

**MINUTES OF
CENTRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
April 5, 2022
Zoom Meeting**

WELCOME AND OPEN: Meeting opened by Samaira at 7pm with the Serenity Prayer.

TWELVE TRADITIONS: The Twelve Traditions were read by Joan M.

ROLL CALL: 21 in attendance of which 18 attendees were voting members.

EXECUTIVE (4)	COMMITTEES (4)	CSR (11)	ALT CSR/OBSERVERS (2)
Chair – Samaira G	Telephone – Michael A.	Back to Basics – Paul P	DCM District 1 – Mary W (standing in)
Co-Chair – Tim M	Help Email – Sherry	Four Seasons -Joel N	DCM District 2 –
Treasurer – Foster L	Newsletter - Mike M	Fresh Start – Jeff D	Paul B - observer
Secretary – Emily S	Hospital Visitation – Gilles	Downtown Dartmouth - Mark M	
	Treatment	Keep it Simple – Joan M	
	CPC -	Sunrise – Garth	
	Literature –	Colby Village – Zeta	
	Corrections -	Downtown Halifax – Peter J	
	Webmaster	Safety Net – Sean M	
	Mid-Winter –	Sunday Night Serenity – Rachael S	
	Public Information -	Highland Park - John M	
	Entertainment –		
	Bridging the Gap -		

7th Tradition: *E-transfer is now set up; please email Central Service meeting 7th tradition contribution and group contributions to:

treasurer.aahalifax@gmail.com

***Please put a note along with your transfer as to what the donation is for and which group you represent.**

Contributions can also be mailed to:

Central Service, RPO Gladstone, PO Box 31338, Halifax NS B3K 5Z1

CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS

- Service Palooza: Fresh Start Group
- Newsletter items: Back to Basics

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda by Gilles, seconded by Sean. All in favour. Motion passed.

MINUTES APPROVED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion to approve the March 1, 2022 minutes made by Sherry, seconded by Garth. All in favour. Motion passed.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Secretary:

This month I assisted the treasurer by co-signing a few necessary cheques. I spoke with a representative at the Credit Union and have an online profile so that I may now assist our treasurer with online transfers within our account. I continued to work on an updated contact list and have sent all current group contacts to Tim M the central service co-chair, and my list is pretty much complete. Please let me know if anyone in your group would like to be on the mailing list to receive the central service minutes each month. Big thanks to Heather L, our new webmaster, for being on the ball, helping me tweak last month's minutes document and getting things posted so promptly. Thanks to Samaira for help with the agenda, and to DCM Paul B for assisting me with voting guidelines. It is a great help when committee heads send me their reports in the days before the central service meeting - thank you. If I can be of help to anyone, please let me know. - Emily S

Treasurer:

March was relatively quiet. We received some generous financial contributions from the groups and the Literature Committee and any outstanding bills have been paid, including two invoices from PI and Corrections dated December 2021 that were somehow lost in the transition of the Treasurer position.

Emily and I, jointly, now have the ability to transfer funds internally between accounts at the Credit Union. I must login and initiate the transfer then Emily will login with a password known only to her and approve the transaction. This simulates the two signature requirement per our guidelines but means I will no longer need to write cheques to the Literature Account and vice-versa or need to attend with two people at the branch to move funds in or out of the prudent reserve; it makes life a lot easier.

When preparing the financial statement I noticed a deposit in excess of \$9,500 to our literature account. I have spoken with Joshua and the credit union and determined these funds went into our account in error and the deposit has been reversed. Yours in Service, Foster L Treasurer

*see Appendix A

Discussion:

- With a healthy balance, is it time to move money up the line?
- At this time the treasurer recommends that we not discuss moving money up the line until perhaps July.

Co-Chair: Tim M

Since our last meeting 2 more have paid their insurance premium, and I am expecting another group to pay shortly. Yesterday I sent out an email to the group contacts requesting payment if they were able, letting them know that we understand that some groups are just starting back up and monies might be tight. If anyone knows how I can get my hands on the insurance policy please let me know. Thanks in advance

Yours in Love and Service
Tim M, Co-Chair Central Service

Discussion:

- How would we know if our group paid yet?
- (treasurer) I can look through the deposit book from last year - Bill made a note of which group next to each insurance payment.

Chair: Samaira G

I have been announcing that we are in need of volunteers for the mid-winter roundup committee. I've noticed that the mid-winter roundup committee is separate from central service and elections of MWRU committee should be brought back to CS table. I recently realized the MWRU has guidelines - I will ask our secretary to send these out to groups along with the meeting minutes this month. If you could please review these guidelines with your groups and we will discuss it further next month. Otherwise, I've been getting in touch with committee chairs and seeing what they need. If you have any questions or concerns please get in touch with me (phone is better than email).

Discussion:

- The MWRU committee is a subcommittee of central service and reports to the chair of CS, but their bank account is separate and any surplus comes back to CS (any deficit is covered by CS).
- It doesn't seem right that a committee can draw up their own guidelines which have not been voted on by CS, these should come back to us to be discussed at the CS table. Each new MWRU committee is voted in by the old committee after the roundup has finished - perhaps these committee members should be voted in by the CS table. Guidelines should be reviewed regularly; we are asking that you look these over with your groups once they are mailed out.
- I believe these guidelines were written at the CS table in operation with the MWRU committee past and present chairs and members. If you added the MWRU guidelines to the CS guidelines you would have a huge document. It's not a bad idea to review guidelines regularly, but would input from various groups who have had no experience with the MWRU committee be helpful?
- The midwinter round up guidelines are not posted on the AA website - we need to have them posted ASAP. There used to be a MWRU tab on the website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ad hoc – Bridging the Gap: no report at this time

CPC: no chairperson at this time

Corrections: no report at this time

Entertainment: no chairperson at this time

Help Email:

Help Email for March was steady, with 17 individuals reaching out. 8 women & 9 men. All had questions regarding meetings schedules, open and closed meetings, online or in person, etc - same questions as always.

Also, a few emails thanking us for helping them with the information provided.

I love help email!

Your friend in Service

Sherry G

Hospital Visitation:

Good evening everyone March was quiet - our brother John C was hit by a truck and taken to hospital. John recently celebrated 50 plus years of sobriety. Wayne O. will try to visit him . We had a good volunteers committee meeting on Sunday. We are sending our letter with poster attachments to Northwood first to see how it's received. We are sending our Newsletter ad to all district Newsletters in N.S. and we are revamping our members list. Thank you Samaira for helping me with utilizing the CS zoom account for our committee meeting.

Yours in service, Gilles

Literature: no report at this time

Mid-Winter: no chairperson at this time

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 the AA community.

Newsletter submissions for May should be submitted to Newsletter.aahalifax@gmail.com by the 25th of April 2022.

Thanks, Mike

PI: no report at this time

Telephone:

March was a busy month for the day and evening phones. Increase due to meetings going live. The overnight phone received 1 call in March.

I have placed an ad on the website and April's Newsletter looking for daytime phone support.

Please bring back to your groups.

As well we are looking for Groups to step up for the weekend rotation. This was placed on the website and newsletter.

Thank you so much,

Yours in service , Michael A

Discussion:

- How many groups on the weekend phone roster?

- Roughly 12 out of 42 groups. Please take it to your groups that we lost some volunteers during covid, so the rotation is heavy for the remaining groups.

Treatment:

I hope you are all well. I won't be able to attend the meeting tonight because I'm away this week. Detox and Marguerite Center meetings are going well. Thanks to all the ladies and groups who help out. Thanks to Mike and Pedro for putting the Detox schedule in the newsletter each month!

Have a great meeting. Take care and I'll see you all next month.

Sharman M

Webmaster:

Hi all. Sorry I could not attend tonight's meeting but I'm away on vacation. Pedro has done a wonderful job getting me up to speed on what the duties are for Web Master and how to perform them. I have a bit more to learn so he and I will do another training session in April. My report here does not include graphics showing usage or security statistics, but once I learn where to get that info from Pedro, I'll be able to include it in future reports.

During March performed the following types of activities

- I had a number of meeting list updates that I made (or have scheduled to make) to both the meeting list on our web site and in the meeting list app.
- I updated the Central Service, District 1 and District 2 meeting minutes
- I posted the District 1 and District 2 workshop announcements.
- I made a variety of other posts received from members.

Yours in service,
Heather L
Web Master

District 1:

(presented by Mary W)

We at District 1, want to let you all know that in the AA fellowship, we are all in this together to learn and grow. Here are some items from GSO and District 1.

- Kathy, the Alt DCM for District 1, presented a Synopsis of all of Pre-conference items this past weekend to the General Service Delegate. Thank you to all the Groups who participated in providing a synopsis to district 1.
- GSO has two brand new Alcoholics Anonymous Public Service Announcements that were created and approved through our General Service Conference. The announcements are as follows Sobriety in AA, My drinking built a Wall and Sobriety in AA: When Drinking is no
- longer a party: Keep you Ears and Eyes open for these announcements.
- The Trustees on Corrections is Requesting shared Experiences on the method by which AA members on the outside sponsor members inside the Correctional Facility. For more information, please contact your GSR or my self DCM.aahalifax@gmail.com.

- The next Service workshop by District 1 will be in May called "The Importance of Having a Service Sponsor. Please check out the AA Halifax Website for more information"

In closing, I would like to say thank you to all of you in carrying the message to the Alcoholic who still suffers. Please remember ***We make a living from what we get. We make a life from what we give.***

Yours in Service
Paul B
DCM District 1

District 2:

(presented by Michael A)

Good evening, I am grateful to be here and grateful to be sober. The month of March was busy with Area 82 and District 2 business.

Updates from GSO:

- The Eastern Canadian Regional Forum is still scheduled for May 13-15 in Charlottetown and online registration starts on April 18
- The Trustees Committee on CPC/Treatment and Accessibilities are looking to interview members who are current or recently retired U.S. or Canadian Military members
- The trustees' Committee on Corrections is requesting shared experience on the methods by which A.A. members on the outside sponsor members inside correctional facilities
- GSO is offering a six-month test pilot of Mixed Title Quantity Discount on certain literature ordered between March 31 to September 30

Updates from Area 82:

- The quarterly DCM and Area Officers meeting was held in March with 12 GSRs and the Area Officers in attendance and observers will be allowed at all quarterly meetings going forward
- The agenda for the Spring Assembly on May 27-29 on Zoom has been finalized and distributed
- An Area Officers/DCM meeting will be held on May 1 to discuss the Q1 financials
- The Nova Scotia Provincial Roundup will be held on June 10-12 in Stellarton
- The Pre. Conference was a great success with 10 Districts presenting their assigned agenda items

District 2 held their March meeting in person with 5 groups represented and the Executive

- District 2 approved a \$2310 budget for 2022
- District 2 is holding a Bridging the Gap workshop on Sunday April 10 at 1pm at Club 24
- District 2 still has an opening for the position of Secretary for a one-year term
- District 2 will be holding their regular monthly meeting on April 24 at 2pm at Club 24

Yours in Service,
Blair A.
DCM District 2

Area 82: no report at this time

APPROVAL OF THE REPORTS

A motion was made by Michael A to approve the reports, it was seconded by Joan M. All in favour; motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

• Central Service Elections

- CPC chair - no nominations *please bring to your groups
- Entertainment chair - no nominations *please bring to your groups
- Mid Winter Round Up chair - no nominations - *please bring back to groups that we do plan to have roundup in 2023 and need volunteers

• Treatment committee findings on possible zoom Detox meetings

- treatment chair not available this month

• Webmaster co-chair position

- webmaster not available this month to discuss
- John M suggested he is willing to assist the webmaster

Discussion on Elections:

- (Foster) There has been no Cooperation with Professional Community (CPC) chair for long time. In my experience there is a lot of overlap with Public Information committee and CPC, I'm not sure there is need for two committees in this small community. I would throw out idea of having co chair of PI be a representative for CPC duties and report back to chair of PI.
- (Samaira) I will speak with the PI committee about this - please bring the idea back to your groups to see if you agree that we should join the two committees.

NEW BUSINESS

Possible use of Club 24 mailbox for central service

Discussion:

- our treasurer is more comfortable with keeping the Gladstone mailbox
- can we explore this if club 24 will give us a better rate? we pay a lot for the PO Box
- the mail is dropped off to club 24 through a mail slot - it is not secure, anyone would have access to the mail
- there is no other committee (not district, not Area) where the mailing address does not change every two years with the newly elected representative; it is unusual for us to have a paid PO Box where the address stays the same
- there is not always a guarantee that the treasurer will not be travelling when mail comes in, possibly Florida in the winters
- we don't want to throw away a good, secure option for the sake a saving a few hundred dollars, we have had this box for years and it's working

There has been no recommendation or motion, so we will move past this topic.

Bridging the Gap Committee

Discussion:

- no committee reps here today
- in the future, could we have background info on agenda items so that they might be discussed even if the representatives are not here?
- currently Michael A, Bill P and Leah C are on that committee; this weekend a meeting will take place on zoom for further discussion on where they're at
- CS chair will attend this meeting

Service Palooza: (Fresh Start Group)

Could we consider having the Service Palooza sometime possibly the end of May, rather than September?

Discussion:

- several members from the Fresh Start Group are happy to help with the organization of this event
- this is a good idea since we skipped over this event last year due to covid restrictions

Motion to hold the Service Palooza this May instead of September made by Jeff D, seconded by Gilles.

- in the guidelines it shows this event the responsibility of the co-chair; Tim M will find a location and set this event in motion
- (Tim M) May seems too soon, I would be more comfortable with June, but I am more than willing to take this on
- if any committee chairs would like more details or would like info from past chairpersons who participated previously, please contact Samaira
- putting a motion on the floor for the timing of this event does not allow Tim to do his job as stated in the guidelines, or to move forward with organizing as he sees fit

Motion withdrawn.

- CS co-chair will move forward with the planning and bring details to the CS table at our next meeting

Newsletter concerns (Back to Basics)

We feel the sections in the newsletter "Your Favourite Slogan" and "Just for Today" - some of these in past months are not AA. Where do these come from? Are they screened? Also, we are concerned with the treatment and phone schedule being taken off the front page.

Discussion:

- (Mike M, newsletter chair) I source these from an AA website; is there a concern with the title and word "slogan"? Would "sayings" be preferred?
- This does not seem to be a GSO website. Should items in the newsletter be approved by the CS chair?
- the AA Grapevine only uses a small handful of what they call slogans - are we considering only printing content in the newsletter which is conference approved? Are we saying: if it's not in the Big Book it shouldn't go in the newsletter?

- there's a fine line to walk here - we want to put out a newsletter which is engaging and puts a smile on people's faces; when I was newsletter chair I never had to run things by the CS chair for approval. I think Mike is doing a great job and we have elected him to make these decisions about content
- we can check past minutes and guidelines to see if indeed newsletter content should be approved by CS chair
- there are no approved AA slogans, most are published by Hazleton. If there are concerns, the titles of the sections can be adjusted
- the treatment schedule is larger than it used to be; newsletter chair and treatment chair discussed moving it and decided to leave it where it was - if group conscience wants it moved back, we can do that
- I don't think it's our job at this table to talk about newsletter layout - this is up to the newsletter chair; it would be micromanaging

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- Cole Harbour Group is moving as of May 1 to the United Church on Bissett Road (Sundays, 8 PM)
- Second Chance group still has a zoom meeting this month on Mondays and Saturdays

Motion to close the meeting made by Tim M, seconded by _____. All in favour; motion passed.

Next meeting May 3, 2022 at 7 PM on zoom.

Meeting adjournment at 8:48 PM with the Responsibility Pledge.

Appendix A



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Account Summary

Membership 72171006

MY EQUITY SHARES (008) \$5.00

SURPLUS SHARES (009) \$45.00

MY COMMUNITY CHQ 1 (010) \$9,272.37

Literature Comittee (011) \$2,211.10

MY SAVINGS (024) \$4,897.90

Scheduled Bill Payments

No scheduled bill payments.

Scheduled Transfers

No scheduled transfers.

[Logout](#)

March, 2022

Opening Bank Balance \$ 5,662.57

Credits

Tallahassee group	\$ 100.00
Tallahassee group 2021-22 Ins	\$ 50.00
Tallahassee group 2022-23 Ins	\$ 50.00
Fall River group	\$ 200.00
Colby Village BBS	\$ 1,000.00
Fresh Start Group - E-transfer	\$ 550.00
Serenity Sisters 2021-22 Ins E-transfer	\$ 50.00
7th Tradition - E-transfer	\$ 4.00
Transfer from Literature Account	\$ 2,100.00

Total \$ 4,104.00

Cheques cleared

	CK #	
Bell Mobility - March Bill	47	\$ 275.60
Literature - PI and Corrections Invoices	48	\$ 218.60

Bank Total \$ 9,272.37

Cheques outstanding

Fultz House - PI Committee	49	\$ 100.00
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Operating Balance \$ 9,172.37

Prudent Reserve

	\$ 4,897.50
February Interest	\$ 0.19

Total \$ 4,897.69

Total available funds

\$ 14,170.06

Literature Fund

Opening balance	\$ 4,153.24
Credits	\$ 149.90
Sales - cash and cheques	\$ 1,409.60
Sales Square	\$ 54.52
Sales cash	\$ 32.00
Total Credits	\$ 1,646.02

Debits	
Purchase Deposit Book	\$ 23.33
Transfer To Operating Account	\$ 2,100.00
US Money Order w/exchange	\$ 1,464.83
Total Debits	\$ 3,588.16

Closing Balance \$ 2,211.10