

MINUTES OF
CENTRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
 November 7, 2023
 Zoom Meeting

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

TWELVE TRADITIONS: The Twelve Traditions were read by Michael H.

ROLL CALL: 27 in attendance, of which 22 attendees were voting members.

EXECUTIVE	COMMITTEES	CSR	ALT CSR/OBSERVERS
Chair – Samaira G	Telephones - Jonathan G	Tanya E- Four Seasons	Sharon N - Highland Park
Co-Chair – position vacant	Help Email – Sam B	Robin M - Keep it Simple	Michael H - DCM Dist 1
Treasurer – Foster L	Newsletter - Mark B	Zeta S - Colby Village	Mike C - Highland Park
Secretary – Emily S	Hospital Visitation –Wayne O	Mike A - Welcome Group	Paul B - Welcome Group
	Treatment - Gilles D	Becca H - Downtown Dartmouth	Peter L - alt DCM District 17 (insurance chair)
	CPC - Kathy S	Louie M - alt CSR Back to Basics	
	Literature – Gerry L	Johnny M - Highland Park	
	Corrections - not present	Lara B - Only Requirement	
	Webmaster -Heather L	Neale F - Fresh Start	
	Mid-Winter Roundup– Heather L	Angela E - Serenity Sisters	
	Public Information - Bill P	Nathaniel S - Acceptance	
	Entertainment –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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MINUTES APPROVED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion to approve the Oct 2023 minutes made by Zeta S, seconded by Gilles D.
All in favour. Motion passed.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:**SECRETARY:**

In late October, I was able to listen to the recording of the meeting and compile the minutes - thank you Samaira for recording it for me, and thank you everyone for your patience. I approved payment of the telephone bill and some transfers to the literature committee with the treasurer last month through online banking, and signed checks to cover entertainment committee expenses. I had a great time at the Halloween dance and nobody recognized me. I sent a copy of the MidWinter Round Up flyer to all CSRs - it contains all details about the event, so please share with your groups. Thanks so much, Emily

TREASURER:

Financial contributions this past month, including 7th tradition and insurance premiums, totalled \$1065.00, expenses \$1121.18. Sub-committees, cumulatively, have spent 40% of total budgeted amounts, with only one exceeding their approved allocation. In drafting the 2024 budget consideration will be given to the fact 60% of requested funds were not used.

I will be providing an income and expense summary sheet to the table next month that will cover the first 11 months of the year. As of now our revenue is \$2442 short of projection and expenses are \$8500 below budget. Bear in mind this figure does not reflect the minimum budgeted carryover of \$3,000, so actual expenses are \$5400 under budget. That is a large number and all committees are asked to try and do better projections for 2024. Mike C and I will work on the draft later this month. Your input is important and in the absence of it over the next few weeks we will project based on 2023 usage.

I am meeting with Mike in November to go over all documents used in the Treasurers role as well as review bank activities. As Treasurer elect, and the person responsible for the new budget, I will be asking Mike to present the draft at the next meeting.

Yours in Service, Foster L, Treasurer

Comment: There is a Microsoft package that you can get for more than one person and it's cheaper - if the new secretary or another committee member may need it, we may want to get a package for more than one person.

***see Appendix A**

CO-CHAIR: Position not filled at this time.

CHAIR:

Please bring back to your groups about the elections for executive. Also if your committee would like to have their mtgs on zoom please contact me, we have an account and only use it Tuesdays so any AA committee can use this one account.

Question: Is the zoom account fully transferable to the new chair? Answer: Yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community)

Discussed 902 Man-Up. Adelle Crawley emailed me after our telephone conversation and asked for information about having A.A. meetings once the construction on their current facility/shelter and the new construction for a transition house is completed in Dartmouth. I sent her the contact information for Gilles/treatment committee for setting up meetings as she requested and also for Bill/PI if they are looking for a presentation or pamphlets for their clients. As well as the CPC committee coming in to give the organization's staff a presentation on the A.A. program and how that we can cooperate with them in helping the suffering alcoholics to find and maintain sobriety. She had told me that she would pass along the information to the operations manager; Denise Lavigne whom I have not heard back from yet; therefore, I will reach out once more to see if there is anything else we can do to support their efforts at this time.

The Statacona Military base had asked if we had any people who would volunteer to go to A.A. meetings with their clients, so Gilles put together pamphlet packages and one of the CPC members with clearance to go in, took them to the base in a pamphlet holder.

We will go to the Boy's & Girl's Club to do a presentation to the five staff persons there at 60 Ferrel Street in Dartmouth, on November 1st. We purchased a few different A.A. pamphlets for young people to take with us for the staff at the presentation.

We received a request from the psychology professor at MSVU for the psychology students to preform a recorded interview that with someone from the CPC committee to assist with them on a research project for their curriculum regarding specific social community resources and organizations, for their psychology class. They wanted to ask questions about what the A.A. program does to help individuals suffering from addiction issues after leaving treatment or rehabilitation facilities or programs. I declined and explained how our traditions prohibit an interview and recordings. I called the Professor back, Bruce Dienes and discussed the A.A. program of recovery and how it works, which led to an invitation for the CPC committee to go into the university on Tuesday October 24th, to give the 3rd and 4th year psychology students (short notice) a presentation. Three of us attended and it was incredibly positive. There was a lengthy period of questions and answers after sharing our experience, strength, and hope. We had taken our pamphlet rack and a couple of our A.A. books, which they looked over and took pamphlets for reference, including some of our older Grapevines and meeting lists. It was an overall great exchange of information and discussion.

I had also received an email from Kyla Munro who represented TELUS Health CBT program designed to tailor solutions to people struggling with substance use disorders. She was really promoting the program to us; therefore, I told her that we adhere to traditions which govern the structure and unity of the A.A. program that we were not at liberty to promote the CBT program.

I was able to follow up with the RCMP officer in Sackville who was going to approach his EAP coordinator and he told me that they don't need any presentations at this time; however, they always refer any of their staff to A.A. when there are issues within their force and that they have great respect for the program. He said when they pick up people who say they are from A.A. and are committing an offence that they will follow up with the sponsor if the name and number is volunteered and the offence is not dangerous.

Still looking at the Phoenix House and will follow up on any progress from the board member who volunteered to contact them, and I may call the administration office as a follow up.

The Webmaster has added information on the CPC tab for us.

I attended the Area 82 Meeting.

Our next meeting will be on Monday November 6th, at 7 PM.

Respectfully Submitted in Service, Kathy S. CPC Chairperson

Comment: Interviews - we are allowed to do interviews, tradition 11 states that you don't use full name or picture - in that way behind the camera without a name is fine if you do wish to do an interview in the future.

CORRECTIONS:

No report at this time.

ENTERTAINMENT:

Good evening to all of you, again my apologies tonight for not being able to attend as I'm working. But I do have some exciting news.....

The Halloween dance was a success, thank you Samaria for your help and to all that pitched in on that night.

We had approximately 40-45 in attendance and it was a blast. A basket for best prize went to Lindsay D for her "in the shower" costume., we also made \$48.00 in pop and water sales and there was \$29.00 in our 7th tradition box.it was a great night.

Next event will be AAs got talent held on Dec 9th at 7pm at the WoodlawnUnitedChurch(this was put over do to the storm).

I have rounded up a few wonderful members to join the entertainment committee and we have met to discuss our new years event, we will putting on a dinner and dance, this Year's theme is Black and Gold Masquerade Ball, this will be held at the Woodlawn United Church as well starting at 7pm with dinner and dance to follow, tickets will be \$25.00 for dinner and dance and \$10.00 for just dance. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Also I know that the Christmas eve social is just around the corner and my group highland park would like the opportunity to host it this year our only down fall is we can not get the space on Sunday Dec 24 but we can the Sat Dec 23. I am aware that in the guidelines it states " to be held on Dec 24th " but if there are no other interests in groups holding the social this year then we would love to host this event. Thank you all for your time understanding and patience, and I'm truly sorry I can not attend this evening.

Yours in service, Entertainment Chair, Noelle.

Comment: The dance was a lot of fun. There are cameras everywhere around that building. We heard from the manager of the building and she was not pleased about people smoking on the property. Chair: This issue was taken care of.

Discussion about the Christmas Eve Social:

Fresh Start Group can host on the 24th so we can announce that the social will take place at 45 Connelly Drive on Christmas Eve.

Comment: We will need a certificate of insurance for the New Years eve dance and also for the Christmas Social - please contact Foster.

HELP EMAIL:

October saw a huge decrease from September in number of emails received. There were 9 emails that could be broken down into the following categories:

Where to Begin - 3

Asking for help for a Friend/Partner/Family member - 2

Inquiring about Meeting Types - 1

People referred to CPC - 1
Transportation for others from treatment to meetings - 1
Bridging the Gap Volunteer - 1

Yours in Service,
Sam B

Question: Marguerite Centre: they live in Timberlea - I wondered if bridging the gap could look into helping them get to mtgs. Comment: I will look into this, and I have been connected with the Timberlea group contact and will get in touch.

HOSPITAL VISITATION:

In October two patients went into VG; one who was in QEII hospital was released Monday. Also we have new volunteer from Acceptance Group who offered to be on the visitation roster.
Yours in service, Wayne O

LITERATURE:

The month of October has been fairly quiet. We had a total sale of \$1099.50 for the month of October. The expenses were a total of \$5.67.
Just to explain these expenses, everytime we make a sale paid with a credit card we are charged 2.65% of the total amount of the sale. The same goes for a sale paid by an Interac/ Debit we are charged .75% plus 7 cent for the total amount of the sale. I just wanted it to be reflected in the report. So as a final revenue for the month of October and deposited in the account was \$1093.83. So right now we have a balance on the literature account of \$5189.02
Are there any questions?
Best regards, Gerry L.
Literature Chair

Comment from Gerry: I did stock taking recently - I have over \$7000 in books on hand right now.

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 Dec 2023 should be submitted to Newsletter.aahalifax@gmail.com by the 25th of the month.
I am available to answer questions through out the month.

Respectfully submitted in service
Mark
Newsletter chair

*Please stress this cut off date to your groups - it is difficult for us to make changes once we've released the newsletter.

Question: Last year you also were reimbursed for Microsoft Office- are you renewing it this year? Answer: I have purchased a new computer which came with that software.

MID-WINTER ROUND-UP:

The flyer is complete and is included in the Mid-Winter Roundup web page. It was also distributed to CSRs, DCMs so it could be sent to GSRs and to both Area 81 and 82 so it would be added to their web sites.

Last month I announced that we can accommodate Central Service committees so they can have a display at the Roundup. This can be setup on Friday and can stay until about 4pm on Sat. The tables for these displays will be in the same room that the banquet will be held, so the displays and tables will need to be removed before the dinner and dance that evening.

I have heard back from the Help email chair that she'd like to participate. I'd like to hear from other committee chairs. Please send me a chat right now if you know you want to have a table at the roundup, or email me at either the WebMaster.aahalifax@gmail.com or at the MWRU MidWinterRoundup.aahalifax@gmail.com address.

The committee has agreed to engage an ASL interpreter for the main speaker meetings on Fri and Sat evening and Sun morning.

We are also looking at purchasing the Square technology in order that we can accept Debit and Credit cards on the day of the event and move away from being cash only. More information is being gathered and we will likely know more on this next month.

Committee members will now be actively announcing the event which is Feb 9-11 2024 at the many AA meetings. We will be selling \$30 registration which includes coffee Fri and Sat, plus \$60 buffet banquet. Special hotel room rate is \$149/night. Please make similar announcements at your home groups and all other meetings you attend. We can use all your help to make this event a success.

Many thanks to the committee for their continued hard work. I'm so grateful to have such a dedicated group working on this event.

Yours in service, Heather

Question from Treatment committee: Both myself and my cochair are members of MWRU committee and I'm not we will be able to man a table. Answer: If you want to have info laid out for people to look at, that would be fine.

Question: Is there a literature table also in the plan? Answer: Yes, along with Archivist and medallions.

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

We were not able to meet in October. We are keeping info stocked in clinics. We have PI budget for next year on agenda for next mtg, as well as table at round up. In coming months there will be PI and CPC conference in U.S -not certain if in-person or zoom, but we would like to participate - it's a treasure trove for ideas and inspiration.

Bill P

TELEPHONE:

Continue to search for people to work the day and evening phones. Canvas your groups and have interested folks to contact the Phone Committee.

Thank you for your service,
Jonathan

Question: I noticed something the treasurer said about the phone cost being over \$100 - is that for the phone committee? Why is that so high? Answer: We have four phones we use.

TREATMENT:

October was busy as usual I contacted Heather Flynn to assured her that I was working on getting her a meeting rotation as soon as I can. She appreciated the call. WE received calls from groups wanting to get on the detox rotation and groups wanting to join our Mental Health and addiction meeting as well. Got a call from our friend Gerard Flynn from Crosby House he wanted to reach Bridging the Gap for 2 client. and I directed him to the phone line # Went to the Active area committee meeting .5 other people were there. It was a nice informative and cooperating meeting, I wish more committee member would attend . There was confusion about the October newsletter date s for Forensics Mark Heather and I fix it luckily the confusion occurred at the end of the month for the 3rd of November meeting. Kathy S and I improve the flyer box for Bridging the Gap. Thank you Kathy. For Bridging the Gap I contacted every Districts in the Province and I am pleased to say that we have volunteers, men and women in every one of them . including our friend Gerry W. from district 15 Newfie land Thank you. i. Was talking with Shannon at Bryony House she is satisfied with the meetings but she would rather have the meeting at 7.30 or 8 o'clock instead of 6 she think that more women would attend after the kids bedtime. .I contacted Sara and she ll arrange the change for next month..I suggested to Shannon to have a conversation with Al lanon about having a meeting for the mothers with childrens. it was welcome so I passed along a contact number for Al lanon. Mental Health and addiction: I want to make sure I don't miss any groups while I make up the rotation for this new meeting. I want to make sure you all go back to your groups and make sure everybody is on board to be added to the roster. Same day and time as detox - One group will go to detox and the other group will go to mental health and addiction on the other side of the building. Yours in service, Gilles

Question: If a group is already signed up for detox, are we automatically on the rotation for the new mtg? Answer: I would like each group to confirm with me that they are okay for both mtgs.

WEBMASTER:

October was busy with the regular work to maintain the web site. Nothing new or specific to report beyond that.

Yours in service, Heather

INSURANCE:

The new group policy went into effect October 3rd, insuring 56 groups and offering coverage to all groups in Nova Scotia. The policy This month an additional three groups have been added, two locally and one from Bridgewater.

The new policy document was sent to all DCMs with insured groups with a request to disseminate it to their groups.

The premium cost share is set at \$30 and covers the groups in District 1 and 2 from October 3rd to December 31, 2024 (policy renewal date), a bonus of three months. For all other insured groups there is no change in coverage, simply a name change.

Groups are requested to submit their payment prior to December 31, 2023, and premiums can be paid via cheque payable to Central Service Committee, clearly marked as an insurance premium and mailed to PO Box 31338, RPO Gladstone, Halifax NS B3K 5T9 or by e-transfer to Insurance.aahalifax@gmail.com. This address is on auto deposit and requires no security question.

To date 5 groups have paid.

Groups are asked to remember that special events hosted by a group (dance, fellowship day, outings etc.) may require a separate Certificate of Insurance for their facility and they can contact the Insurance Chair to arrange one.

Yours in service, Foster L

Comment: A copy of our insurance document will be posted on the web.

Question: For prudent reserve for new policy - where are the funds coming from? - Will the other districts now contribute to the prudent reserve/insurance deductible? Answer: We separated out our District 1&2 reserve - the other districts had their own \$2000 reserve and they are working on transferring that to ours - \$4000 would be ample for our provincial insurance needs.

Question: Activities of CS, like Public Information, activities include delivering pamphlets, driving, physical work assembling materials - might there be a need for coverage for committee activities? Answer: I will check - CS committee is covered on the policy as an insured group, so all the activities are insured, unless we want to have a dance or event.

Comment: Our BBQ or camping would be covered under central service - but if the campground said they want to see insurance, that's when we would call you and ask for a certificate? Answer: If they want to see the policy, for any group who wants it, it will be on the website - anyone is welcome to it. If they want an event certificate, I can get that from the insurance company within a few hours.

Question: What about the Christmas Social? Answer - I will ask to see if we need that certificate.

Question: Will you be looking for alternate insurance chair? and will you have guidelines? Answer: New guidelines have already been incorporated and passed - yes, we are looking for a co-chair.

Question: If groups need the reserve how would it be replenished? Answer: We would go to all groups to ask them for a contribution to replenish. Initially the reserve came out of CS funds.

DISTRICT 1:

Central Service and Guests;

I recently attended the Fall assembly in Corner Brook NL. 6-8 October, 2023. District 1 and Roll Call at Fall Assembly

D1- Dcm + 12 Groups GSR's out of 22
Secretary, Chair, Agsd, Gsd

59 Groups represented, 13 DCM's, 4 Area Officers Total= 76 total votes
Floor Actions for agenda.

1 .Paul B made a motion to remove the guidelines ad hoc committee items be removed from agenda, vote taken and majority voted that it be removed, minority voice heard, vote again and the vote was to keep the item on the agenda.

2. Junior D11 and; D12 to add Spring assembly have the hybrid option be added to the agenda. Motion passed to discuss ad hoc committee items.

3. D17 Gary O Dcm asked to add seed money to the agenda for the provincial roundup. Motion carried to add to agenda.

Gso guest

Clint M from the General Service Office, introduced himself and mentioned he served as a delegate panel 64 for A80 along with Boyd B, our A82 delegate at the same time. His current role is as a non trustee director at A.A.W.S.

New Business.

Item 1 . That the 7th Tradition contributions for the area budget not be used to purchase momentos at the general service conference.

52 for, 15 against, 2 abstainers,

Minority voice was heard. Someone wanted to change their vote, revote taken 46 for, 18 against.

Motion carried. “ No more using the 7th money for momentos to the GSO Conference.

Item 2. Hybrid option D14. All area meetings have the option for all districts and groups to attend via zoom,

Motion carried.

Item 3. Ad Hoc committee recommendations, John W ad hoc committee chair gave his report, and then Steven D co chair presented the items 1 recommendation at a time.

17 out of 18 motions of the recommendations passed. All having to do with Area 82 Guidelines. As of Nov 2, Version 6 of the guidelines are online, and up to date reflecting the Fall Assembly voted changes.

The 19 ad-hoc changes not reviewed and not voted on, will be reviewed at the Spring Assembly.

Budget

Voted to do so at a later date, due to the anticipated budget form not being available for review to pass the budget.

Nov 5th, 2023,
Area 82 Budget was discussed and voted line item by line item. 50% complete.

18 Nov 2023

Continuation of the Budget review to complete and approve for 2024.

Item 4.

D3 D17. Gary O mentioned seed money for provincial roundups etc., Who pays the short fall? Gary has heard that some districts have received short fall.

The motion is if there is a shortfall on a provincial roundup the area covers the short fall on a provincial roundup.

Marie asked to amend the motion with the wording added up to \$1000,

New amended motion “That the area cover the shortfall on a provincial roundup up to \$1000”.

Gary mentions that the reason for this is that he wants it stated clear in the guidelines whether the Area does or doesn't.

Motion tabled to the spring assembly..(for group input). This will be an item to be discussed at the group level, and brought forth for discussion and vote at the Spring Assembly.

Item 5.

D12 Junior DCM spoke on his floor action that was approved Saturday, about hybrid spring assembly. Junior mentions that not everyone likes zoom and that certain people cannot work computers, he wants the same option for everyone for both assemblies. He motioned to accept the motion and was 2nd, Vote initially passed, minority voice was heard. Revote taken,

motion defeated.

A motion was put on the floor to bring it to the spring assembly, motion was rescinded.

A formation of a committee to discuss these options of a hybrid assembly, Peggy GSR of Serenity Sisters volunteered to create a ad-hoc committee to review costs analysis, feasibility etc. more to follow.

A motion passed for this.

District 1 continues to require an Alternate Treasurer, and an Alternate DCM. Please come forth if you wish to become involved in Service at the District level.

Highland Park has the Grapevine Kit on display for viewing for the month of November. Their meetings Tuesday 12:15, and Friday 7:30 are held at 3571 Robie St. St. Margaret of Scotland Church.

Lastly, District 1 is holding an on-line Workshop: Pamphlet 18; Inside AA-Understanding the fellowship and its Services. Guest Speaker will be the DCM of District 1 Michael H. Meeting ID. 753 798 8280 Password: SERVICE (all uppercase). Wednesday, 29 November 2023 @ 6-7 PM.

Yours in love and service, Michael H. District 1 DCM

DISTRICT 2:

Apologies for not attending in person. All is well in District 2 so far as I can tell. Our workshop last month was well attended and was enjoyed by all those who did attend. Alex and Ashley did a fine job presenting and we are looking forward to the next one. We have resolved the problem with the secretary's email and I had also noticed that our minutes haven't been sent to the District 1 and 2 website, spoke to our secretary and Cheryl will be doing that moving forward. I attended the Area 82 Assembly via zoom. As a hybrid there were some audio problems but they are working on solutions for that. I also attended the recent budget follow-up meeting. It lasted 4 hours and we didn't get the budget approved yet but we hope to do that when we re-convene later this month, on the 18th. The Area Inventory is also scheduled for the 12th and I'll be attending that as well. I spoke to my committee about what the service palooza is, really I just read them the guidelines on that so that they could speak to their groups and encourage them to attend that event whenever we have it . Yours In Service Bernie S DCM District 2 Area 82

AREA 82: no report at this time

APPROVAL OF THE REPORTS

A motion was made by Bill P to approve the reports, it was seconded by Heather L.
All in favour; motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- Central Service Elections:

Co-chair committee positions: no nominations

Executive Central Service positions 2024-2025:

Chair: no nominations

Co-Chair: no nominations

Secretary: no nominations

*Please go back to your groups to let members know we are seeking nominees for these vacant positions.

NEW BUSINESS

CS meeting format change: (Emily S)

I have a suggestion and a proposal for a change in format for Central Service meetings. It was brought to my attention that often at some non profit business meetings, committees present their reports in advance of the meeting via email for all members to read and consider. In this way, the meeting becomes a place for members to bring up questions on the reports which have already been read at home, and the meeting therefore operates efficiently as time is not spent reading reports out loud. The main action and discussion in the meeting could focus on agenda items and motions. I believe this change could engage CSRs more fully, as it would be their responsibility to read committee reports in advance of the meeting and act in the position of trusted servant to ask pertinent questions as required. It would ask that committee members prepare their reports a week in advance of the Central Service meeting so that the secretary could send them out to CSRs and everyone could be prepared for the meeting. And lastly, a meeting which runs efficiently and at a shorter duration could possibly draw more participants and help with the problem of reluctance to participate in service at the Central Service level.
Sincerely, Emily S

Comments:

- Good idea - warrants more discussion for guidelines, etc
- amazing idea - i support it - would save so much time at these mtgs, it would help people to be more engaged
- I suggest we table this so it appears at next mtg
- 17 reports to be read in advance -sounds like a good idea for university students but not a great idea for someone like me
- this idea of being informed ahead of time - it may be better to have time to mull it over and think of what our group wants; we should be cautious of passing motions too quickly
- if reports are sent early, does this mean not the whole month will be reported on? - would this change need to go to groups for approval? will all groups look at all these reports? there's a lot to this just to save an hour we are putting a lot of work on someone

- it would be efficient, if there's anything added we would bring it up at the mtg, in AA nothing happens quickly, i would like us to make a decision tonight on this, rather than tabling
- in the guidelines it asks us to bring decisions like this back to the groups
- would we be able to send early reports out to district 1 and 2 ? - if people knew what was happening at central service by these reports, more people may attend
- great idea, if you consider the number of questions which are asked after each report they are minimal; i don't think it will save any time
- it would be difficult for me to read all those, I would rather hear them aloud, you would lose me
- there is a technical feature/ option on documents for your computer to be read to you - something to consider
- would be great to have reports early but there needs to be some format set down to keep things structured - maybe move to point form to move through reports quickly and help people navigate them
- this is more of an administrative change as opposed to changing guidelines; speaking for PI reports, from month to month most of them are routine and don't change much, but sometimes new activity - reports could be done in point form

Motion (Bill P): That all executive and committee reports be submitted one week in advance of the Central Service mtg; that they be sent at that time to all CSRs and Districts 1 & 2, and therefore not read aloud at the monthly Central Service meeting.
- seconded by Emily S

To be tabled for discussion next month.

Vote:

in favour: 16
 opposed: 3
 abstain: 0

Minority voice: I'm not against this matter being pursued - by tabling it to next meeting my fear is that at next mtg this will go through and people will not have an opportunity to see what it's like to deal with the reports in advance. A reminder to this executive that we only have one meeting left and we are tying hands for new executive to deal with this - I don't think that's fair.

Chair: it's this committee as a whole making the decision and committees have a full year left in their term to work with this change.

Minority voice: Sending 17 reports to people to review might be mistake because people who are busy and won't bother to read reports before they come to meeting.

Minority voice: I have small business to run, I am very busy, I'm not the greatest reader - it sounds like more work.

New vote:

approved: 12
 against: 7

Motion *to bring this matter to our groups and to be discussed at the next meeting: passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM GROUPS

- Second Chance will have birthday mtg end of this month - 5 year birthday - you are all invited

- mental health and addictions mtg - remind everybody about our responsibility pledge if they are considering not taking on this new mtg
- if you go on meeting app - if you go down to News, there is a meeting app membership survey it takes two minutes
- Four Seasons nov 30: Mark, Andrea, Andy, and Gilles

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Heather L seconded by Zeta S.

Meeting ended with Responsibility pledge at 9:01 PM.

Next CS meeting will take place December 5 , 2023 at 7 PM on zoom.

Appendix A

October 2023

Operating Account

<u>Opening Bank Balance</u>	\$6,638.26
Credits	\$1,065
Debits	\$1,121.18
<u>Closing Bank balance</u>	<u>\$6,582.03</u>
Cheques Outstanding	\$0.00
<u>Closing Operating balance</u>	<u>\$6,582.03</u>

Reserve Accounts

Prudent	\$2,913.13
Insurance	\$2,000.64