

**MINUTES OF
CENTRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING 7 Sept 2021
Zoom Meeting**

WELCOME AND OPEN: Meeting opened by Michael H. at 7 pm with the

TWELVE TRADITIONS: The Twelve Traditions were read by Tom

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 –
Treasurer -. Bill	Corrections -. Tom	Fresh Start – Jeff	DCM District 2 – Blair
Secretary –	Entertainment –.	Hubbards –	DCM 1 Alt –
	Help Email – Sherry	Serenity Sister – Maddy	
	Hospital Visitation – Gil	West End Step –	Tom R
	Literature -. Joshua	Keep it Simple –	
	Newsletter –	Sunrise – Garth	
	Mid-Winter –	Circle of Sisters - Anne	
	PI –	Acceptance - Ian	
	Telephone -. Michael A		
	Treatment –.		
	Webmaster –		
	Webmaster Co-Chair –		

CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motioned to approve the agenda by Heather Seconded by Sherry

MINUTES APPROVED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motioned to approve the Aug 3 minutes by Josh . Seconded by Garth

REPORTS

Secretary

Completed and sent out the minutes for August

Treasurer

Central Service Committee
September 7, 2021
Treasurer Report

August Financial Activities
Central Service
Opening Balance: \$ 2,486.27

Credits:
St. Margaret's Bay: \$ 200.00

Keep it Simple: \$ 200.00

Acceptance: \$ 600.00

Total: \$ 1,000.00

Debits:

Telephone: \$ 278.82

PI, Literature. \$ 53.50

Lawton's PO Box \$ 228.85

Total: \$ 561.17

Closing Balance: \$ 2,925.10

For September, We have sufficient funds to cover the phone bill, a charge of \$100. For PI and to meet the cost of the Insurance budgeted at \$1700.

We will have about \$850. Left over. We will need donations to cover the Christmas social, and some expenses, if restrictions on meetings are lifted. We have printing costs for the Bridging the Gap Program, estimate shortly. We will need some surplus funds to tide us over into January.

Literature

Opening Balance: \$ 1,584.48

Credits: \$ 556.72

Debits: \$ 253.09

Closing Balance: \$ 1,888.11

Prudent Account: + \$0.21 \$ 4,896.47

Bill - \$150 was donated last month from an unidentified AA link so that donation will be returned

Chris – The insurance bill came in the total is \$1745

Co-Chair

Folks, the most significant item relates to insurance. The broker provided the policy. I reconciled it to the meeting list on aahalifax.org. There are a number of groups operating that need to be added to the policy. I would like to review the list with the committee briefly to obtain contact info for any of the groups. If info is not available, I will visit the groups over the next two weeks and suggest coming onto the policy and explain the benefits of participating in the insurance plan. I also invite guidance on how to most quickly communicate with the groups on the matter. In service, Chris

Michael – Can we start paying insurance now

Chris – Yes the total per group is \$50

Ian – Can we pay by etransfer

Bill – All pymts must be mailed to

AA HRM

PO Box 31338

Halifax, NS B3K5Z1

Chair

There were 17 members in attendance at the August Central Service meeting with only 7 total from both Districts 1 and 2 combined that represented their Groups as Central Service Reps.

The Central Service Position is a key link to communicating what we are doing and what needs to be done. I thought this month would be a proper time to re-iterate what the important Central Service representatives are responsible for, Responsibilities of Central Service CSR's A Central Service Representative has the following responsibilities:

- To attend meetings of the Central Service Committee;
- To represent the conscience of their group in deliberations (Central Service Guidelines section 9.1);

- To participate in discussions;
- Willing to make, second and/or vote on motions
- Willing to make and/or vote on recommendations;
- Consider standing as candidate for Executive and sub-Committee Chair positions;
- On occasion, as trusted servant, willing to vote based on own conscience and discussion, independent of their group;
- "Most importantly" To take back to their group any matter requiring group conscience consideration before final vote at Central Service; - In general, to keep their group advised of the work of Central Service.

Concept IX quote, "The Twelve Concepts for World Service", "...No society can function well without able leadership in all its levels, and A.A. can be no exception."

Official Executive Committee Elections Call-out

The following Executive positions within Central Service require to be filled by 01 January 2022:

Chair

Co-Chair

Treasurer

Secretary

To understand the responsibilities of these positions, please refer to the Central Service Guidelines at ref: <https://www.aahalifax.org/wp-content/uploads/Guidelines/Central-Service-Guidelines-Jun2021-v2.pdf>

If you are interested in helping others, meet the guideline requirements, please attend the next Central Service Meeting on 5 th October 2021, on Zoom. Zoom data can be found on the AAhalifax.org website, the bluenose bulletin, Central Service Monthly minutes, or embedded within this Central Service Chair Report.

Monday August 30 th , Treatment Chair stepped down from elective responsibilities. Co-Chair was immediately updated of changes. There will be elections for any person interested in becoming the chair of Treatment.

Thank you all for your hand in service,
Michael H.

Committees:

Adhoc – Bridging the Gap

Members: Leah C. – Mike A. – Bill P.

Guests: Tom & Sherry(Corrections)

This is a synopsis of the wide ranging and irregular discussion of the topic on September 1, 2021. It's a report rather than minutes. A final report is not possible at this time, due to vacations and other obligations the Committee was not able to meet as frequently as required. We foresee a final report at the November meeting with Start Up in December, 2021.

1. The Committee discussed the rate of use for Bridging the Gap among the various "Treatment – Rehabilitation Residential Facilities" in Districts 1 & 2.

a) Margarete Centre: Historically meetings at this facility have been shared between Treatment Committee members, Groups and individuals. Informally Bridging the Gap has taken place informally, including sponsorship. The Bridging the Gap kit would be provided as part of discharge planning but would be few in number at any one time. The facility should have an explanation letter from Central Service and the kit. (possibly meeting)

b) Detox Centre: This facility will have the largest use for our information as discharge is at a five-or-seven day period. An explanation should be provided in the format of the meeting. It is more than likely that the residents would include persons from outside our region. An explanation letter and kit to the facility is advisable. (possibly meeting)

c) Forensics Centre: There are two to three discharges a year from this

facility. Like the Margarete Centre it should be part of the planning process on discharge. The residents come from across the province. A letter of explanation and kit from CS.

d) Corrections: No meetings are taking place at present. There has been little contact recently with the facility. More information forthcoming from Tom and Sherry (Corrections)

2. The Committee discussed two other residential facilities in our area: namely, Al-Care and the Freedom Foundation. As part of the facility program, the residents are required to attend A.A. meetings. For those residents moving outside Districts 1 & 2, the kit would be part of the discharge planning. Again, a letter of explanation and kit should be provided to these facilities.

3. Bridging the Gap Volunteers: The Committee is now seeking Groups and volunteers with names and contact numbers, who are willing to assist new-

comers make the transition from their facility to an A.A. meeting. This may be done by calling Bill Powroz 219-2140 or email wjppowroz@gmail.com.

4. Bridging the Gap kit: The Committee consulted with a printing professional on the printing and costs of assembling the kit. The kit consists of a Business Card inscribed with Alcoholics Anonymous, "If your alone, we can help!" the Help Line phone no, the Help email address. And a note for out of towners to consult the Help line phone card. The back of the business card would have Phone No. The second card is the list of Help Lines for Area 82 and Area 81(NB and PEI). The third item is a miniaturized pamphlet on (Your 1 st AA meeting). The three items would be contained in a business card size plastic sleeve to preserve and protect the kit. The printer agreed to investigate and prepare a mock-up of the three items and provide a costing for the printing.

5. A request was received from Crosby House to assist a resident who is moving to our local area in the near future on discharge. We agreed to assist and facilitate.

6. The next meeting is September 13, 2021 – ZOOM 8:00 pm.

Future discussion items:

- 1) Compose the letter of explanation for facilities
 - 2) Discuss a District 1 & 2 Workshop.
 - 3) Post a Bridging the Gap fact sheet on Web site.
- blll p.

CPC

No report

Corrections

No meetings being held. Called corrections facility twice, no reply. I swung by correction facility, could not enter. Will keep trying to get hold of Troy. Attended bridging the gap mtg.

Entertainment

No report

Help Email

Hello Guys,
11 ppl reached out this month, variety of reasons.
Some needed to talk, needed a meeting schedule, zoom info, and even alanon.
One person needed detox, gave them the info required.
Your friend in Service Sherry G

Hospital Visitation

Good evening everyone August was a quiet month we didnt get any new request for visitation .A man from Sagewood is attending zoom meeting on a regular basis. We add our Volunteers meeting on sunday. I talk to Paul B. from Back to Basic and we are getting some Grape Vine thank you.

Literature

We are sitting at approx \$4800 in goods currently with \$1500 being grapevine books. We just placed an order for 100 Big Books and few other items. The store has been very busy this month and we have had a lot of requests for books to be delivered. We are also in the process of coming up with a good format to use for cost of books sold, books available, etc

Jeff – What did you say about grapevines? Joshua – We have a lot of grapevine books. They go for approx \$17 so we are currently putting a push on them

Michael – Are groups approaching you to purchase books to have at their meetings again? Joshua – Yes

Mid-Winter

Midwinter Round-up (MWRU)

There was extensive discussion of the financial obligations to be undertaken by the Committee. Serious doubts were raised as to the likelihood of sufficient registrations to generate the necessary revenues to break even.

It was pointed out that The Central Service Committee was in no position to assume responsibility for any shortfalls in revenue and jeopardizing its other services.

It was noted there was apprehension within the membership of attending any open - meeting considering the Covid Crisis.

None of the groups with open and masked meetings approach their usual pre-Covid attendance. It would be optimistic for the Round Up to have a different experience.

Therefore, in light of aforementioned, it was unanimously voted by the MWRU Panel, that there will be no Face-to-Face Midwinter Roundup this year.

Virtual MWRU had not been discussed at this time, but perhaps this is an opportunity to have the Central Service Representatives bring back to their groups and pose a question, if they want a Virtual MWRU, and if so, ask for volunteers who would be interested in carrying out the necessary requirements to make it happen.

Our next meeting will be on the 5 th October 2021 at 7PM on Zoom. Here are the zoom particulars:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5120368953?pwd=a1RIRnRNVEdFZlVqSW85My84S2JiZz09> ; or
Zoom Ident # 512 036 8953
Password: wecandoit

Tom – I think we do have time to have a virtual round up. We just need people to get involved

Chris - I move to at least have a feasibility study to look at doing a Zoom Round up, Josh seconded. Motion carried. Tom will look into this

Newsletter

Just a reminder that meeting notices / updates should be sent to both the Webmaster (Webmaster.aahalifax@gmail.com) and the Newsletter (Newsletter.aahalifax@gmail.com) to ensure your message is communicated to your target audience.

Newsletter submissions for October should be submitted to Newsletter.aahalifax@gmail.com by the 25th of September, 2021.

Thanks Mike

PI

The Public Information committee had a meeting on 14 Aug 21, in-person at 45

Connolly drive in sackville. Here are a few things we discussed/are working on:

1) We delivered business cards, Pamphlets and posters to the Canadian Armed Forces base Hospital in CFB Halifax. They have an excellent addiction prevention and treatment program. Alcoholism is an issue with some members and they are warm to A.A, suggesting their patients attend.

2) We have been in contact with Fultz House (sackville) to get our PSA on their sign. The charge would be \$100. per month. Following discussion, it was agreed to follow through.

Following further discussion, it was agreed that the best time for the sign would be September and January for maximum viewing by the public.

3) Media - the radio station at 97.5 FM Community Radio in Sackville will broadcast the AA PSA. CKDU of Dalhousie U will broadcast the AA PSA. The Sackville Business Association does a flyer for its members and will consider adding the AA PSA.

4) We have been in contact with a local MLA in the Sackville area who sent out a flyer to constituents on Mental Health services. Contact was made to include AA in future. More to follow.

5) There was general discussion on the information contained on the Area 82 Web site – the ease and completeness of the information, for newcomers, members and professionals. Clayton followed up with Area 82 on this matter. Suggestion was made to compare Area 82 website with AA.org and Area 81, as examples. Area 82 is currently in the process of updating the site and welcomed the recommendation.

6) Audio Visual out of New York called “Hope – AA”. This is a sixteen minute video on AA its services etc. We plan to talk with Treatment Chair for Detox and Marguerite Centre, recommend to Area 82 and to use in future for CPC presentations. The video would be very good for professionals.

Thanks Clayton Public Information Committee

Telephone

This month found the phones busier than usual.
Mostly due with meeting information.
The daytime phone has been really busy with people looking for help.

I received a call from Wayne O 2 weekends again saying the the weekend phone has two cracks in it.
I sent an email to Michael.

I checked on the cost for repair. CPRERAIR. 902-414-1422 (www.cprepair.ca)
The cost will be \$120.00 to fix the screen.

We have also added two new persons on the day phone schedule, but are having a hard time in the summer getting people to cover their shift. I have taken both the daytime and weekend phones due to no one stepping up in the groups.

Please go back to your groups to see if anyone is interested in working the phones. (Evening Phone is Fully Covered).
Daytime phone is where we need more support.

Treatment

No report

Webmaster

No report

District 1

District 1 Report for August:

- District 1 is looking for an Alt DCM
- There is a Workshop at the end of the month, put on by the Back to Basic Group. The workshop is called Learning to participate in Service
- Area 82 is continuing to update their web site, so you may notice some changes
- District 1 will be attending the Area officers Meeting on Sept 15, please make sure you contact your GSR for information regarding the agenda.
- The Area Fall assembly will take place in October. Hope to see you all present

Yours in Service Paul B DCM District 1

District 2

District 2 Report
September 7, 2021

Good evening friends, I am grateful to be here and grateful to be sober. District 2 held their August monthly meeting on Zoom with 1 group represented, plus the treasurer and myself.

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

- The new Publisher at AA Grapevine, Inc. is Chris C. and his enthusiasm for change will help Grapevine continue to reflect the Fellowship in every medium available
 - The minutes for the Area 82 Spring Assembly have been shared with the Central Service Chair. More detailed minutes to follow as the Secretary for Area 82 was having computer problems
 - Trudy's Area 82 Delegate Report included in the Spring Assembly minutes gives a detailed summary of the 71st General Service Conference held in April and highlights any proposals around Corrections, CPP/PI, Literature, and Treatment at GSO
 - 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 September 27
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88688093457>
 - The Area 82 Webmaster is continuing to work on the new Area 82 website which includes a new database, new software and reliable technical support
 - An Area 82 DCM/Area Officers meeting will be held on September 15th at 6:30 PM
 - A draft agenda for the Area 82 Assembly on October 8-10, 2021 on Zoom has been distributed and a final agenda will be available following the Area Officers/DCM meeting in September
 - The groups in District 2 have been notified that Central Service is working on renewing the Group Insurance Policy at a cost of roughly \$50 per group and to notify the Central Service Co-Chair, if they wish to be included
 - 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 September 19 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

No report

A motion was made by Bill and Seconded by Sherry to approve the reports.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Central Service Elections

CPC

Entertainment

Mid Winter Round Up

Treatment

Webmaster

NEW BUSINESS

- A) Palozza – According to the guidelines we should be having this is Sept/ Oct however with Covid rules we are unsure if this is possible this year. Michael suggested doing it at Club 24. This will be looked into further under the guidelines of Covid
- B) Paper Copies of the meeting list – Michael would like to go back to having paper copies of the meeting lists. He stated there are a lot of people without access to computers and he would like to be able to have paper copies again. Jeff – Is there not still printable versions of the meeting list. Michael – In the last 24 months we just seem to be opening and closing constantly so I just an unsure if it is realistic to start printing off copies. There was a lot of talk on this. Michael will talk this to the webmaster to see if something can be made available and he will let everyone know before the next meeting
- C) Broken Telephone – Michael – Just wondering what to do about the weekend phone which is broken. Bill – The cheapest option to keep our warranty is for Bill to get the phone and get it to a dealer to have it looked at.

Announcements from the floor

Gil – Second Chance is reopened Face to Face no more zoom

Paul – It has been brought to my attention that some groups are not wearing masks. Please wear your masks and pay attention to all Health and Safety Rules

Garth – Where is the Christmas Social? Michael – This has not been discussed as yet. Bill – The first thing that needs to happen is there has to be a group step forward to host it.

Next meeting Oct 5 21, 7 PM

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