

District 1, Area 82
 General Service Committee
 Zoom Video Conference Meeting
 June 28,2020

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** by DCM Steve A. at 1:01 pm. It was agreed by all that the videoconferencing meeting would be recorded using the Zoom platform software.
2. **A Moment of Silence was observed, followed by the Serenity Prayer.**
3. **The Twelve Traditions** were read by Trudy A
4. **The Twelve Concepts** were read by Heather C
5. **Roll Call / GSR Reports**

Tom R.	West End Group	Alt. GSR
Steve A.	Acceptance Group	DCM
Lisa M.	Back to Basics Group	GSR
Velma C.	Four Seasons Group	GSR
Heather C.	Fresh Start Group	GSR
Rick H.	Highland Park Group	GSR
Jessica M.	Second Chance Group	GSR
Tim M		Past Delegate
Trudy A	Sunday Night Serenity Group	Area 82 Alt. Delegate
Paul B.	Welcome Group	GSR
Emily	Acceptance Group	GSR
Tim D	Hubbard's Group	GSR
Chris	Primary Purpose Group	GSR
Jamie Q	Four Seasons	Co-Chair of Central Service
Lisa N	Back to Basic	Alt DCM

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- Rick H. – On average, the Highland Park Group is having 20 around people participate in their meetings. Their meetings take place on Tuesdays at 12:15 pm and Fridays at 7:30 pm. There was an online birthday for two Highland Park Group members, Murdo 28 years and Sharon 10 years, respectively. Doug will be celebrating 37 years on July 24. There are no plans for Face to Face for at least a couple of months.
- Velma C. –Fours Seasons need to have a plan to resume Face to Face meetings. There are 5 questions that need to be answer and included in their plan for Reopening. 1_ How will they maintain Social distancing in their meetings 2- Who will take attendance at their meetings 3 – How do they deal with a situation if a person has Corvid 19. 4- Cleaning procedure must be in place. 5- Who will ask Health Screening Questions. Attendance is down since the summer.
- Heather C. – The Fresh Start Group has an open discussion Zoom meeting on Wednesdays at 8:30 pm, Attendance is low, and their business meetings are going well. They are still having birthday Meetings with Good attendance. The meeting has to go through the Four-Season group, and they have to work together to develop a plan for reopening Face to Face Meetings.
- Jessica M. – Meetings are still on Zoom with attendance little lower. They are still kicking it on Zoom
- Paul B. –Zoom meeting attendance is averaging between 15 and 25 members, with meetings every Tuesday and Saturday nights at 7 pm. Their last business meeting was well attended, with 13 group members participating and asking lots of questions about what is going on in Alcoholics Anonymous.
- Tom R. –indicated that they are not open for Face to Face meetings at this time until further notice. They had two birthdays, Donny B ,8 years and Dave T 11 years. Looking At sending more money to GSO and how they can contribute more to the on pandemic. Attendance is down on zoom for they are getting 18-20 ppl on Zoom whereas if it were Face to Face it would be 45-50 ppl
- Lisa M. – The Back to Basics Group has had a few weeks of Zoom meetings now after being publicly listed on the AAHalifax.org website. Meetings take place on Wednesdays at 8 pm, and on Fridays at 7 pm. Zoom. Participation is 18-20 ppl sometimes 30 on Wednesday. They have no immediate plans for Face to Face Meetings. Business meetings are going smoothly.
- Emily, zoom meetings going very Well except for last week we had 35. with break out Rooms Face to Face meetings are in discussion and will be revisited in the next couple months
- Tim D , They are in still having meetings on Zoom with a Drop of Attendance Hubbard’s have recently met in a face to face meeting in a local park with 15 ppl in attendance on Saturdays at 2 pm
- Chris, primary purpose Group, which meets at AL care place in Halifax, and their

facility has shut down during Corvid 19.

6. Agenda Items.

1. Anonymity
2. Contributions that was sent by GSO for Area
3. A, "Excess funds guidelines proposal - Dwayne presented the proposal as he explained it at both service weekends. When Area 82 is fortunate enough that funds available for the following year's budget exceeds the amount of that budget at the time of the Area 82 Assembly, the following procedure shall be followed: With the approval of the new budget, any funds in the Area 82 Operational Funds Bank Account that exceed (a) the remaining amount budgeted for the current year, and (b) the amount of the newly set budget will be:
 - A. Transferred to the prudent reserve.
 - B. If the prudent reserve exceeds 1/2 (one-half) the greater amount of the upcoming year's budget, or the current budget, then excess funds will be contributed to GSO. Funds received following that contribution to GSO will be reserved until the next Assembly's budget. Dwayne made a motion that would that the proposal on the floor. Samaira seconded the motion. A vote was taken. Minority opinion was discussed. Someone wishes to change their vote. A new vote was taken. Motion passed."

7. **Motion to Approve the Agenda. Heather C moved** that the agenda be approved as amended, and Lisa N. **seconded. Motion carried** unanimously.

8. Amended Minutes of the February 23, 2020, District 1 Meeting

Omissions and corrections: None However the following were mentioned:

- Lisa N offered to contact Al and get the recording, and this will be revisited at next month Meeting and
- Email from Al, indicating he is resigning of Secretary. Steve Accepted his Resignation

9. Minutes of the May 31, 2020, District 1 Meeting

- a. **Omissions and corrections:** None. **Motion to approve the minutes of the May 31,2020, District 1 meeting** was made by Paul, **seconded** by Tom R **Motion passed** unanimously.

10. Officer's Reports

a. Treasurer's Report

- Lisa N., Acting Treasurer: Opening bank balance: \$6606.15, with a contribution of \$57.50 from the living in the Solution Group which gives us a Closing balance of \$6663.65. There are still a lot of pending deposits and outstanding Cheques which add up too \$3034.56. Our Actual working balance is \$3749.09. Our Prudent Reserve Starts at \$2128.67 with 009 interests and closes with a balance of \$2128.76.
- Question, was asked about difference in reports, it was explained that there are different accounts and they make look confusion, but It all add up and it was confirmed, and everyone agreed
- Question, was asked, about sending money to District, CS but it was clearly explained all these parts of Service are doing ok and we should send money to GSO at this time.
- Question was asked about \$118.07, Steve came back and explained it was for Administration cost IE Paper, ETC

b. **Alternate DCM'S Report:** Please see Alternate DCM report as an Attachment: No questions or comments

c. **DCM's Report** by Steve A. Please see DCM report as an attachment No questions or comments

d. **Central Service Committee Report Given by Jamie Q Co-Chair of Central Service.**

- In their last meeting, they had 40 people participating,
- There will be NO **Covid -19** coverage in insurance for the next 2-3 years
- PI attended workshops in area 83, Service Weekend, Georgia Also did presentations for the Maritime Business Academy, and was contacted by the East Coast Music Industry and is working on Various projects
- Telephone committee is performing rotation for all the phones
- Webmaster is continuing to update the AA website
- MWR posted a Survey on the AAhalifax.org Website and wants ppl to fill out the survey. The survey is regarding have a Virtual Round up or Face to Face. They need your Feed back. All positions are filled except for Entertainment Chair or Co chair
- Adhoc working on initiatives
- CS needs a secretary
- Paul B Ask is there still an entertainment Chair, Shawn M is still the chair confirmed by Jamie Q

E. **Area 82 Representative's Report** by Trudy A, Alternate General Service Delegate, Area 82:

- Trudy thanks the district for their attendance and is looking for feed back and suggestions. Since this was the first assembly using Zoom it will help improve Area82 in using Zoom in October.
- The feedback information is helpful since this is a election year
- There were 104 ppl on Friday night workshop and 88 on Saturday
- There is a webmaster position available in the October election. Please contact Trudy for details
- Primary Purpose and Step 11 are still not registered.
- If there is any Zoom workshop from other areas that people know of please contact Trudy A

11. Unfinished Business

- a. **Feedback from District 1 groups on hosting CERAASA 2023 in Nova Scotia from February 24th to 26th, 2023.** [A total of \$2,500 in seed money will likely be available (repayable). [CERAASA 2021](#) is scheduled to be held in St. Catharines, Ontario, from February 26th to 28th, 2021.]

Tim M was asked to give some suggestions and experience with **CERAASA**.

- He has heard that volunteers are some time an issue but feels if the event is held with the MWR it would generate a lot of volunteers and enthusiasm
 - There is a rotation IE Que. Ont then down to the Area 81 and 82
 - CERAASA helps to bring GSO down to the different Areas and shows our membership the other side of service.
 - Trudy caution the district that since this is an Area 82 event, other districts in our Area can also host **CERAASA**
 - Question was raised about MWR conflicting with **CERAASA** Tim Commented we have the resources to host 2 events at the same time as long we keep things separate like registration.
 - Steve suggested that this be brought back to our group and revisited at our meeting
 - He is recommending that the motion be tweaked to say that the event is an Area82 event not a provincial Event and be hosted by Area 82.
- b. **District 1 Treasurer position opening.** DCM Steve A. called three times for nominations to fill the vacant District 1 Treasurer position. No nominations were received. Lisa N. will continue as Acting Treasurer.
- c. **District 1 Secretary position opening.** DCM Steve A called three times for nominations Trudy A, Nominated Paul B and he accepted the nomination. Paul Qualified and was voted in as Secretary.

13. New Business

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- DCM Steve A clearly explains the purpose of this motion was to inform all the GSR's that this was mentioned in the Assembly and it was part of a procedure by the Area. Steve did a calculation for the year of 2019 budget and sent it off to the Area Treasure and officers. Then realize there wee a incorrect amount. Lisa commented on the email and then Trudy A sent it out to all the Area officers and GSR's. Trudy apologises for this mistake and her apology was accepted. Steve asked was there any questions and there was none. Steve suggested we take this back to our groups.

1- Two motions approved by the Acceptance Group on June 20, 2020, for consideration by the

District 1 General Service Committee:

Acceptance Group Passed Motion #1: As stipulated by a motion passed at the 2017 Area 82 Assembly, and if the calculations deem a contribution for 2019 is necessary, the Acceptance Group maintains that the required Area 82 contribution to GSO for fiscal year 2019 ought to be made on or before October 31, 2020, by any officer of the Area 82 Executive Committee.

Background information: Dwayne M.'s approved 2017 Area 82 Assembly motion (see New Business Item #1, above, for details).

2-Acceptance Group Passed Motion #2: The Acceptance Group asserts that once the required Area 82 contribution has been made to GSO for fiscal year 2019 as per Motion #1

(immediately above), the "excess funds guideline proposal" motion passed at the Area 82

Assembly in October 2017 is rescinded.

- Lisa M explained the current process to the GSR's and feel she is not comfortable with the current process.
- Lisa N, mentioned she voted against the motion and believe the timing is not great
- Paul asked Trudy to commented
- Trudy reported that the reason the payment was not made was because people forget about the motion. Nobody mentioned it in the years after and nobody is the blame. Trudy apologies on behalf of the Area. Trudy explains that the reason district 10 brought their up their new motion was because of the timing of the previous motion. There were several emails sent to Area on this motion and nobody had a exact formula for sending out the payment. Trudy recommended that we bring this back to our groups for review.

B, Anonymity

- Heather C mentioned that Anonymity is not huge for her however something was brought up in CS and was taken out of context. She is reminding us that what said here should be kept in our meeting. If it needs to be discussed it should be in the DCM report. Steve, ask Heather is there someone that needs to be address and Heather commented to say its the Chair of CS and he is not present. Steve A is going to make this known to the Chair of the CS

C, Contributions that was sent by GSO for Area

- Lisa M indicates there is no further discussion needed for it was discussed in an earlier topic.

D, Lisa M proposing that we skip the month of August. Velma second the motion. Vote was taken and motion failed.

14. **The next District 1 General Service Committee meeting** will be held by online Zoom video conferencing on **Sunday, July 26, 2020, from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.**

Next workshop will be held by online Zoom video conferencing on **Sunday, July 26th, 2020, from 1:00 to 2:00 pm.** The workshop topic is: *Contributions and Self-Support: Understanding the Seventh Tradition.*

15. **Adjournment** – Lisa N **moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded** by Paul **Motion carried** unanimously. Steve A. declared the meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm. A thank you was extended to Trudy A. for her service for attending.

16. **Meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.**