rules –
- c. Service Palooza – Bill

At the January, 2021 meeting of Central Service a motion was passed as follows: Be it moved that the Central Service Committee hold an annual Event Each September to introduce the various Committees to the members, in terms of mandate, roles, activities and tasks in relation to the Board mandate of carrying the message to suffering alcoholics, supporting sobriety and making known the work of Alcoholics Anonymous in the local community; and to incorporate this annual Event as part of the Guidelines for the Central Service Committee; typically this Event in A.A. circles is known as a “Service Palooza”.

In light of the resolution below is a proposed amendment to the Guidelines to incorporate this Event.

## Service Palooza

The Central Service Committee holds an annual meeting each year for the general membership in September, known as the Service Palooza. It is an opportunity for each of the Committees including the Executive to present the mission of their Committee and the actual tasks involved to fulfill their mandate. It is meant to breakdown bewilderment as to the actual work of the Committees among the membership. It is an opportunity for members to apply their talents, learn the nature of service work in A.A., the time involved, learn more about the A.A. way with Traditions and Concepts and discover fun and fulfillment through participation as a member.

Regards Bill P.

The webmaster has this information and it will be updated on the website when time permits

Co Chari Chris V will take care of organizing this

- d. Literature Guidelines – This has all been updated on the website
- e. Budget for Hospital Visitation – Bill and Gil will discuss

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A) More discussion on the budget. It was discussed that Central service is in need of donations and it was requested that that be put in the newsletter as well

## **Announcements from the floor**

Four Seasons is Hybrid meetings now and if anyone requires assistance to make there meeting Hybrid please contact us - Jamie

Second Chance is now in person - Gil

Living in the solution is still on Zoom and looking for a meeting hall to host face to face meeting again - Maria

Hubbards will be face to face only starting next week

Back to Basics face to face Wed and Fri and Zoom will continue for July only - Heather

## **Next meeting 3 August 21, 7 PM**

Meeting adjournment at 830 PM with the Responsibility Pledge.