

MINUTES OF
CENTRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
Sept 6, 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: 20 in attendance of which 17 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 -observer
Co-Chair – position vacant	Help Email – not present	Peter J - Downtown Halifax	Paul B - DCM district 1
Treasurer – Foster L	Newsletter - Mike M	Joel N - Four Seasons	
Secretary – Emily S	Hospital Visitation – Gilles D	Garth M - Sunrise Group	
	Treatment - Sharman M	Joan M - Keep it Simple	
	CPC - position vacant	Johnny M - Highland Park	
	Literature – not present	Rachael S - Sunday Night Serenity	
	Corrections - not present	Becca H- Downtown Dartmouth alt CSR	
	Webmaster - Heather L	Maddie M - alt CSR Serenity Sisters	
	Mid-Winter – position vacant		
	Public Information - Clayton M		
	Entertainment – position vacant		
	Bridging the Gap - not present		

7th Tradition: *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

- Literature Committee
- Christmas Social

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda made by Samaira G, seconded by Heather L.
All in favour. Motion passed.

MINUTES APPROVED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion to approve the August 2022 minutes made by Zeta S, seconded by Sharman M . No errors or omissions. All in favour. Motion passed.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

SECRETARY:

Hello to all at Central Service. This month I fielded some questions about the literature committee and the online Only Requirement Group, forwarding emails and directing folks to the correct person who could answer their questions. I signed two cheques along with Foster and sent out the August minutes to group reps and the webmaster as usual. I've done some research along with Gilles and Heather concerning a possible Mini Mid Winter Round Up for February 2023 and look forward to sharing our findings later on in the meeting. Please let me know if I can be of help to you in any way. Thank you.

TREASURER:

We received contributions from one group in August and insurance premiums from six which have been applied against the 2022-23 policy. While I appreciate groups paying early I would remind all that the policy does not renew until October 3rd and the new premium amount has not been determined yet; I am hopeful it will not be more than \$50.00 and ask groups to hold payment until I have the new policy.

A list of "to be" insured groups has been compiled and was sent to McLeod Lorway on September 2, 2022 to be used as the basis of our policy renewal. All groups were canvassed and, to the best of my knowledge, all meeting addresses are current.

I have received many calls from groups enquiring about the bookstore and unavailability of literature. After speaking with Samaira I attended the bookstore to pick up and deposit a cheque left there. While there I filled two orders, one for the cheque there, the other for cash, and deposited funds at the Credit Union. We also paid renewal of post office box - \$234.

Yours in Service,

Foster L

Treasurer

Q - Which address do you need? A -We need each group's current street address for insurance.

*see Appendix A

CO-CHAIR:

Position not filled at this time.

CHAIR:

Welcome everybody, over the past few months we have been working with the executive to have Central Service work for all of districts 1 and 2. We tried to answer questions to the best of our ability. I believe we are all doing our best. With this in mind please respect committee members roles and responsibilities. If you can help with any member please go to them with your assistance.

We have spoken to the literature chair to ask if we could help in any way and closing the bookstore for a short time was the best option for them. Upon further discussion, they decided it was best to step down we will need to make an interim chair of the literature committee until the elections next month.

Q - When you spoke with Literature chair was there discussion on outstanding cheques? A - We are going to get together for a full hand-over of duties and we will address that then.

Q - In the newsletter it suggests that we contact the literature chair since the bookstore is closed - but it seems we have no literature chair now. Why won't the co-chair step into this position? A- The resignation happened after the newsletter deadline. We don't have a co-chair, his assistant was only a helper.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CPC: no chairperson at this time

CORRECTIONS:

no report at this time

ENTERTAINMENT:

CS Chair: Camping at Dollar Lake was a success. A couple from BC were able to join us at the last minute. About 25 people camped and many showed up for the day on Saturday. The cost was \$138 for the 2 nights and money gathered from the 7th tradition will go back into the pot. The picnic is scheduled for Sept 18 - it will be a potluck and members are encouraged to bring items to share. We also need volunteers. We are planning a Halloween dance and looking at the Sackville meeting space as a potential venue. We will create a poster soon. Volunteers are encouraged to come help with the planning.

HELP EMAIL:

I do apologize for my absence, however I wanted to explain that I only get Tuesdays off all summer for vacation all year.. so I'm out if town. Will resume central meetings first Tuesday in Oct. I miss you all! We've had an ok summer, not too busy. But recently I've noticed more ppl reaching out for AI anon information. Of course I always direct them.

Family and friends are wanting to understand and get involved, which is amazing.

Lots of ppl looking for detox. Or wanting to just email correspond as they don't want to attend an actual meeting..... I encourage to start with an open meeting and bring a support person, or simply start at home with a zoom meeting on audio. Small steps.

All other inquiries are the regular stuff... Looking for a meeting... wha's open and closed mean... etc And 1 resource centre reached out for information.

In total all summer 14 in July and 6 persons in August reached out to the support email.

Sherry G, Help Email

HOSPITAL VISITATION:

For August we didn't receive any request for visitation. We are resuming our Sunday zoom meeting soon. Thank you, Gilles D

LITERATURE: no report at this time

MID-WINTER ROUND-UP:

CS chair: The Double Tree hotel does have space for us, room rates are \$109 plus tax, we have been offered all the regular aspects of the hotel for our round up, with a total rental cost of \$6000 not including our banquet fees. We will discuss this further during the Mid Winter Round Up topic in old business.

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 October should be submitted to Newsletter.aahalifax@gmail.com by the 25th of Sept 2022.

Thanks, Mike

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

The public information committee has been working on the following initiatives:

- 1) first responder's mental health event (mid-September);
- 2) 'what's up 902?' - not sure what this, they had inquired, asking if AA could provide a speaker/contact. Still investigating, I left a msg;
- 3) recovery house in Dartmouth contacted us about putting on a meeting or two on Sundays. Just a trail for now. Great opportunity, bringing this to the central meeting tonight.
- 4) in discussions with area 82 about an AA media blitz next October (2023).

The PI committee will meet this Saturday at 45 Connolly dr in sackville. 10 am

Thanks

Clayton
PI committee

Comment: Foster - I spoke with someone with the recovery program mentioned; it is sponsored by NS Health, it is a day recovery program, not a recovery house. They are not sure what they need from us yet. I think this is a great opportunity for AA.

Q - Is that, "902 Man Up"? I gave previous PI chair names of groups in black community looking for AA literature. A -I'm not sure, but I can help and send literature out, as needed.

Comment: Sharman - As treatment chair, I can help find some people willing to put a meeting on once a month or as needed for this new recovery initiative.

CS chair - If you're not quite sure which committee to address requests to, call me and I can direct you. We need to respect the roles and responsibilities of the committee chairs

TELEPHONE:

Good evening everyone,

The telephones are going well. We have added a couple new day and evening phone people to the list. No voicemails on the overnight phone again this month. I will be ordering new binders this month in preparation to have all phone binders updated. Please continue to promote joining our team. Would be nice to have everything in place for the incoming phone chair for 23/24.

Thanks, Yours in Service, Michael A

Q - The telephone binders are in rough shape and smell like smoke - maybe we could get ones in leather so they hold up better? A: (Treasurer): This should not be a problem concerning our budget.

TREATMENT:

Good evening everyone. It's nice to be at the meeting tonight. During the past two months, the Detox facility and the Marguerite Center have been attended by groups and ladies quite regularly. I know there was one scheduled visit at the Marguerite that was not attended. These facilities always appreciate our AA visits and meetings. Thanks again to everyone who takes the time out of their busy lives to get to these facilities and share their experience, strength and hope. I'm looking for ladies who would like to chair meetings at the Marguerite on a scheduled rotation list. Right now I have 4 ladies. If you would like to announce this at your group meetings.....awesome. They can contact me by my treatment email.

WEBMASTER:

With help from Johnny (web site committee) and Blair (DCM District 2), I was able to produce a PDF/printable meeting list. This document starts with the exported CSV data from the mobile app Meeting Guide and then I do 8 or 9 steps in Excel to ultimately save a PDF file.

It is 6 pages, or if printed double-sided then it's only 3 physical pages. I believe it may serve its purpose, especially for the Phone committee to put into their binders.

I have not yet put this up on the web site. I wanted to get some feedback and then approval. I sent this PDF to the CS executive and the Phone chair mid-August, but I have not heard back.

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

Q - As a suggestion, perhaps meetings which run seven days a week could just be listed once with a note about how many days they are offered, and not list them seven times?

Q - Paul DCM district 1: When items like this are discussed, could you send a copy to district and have our feedback as well please? And great job, Heather.

BRIDGING THE GAP: no report at this time

DISTRICT 1:

- District 1 elections coming up in September; currently we do not have alternate DCM, all positions are open - please take this back to your groups we are looking for nominations
 - workshop coming up: Unity with Intergroup and District - Sept 30
 - Oct 6 - 8 Fall Assembly - if you don't have GSR please do to Area website for info
 - Thank you to all of you doing excellent service work, carrying the message
- Paul B, DCM District 1

Comment: FYI: "intergroup" actually is another name for central service, some of you may want to attend that workshop.

DISTRICT 2:

(read by Michael A)

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

Updates from GSO:

- The deadline for nominations for Trustees'-at-Large/Canada is January 1, 2023
- The deadline for story submissions for the "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic" pamphlet is September 23, 2022.
- A member engagement survey for the 2025 International Conference in Vancouver was distributed
- AA Grapevine announced an increase in book prices
- AAWS is still experiencing printing delays and backorders on some literature
- A writing workshop for stories for the 5th edition Big Book will be held on September 10th

Updates from Area 82:

- 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
- Trudy the Area 82 Delegate gave her report on the GSO Conference on Saturday August 20 and another session is Thursday September 8 at 6pm-8pm on Zoom.
- District 4 is hosting the Lighthouse Round Up Fellowship Day on Saturday October 22 at the Annapolis Basin Conference Centre
- The agenda for the Fall Assembly on October 7-9 in Sydney has been distributed which includes Executive Elections, 2023 Budget, and 6 other agenda items.

Updates from District 2:

- District 2 decided to not hold a monthly meeting in August
- The workshop hosted by District 2 on the Dr's Opinion was a great success with 60 people attending
- District 2 will be holding their regular monthly meeting on September 18 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 Heather L to approve the reports, it was seconded by Joan M.
All in favour; motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mid Winter Round Up:

Emily S shared research she, Gilles and Heather had conducted around a potential one-day event for the mid-winter round up in February, possibly at Cole Harbour Place with a 260 person capacity, \$10 registration, an additional \$20 cost for a dinner such as lasagna, salad, roll and dessert.

Comment: A one-day event would exclude out-of-towners.

Q - Was the \$6000 rental fee for the Double Tree for a three day event?

A - Yes. It looks like we would need about 250 people at \$25 registration to cover costs. Q - In my experience this sounds about right, based on guest rooms and banquet you would be looking at around \$15,000 for the weekend. For a one-day event, the Cole Harbour Place seems to have ample parking, but you might want to look into hotel options for visitors. Can you serve coffee? Would you consider other meal options rather than pasta?

A - The registration fee would cover coffee, tea, and bottles of water. We can look into different meal options.

Comment - Groups may volunteer to donate coffee.

Comment - Perhaps we can get an idea of the number of visitors to the Lighthouse Round up coming up.

Michael A shared research done on a three day round up, has spoken to Lauren at the Double Tree hotel, discussed with previous round up chair and assembled a team for a committee.

CS chair: Because we didn't elect a mid winter round up chair last year, the chair will be elected here, and then the committee forms from there. Last month we were to bring it back to our groups to discuss if we want a 3 day or 1 day event, and if no one stepped up we would cancel the round up.

Comment: Heather - My interest in one day event is for this coming year only, I am keen to get back to our 3 day event in future years - we felt as a group there wasn't enough time to do justice to a three day event.

Comment: Normally we would give guarantee to hotel of 120 people for the banquet - experience says the banquet has always covered its own cost. Last round up registration was \$30 and the banquet was \$65. If you had a one day event at \$10 registration you would see a much larger group than the last round up (350 people).

Comment: I am concerned there will not be enough space for everyone at one day event with 260 capacity.

- Central Service Elections:

- Central Service Co-Chair : no nominations
- CPC - no nominations
- Entertainment chair - no nominations

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

- Mid Winter round up -

Emily S nominated (one day event) -

Michael A nominated (three day event) -

Vote: Emily - 10 Michael - 2 Abstain - 2

Emily S voted chair of the 2023 mid-winter round up committee.

NEW BUSINESS

- Literature committee

Foster - Thank you to Josh and Melissa for work put in - in the bookstore some inventory is low, some is on back order; What do we do in interim to get bookstore going and get literature to groups? I will send message to credit union to remove Josh as signing officer.

Michael A - I am at the club almost every day, if you need help with orders I have access to the store as well if you need support. I can not be interim chair but I can help.

Comment: I would be more inclined to accept Michael's offer of help if we could find someone who was past chair to assist, and then vote a new chair in October during elections.

Josh did agree to help with hand over - we could bring Michael up to speed during this process. Could we vote Michael in as volunteer to help until elections. He would not be signing officer.

Show of hands:

All in favour of Michael standing in for now.

Q - Mary: Could an email be sent out to all CSRs and district as to when Michael will be ready for groups to contact him please?

Bring it back to your groups that we have a volunteer to help with literature and that we need to elect a new literature chair in October. Contact Michael A if you need literature. Bookstore will stay closed for now.

- Christmas Social

Bring it to groups that we normally have the social on Dec 24 - to see if any groups want to volunteer to host. They have a \$400 budget.

***Committee chair elections will take place in October.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM GROUPS

Sara G will be celebrating one year at Downtown Dartmouth on Sept 26.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Michael, seconded by Heather.

Meeting adjournment at 8:55 PM with the Responsibility Pledge.

Next meeting October 4, 2022 at 7 PM on zoom.

Appendix A

August 2022

Operating Account

<u>Opening Bank Balance</u>	\$12324.31
Credits	\$515.00
Debits	\$513.05
<u>Closing Bank balance</u>	<u>\$12326.26</u>
Cheques Outstanding	\$202.00
<u>Closing Operating balance</u>	<u>\$12124.26</u>

Prudent Reserve Account

Opening balance	\$4898.72
Closing balance	<u>\$4999.46</u>

Literature Account

<u>Opening Balance</u>	\$3464.81
Credits	\$290.00
Debits	\$0.00
O/S Cheque	\$150.00
<u>Closing balance</u>	<u>\$3604.81</u>

