

MINUTES OF  
CENTRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING  
August 2, 2022  
Zoom Meeting

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

**TWELVE TRADITIONS:** The Twelve Traditions were read by Zeta S.

**ROLL CALL:** 17 in attendance of which 12 attendees were voting members.

EXECUTIVE (4)	COMMITTEES (6)	CSR (9)	ALT CSR/OBSERVERS (4)
Chair – Samaira G	Telephone – Michael A; also representing District 2	Zeta S -Colby Village	Mary W - alternate treasurer Dist 1
Co-Chair – position vacant	Help Email – not present	Sarah M - Hubbards	Toby H
Treasurer – Foster L	Newsletter - not present	Jeff D - Fresh Start	Brianna - Back to. Basics
Secretary – Emily S	Hospital Visitation – Gilles D	Garth M - Sunrise Group	
	Treatment - not present	Jake B - Four Seasons alt CSR	
	CPC - position vacant	Joel N - Four Seasons	
	Literature – not present	Rachael S - Sunday Night Serenity	
	Corrections - not present	Becca H- Downtown Dartmouth alt CSR	
	Webmaster - Heather L		
	Mid-Winter – position vacant		
	Public Information - not present		
	Entertainment – position vacant		
	Bridging the Gap - not present		

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**

No additional items.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve the agenda made by Foster, seconded by Paul.  
All in favour. Motion passed.

## **MINUTES APPROVED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Motion to approve the July 2022 minutes made by Heather, seconded by Zeta. No errors or omissions. All in favour. Motion passed.

## **OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

### **SECRETARY:**

Hello, I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. I was able to compile the minutes from the zoom recording last month, thank you to Samaira for getting that to me. I contacted two groups and relayed information about insurance details as they did not have Central Service Representatives and I only had telephone number contacts for them. They were happy to be added to our CS contact list for future emails. I received two updates this month for member changes of Central Service reps for two different groups - they have been added to the contact list. I signed a cheque for the monthly telephone bill along with our treasurer. Please let me know how I can be of help. Thank you again, Emily S

### **TREASURER:**

It was a quiet month financially with no group contributions. A memo was sent to all groups and the Newsletter re: the group insurance; I am hopeful all groups will take time to review it and respond accordingly. My intent is to have a complete list of insured groups to the insurer by the first week of September. Current address of meeting location is a requirement.

Yours in Service,

Foster L

Treasurer

Question: Mary W, alt treasurer District 1: How much of the budget has been spent up to date?

A - Roughly \$5100 to date.

\*see Appendix A

## **CO-CHAIR:**

Position not filled at this time.

## **CHAIR:**

It was very quiet as chair this month and there is nothing to report. if you have any questions or concerns please call me. I will address the entertainment and mid winter round up reports as they come up.  
Samaira G

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CPC:** no chairperson at this time

**CORRECTIONS:** no report at this time

**ENTERTAINMENT:**

CSC chair: We have 25 people registered for the camp out. Please bring it back to your groups that we are looking for entertainment ideas and contact me directly (not the entertainment email, please). We plan to have the picnic at point pleasant park. We are aiming for the second week of September.

**HELP EMAIL:** no report at this time

**HOSPITAL VISITATION:**

For July we had 2 calls for visits. Donald R. was in hospital and Wayne O visited him. We also had a request from Andrea Hancock from the Justice Department Correction Service who as a client that will be released shortly and is in hospital for the next few months. I'm in communication with Andrea to finalize her request. Yours truly: the Hospital Visitation Volunteers.

**LITERATURE:** no report at this time

**MID-WINTER ROUND-UP:** no chairperson at this time

CS chair: I have not been contacted by any volunteers and I have not heard back from hotels. Please go back to your groups and ask for volunteers, if members want the round up to proceed.

Questions were posed as to what hotels were contacted and if there would be a cut off date to cancel the round up if no volunteers for chair or the rest of the MWRU committee positions stepped forward.

CS chair could not get in touch with the DoubleTree hotel.

Setting a deadline was agreed on as a point of new business for this meeting.

**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 September should be submitted to Newsletter.aahalifax@gmail.com by the 25th of August 2022.

Thanks, Mike

**PUBLIC INFORMATION:**

The PI Committee met last month, 09 July 22, 10 am at 45 Connolly Dr in Sackville.

We discussed the upcoming NS First responders Mental health event in September. Our committee is offering to provide some materials such as pamphlets and business cards. We also hope to attend the event. A member of the PI committee is investigating.

Our Committee is planning to organize an AA media blitz (coordinated with the other PI committees in area 82 if possible). The tentative date is fall 2023, should give time to plan/prepare. I brought this up at the area 82 active committee meeting this month. Members in attendance were supportive of the idea. More to follow.

Clayton  
Public Information committee  
Area 82, District 1&2

**TELEPHONE:**

Good evening everyone,

During July only 1 phone call came in on the overnight phone from Ontario, but no message.

Day and evening phones are running very well during the summer months.

Yours in Service, Michael A

CS chair - It means so much to those struggling to know someone is there. we can put out to our groups that we need more volunteers for the phones and for the twelve step list.

Question - Some of our group members would love to volunteer with the phone and are not good for touch phones and wondered if you could get a flip phone which would be easier to use. A -I've heard the flip phone will be obsolete by the end of this year.

CS chair - Your group members could get in touch with Michael to have a tech support learning session on the touch phones.

**TREATMENT:**

I'm hoping to be at the meeting on Tuesday. A family member is having a medical procedure done and I might be with them.

The scheduling is going well with Detox and Marguerite Centre. I'm always looking for ladies to help out with chairing a meeting at The Marguerite. At the present time, I have 4 ladies on a rotation. If anyone is interested, they can contact me.

Thank you and have a good evening  
Sharman M

**WEBMASTER:**

An update on the possibility of having a PDF/printable meeting list. Blair, DCM District 2, graciously offered to help by looking at the excel data export from the mobile app Meeting Guide. He did a first pass and shared those results with me. I have emailed him back with a few more suggestions. Our next step is to get on a Zoom meeting together so we can figure out what to do and how.

All of this takes time as we are all busy with AA and non-AA work plus summer plans, so more information will be presented as it becomes available. Thanks for Blair for taking the time and interest to help me out on this project!!

Beyond this, I have done the usual web maintenance during the month; update plug-ins, meeting changes, post minutes, newsletter, workshop flyers, announcements, etc.

Yours in service,

Heather

**BRIDGING THE GAP:** no report at this time

**DISTRICT 1:**

(delivered by Mary W, alt treasurer for District 1)

Good evening Central Service Committee,  
District 1 is looking for an Alt DCM, please take back to your groups.  
District 1 is looking to increase its participation. Please come and join us at the next District 1 meeting to learn and enjoy what goes on at the District level and share your thoughts and experience.  
District 4 is having a 1 day roundup in Oct. District 5 is having a Roundup on Sept 10.  
Thank you all for being of service and help carrying the message of AA.

Yours in service, Paul B, DCM, District 1

Foster L requested a full list of all groups in districts 1 & 2 to be emailed to him by district reps.

**DISTRICT 2:**

(delivered by Michael A, alt DCM district 2)

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

Updates from GSO:

- The Three Legacies Study Group and Get Into Action Committee is hosting a Town Hall for Online AA Groups on August 6 at 3pm on Zoom.
- The "90 Years – Language of the Heart" 2025 International Convention will be on July 3-6 in Vancouver, BC.
- A notice of a printing error in English-language editions of Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions has been communicated
- Some of the presentation topics for the hybrid National AA Technology Workshop on September 9-11 have been released

Updates from Area 82:

- The Q3 Area 82 DCM/Area Officers meeting was held on July 31 to discuss the Q2 Financials
- The deadline for Fall Assembly agenda items is August 15
- The monthly Active Area Committee meeting is open to anyone who is actively carrying, or is interested in carrying the message of AA Recovery through committee activities
- Updated information has been provided on the District 5 roundup on September 10 in Amherst

District 2 held their July meeting in person with three groups represented

- District 2 has an opening for the position of Treasurer
- District 2 will be holding their regular monthly meeting on August 21 at 2pm at Club 24
- District 2 will be holding elections in October for the 2023-2024 Executive, so please reach out to me if interested in a position

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 Heather L. All in favour; motion passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **- Central Service Elections:**

- Central Service Co-Chair : no nominations
- Entertainment chair - no nominations
- Mid Winter round up - no nominations
- CPC - no nominations

Please take it back to your groups that we are seeking nominations for these positions.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mid winter round up deadline - Paul B Back to Basics

Discussion points:

- perhaps we could bring a cut off date to the groups to encourage volunteers to chair and fill MWRU committee positions (ie: program chair, registration chair, etc.)
- there are 7 MWRU committees and all are available at this time
- based on experience it is very difficult to secure a date with the hotel later than March when it is usually done; the amount of work involved in organizing a round up is enormous and it may be impossible in the amount of time left
- suggestion of mid-September as cut-off date

- if the Double Tree (traditional venue) is not available it may be difficult to find another venue
- perhaps we could think about a single day event instead

Show of hands on setting a cut off date for September:

majority

Show of hands for a one-day event:

minority

- does it actually fall to the Central Service chair and the treasurer to step into Mid-Winter Round Up chair and treasurer positions?
- due to post-covid economic climate, we can expect perhaps a \$60 registration fee and \$80 banquet fee on top of that - if we organize a round up and don't have enough participants to cover the hotel costs, the CS committee has to cover any shortfalls
- each year we have a chair for each of the seven MWRU committee positions AND a co-chair for each of these positions, so that the co-chair can use their experience and step in the next year - it may be very difficult for someone with zero experience to take on these committees
- a September cut off date should keep in mind that our CS meeting is Sept 6 and we need to make a decision then
- perhaps we could have those AA members with MWRU experience mentor anyone new who would like to take on a position now - this is how AA works, we help one another
- the MWRU committee positions get voted in at MWRU meetings, not at the CS table
- suggestion to call a MWRU committee meeting on zoom between now and Sept 6 to see what the turn out is and if anyone wants to get involved - it will give us an idea
- the MWRU guidelines are not posted on the website currently and should be
- don't see anywhere in guidelines where it would fall to the CS treasurer to take on MWRU treasurer position
- it is possible it was only the last CS chair, Michael H, who agreed to step in himself as chair of MWRU in 2021 if there were no volunteers
- if a MWRU chair is voted in at the Sept 6 Central Service meeting, they will build their committees/recruit volunteers themselves

Please take back to your groups that if there are no volunteers for MWRU chair/committees at the Sept 6 central service meeting, the 2023 round up will be cancelled.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM GROUPS**

- Becca H celebrating 1 year last Monday of August at Downtown Dartmouth

- Pat M (48) and Pamela (2) are celebrating at Fresh Start group, a member will be visiting from out of town and celebrating 46 years with them
- three birthdays the 1st Monday in September at Colby Village including Glenda
- Michael H celebrating 40 years at Welcome group
- Joan and Alan will be celebrating at Sunrise Group last Tuesday of the month

Motion to close the meeting made by Heather, seconded by Gilles.  
All in favour; motion passed.

**Next meeting September 6, 2022 at 7 PM on zoom.**

Meeting adjournment at 8:37 PM with the Responsibility Pledge.

## Appendix A

**July 2022**

### **Operating Account**

<b><u>Opening Bank Balance</u></b>	<b>\$12557.76</b>
<b>Credits</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>
<b>Debits</b>	<b>\$278.45</b>
<b><u>Closing Bank balance</u></b>	<b><u>\$12324.31</u></b>
<b>Cheques Outstanding</b>	<b>\$202.00</b>
<b><u>Closing Operating balance</u></b>	<b><u>\$12122.31</u></b>

### **Prudent Reserve Account**

<b>Opening balance</b>	<b>\$4898.51</b>
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b><u>\$4998.72</u></b>

### **Literature Account**

<b><u>Opening Balance</u></b>	<b>\$3269.89</b>
<b>Credits</b>	<b>\$194.92</b>
<b>Debits</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b><u>Closing balance</u></b>	<b><u>\$3464.81</u></b>