

District 1, Area 82

General Service Committee

ZOOM VIDEO Conference Meeting - June 30, 2021

Welcome and Call to Order:

Meeting opened by Paul B. at 7pm. It was agreed by all that the video conferencing meeting would be recorded using Zoom software.

1. A Moment of Silence was observed, followed by the Serenity Prayer

2. **Twelve Traditions:** The Twelve Traditions were read by Garnett.

3. **Twelve Concepts:** The Twelve Concepts were read by Sharon.

4. Roll Call / GSR Reports¹:

Paul, DCM, welcomed participants, completed roll call/received updates from the group, as follows:

Barry, GSR, Back to Basic, 321 Main Ave, Halifax, Wednesday at 8pm, Friday at 7pm

- All meetings currently on Zoom
- 2 one-year birthday's tonight, all welcome
- Group is meeting July 1 to determine plans for in person meetings

Garnett, GSR, Fresh Start, 45 Connolly Street, Lr. Sackville, Wednesday 830pm

- Meetings are currently in person and on Zoom
- Last week attendance in person was 22, Zoom 6-8
- Considering discontinuing Zoom in August

Sharon, GSR, Highland Park, Halifax, Tuesday 12pm, Friday 730pm

- Expressed gratitude for AA, today being 11 years since her first meeting at Back to Basics

Janet, GSR, Acceptance, Coburg & Robie, Halifax, Saturday 10am

- Meetings are in person and on Zoom
- First in person had approx. 8 participants
- This week is the group's June birthday/speaker meeting, Janet will be celebrating 28 years

Natalie, GSR, Four Seasons, 45 Connolly Street, Lr. Sackville, Sunday 10am, Thursday 730pm

- Meetings are in person and on Zoom
- Group will consider discontinuing Zoom in August or September

Mary, Alt Treasurer/District, Member Back to Basics

Michael, Central Service Chair, Member Back to Basics

- Central Service meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm
- On Zoom and will be on Zoom for the remainder of 2021
- Observers welcome

Michelle, Observer, Member Back to Basics

¹ GSR reports may include, *among other things*: notices of group meeting place and times; numbers participating in group meetings; updates on group meeting formats and other group activities; participation rates in group business meetings, and updates and descriptions of group members' involvement in sponsorship and in service to Alcoholics Anonymous, etc.

5. Call for New Business Agenda Items:

Barry had a couple of items to bring forward from his group:

1. Why are GSR's unable to ask the new treasurer (Area 82) questions?
2. When the treasurer (Area 82) allots funds to committees, are receipts submitted for the funds spent, are the funds accounted for?

6. Motion to Approve the Agenda:

Garnett made a motion to approve the agenda, Janet seconded, motion to approve agenda passed.

7. May 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes:

- a. Omissions and corrections – None
- b. Motion to approve the minutes – Janet made a motion to approve the May minutes, Natalie seconded, motion passed.

8. Officer's Reports:

Treasurer: Alt Treasurer Mary provided the Treasurer's report, see Appendix A, supporting excel spreadsheets forwarded with minutes as attachments (2021 Group Contributions - May, Budgeted to Actual May 2021)

Secretary: No report, position vacant

Alternate DCM: No Report, position vacant

DCM: DCM Paul provided the DSM report, see Appendix B

9. Other Reports:

Central Service Committee Chairperson: Central Service Committee Chair Michael provided the Central Service Chair's report, see Appendix C

Area 82 Representative: No report, representative not present

10. Unfinished Business

Call for Nomination for a District Secretary: DCM Paul

- A call for nominations was made
- Mary nominated Michelle, Back to Basics, for the position of District Secretary
- Paul read the qualifications, Michelle confirmed her qualifications and accepted the nomination
- The group voted in favour and Michelle was confirmed as the Secretary for District 1

Nomination for Alt DCM: DCM Paul

- A call for nominations was made. No nominations were put forward.

New Business

1. Questions for Area Treasurer: GSR Barry

- The new Area 82 Treasurer appears to have experience in service roles but minimal experience with treasurer roles. He would have liked to be able to ask the new treasurer some questions related to their experience but were not able to do so.

- Why are GSR's unable to ask the new treasurer (Area 82) questions about their experience?
 - When the treasurer (Area 82) allots funds to committee members at the start of the year, there doesn't appear to be a lot of accounting with regards to the funds spend.
 - Can we have more information on how these allotments are accounted for? (ie; Are receipts submitted by the recipient of the funds? Are the specifics accounted for in the reporting? Is the balance refunded to the Area if not spent? How will we achieve transparency?)
 - GSR Garnett reiterated the importance of transparency and confirmed his group to be in full agreement with these questions being brought forward for response.
 - DCM Paul will send the questions to Area and provide response back to this group as soon as possible.
2. Update on Donation GSO: DCM Paul
- As per this group's March motion and approval, \$5,000 will be sent to the GSO.
3. Group Updates: DCM Paul
- Concern was expressed that some meetings may be struggling to re-open in person.
 - GSR's confirmed they were currently open or moving forward with steps to re-open.
4. Workshops Ideas (July 2021) - GSR Sharon
- A recap of the potential workshops was presented.
 - DCM Paul called for discussion, GSR preferences discussed as follows:
 - a. Archivist presentation of Bill W.'s life in pictures and Marnie's life as first woman in A.A.
 - b. A presentation from our GSD of her choice which would be helpful to all GSR's, especially new GSRs.
 - c. GSR Garnett raised the topic of Back to Basics doing a workshop on group service participation.
 - For July, first choice, as voted on, will be topic a., as detailed above.
 - For July, if topic a. is not possible, back up topic, as voted on, will be topic b., as detailed above.
 - DCM Paul to take these topics away for confirmation with presenters. He will advise the group of the topic as soon as possible.
 - There was a call for the group to spread the message on the July workshop, once determined.
 - For September, GSR Barry will take topic c., as detailed above, back to his group for discussion at the July business meeting.

11. Next Meeting: July 28, 2021 – 6-8pm

12. Next District 1 Workshop: July 28, 2021 6-7pm

13. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm by the DCM.

14. Meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge

Appendix A – Treasurer’s Report

District One Area 82

Month to Month Financial Statement Twelve Month ending May 31 2021

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| <u>Opening Bank Balance</u> | <u>4,911.83</u> |
| Deposits 7 May 21 | 200.00 |
| Withdrawal 31 May Zoom | 23.00 |
| <u>Closing Bank Balance</u> | <u>5088.83</u> |
| <u>Pending Deposits</u> | Nil |
| <u>Outstanding withdrawal</u> | Nil |
| <u>Working balance in operating account</u> | <u>5088.83</u> |
| <u>Prudent Reserve Account Balance</u> | <u>2,129.74</u> |
| <u>Deposits</u> Interest 31 May 2021 | <u>0.09</u> |
| <u>Withdrawals</u> | Nil |
| <u>Prudent Reserve Account Balance</u> | <u>2,129.83</u> |
| <u>Equity Share Balance</u> | <u>5.00</u> |
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| <u>Total Assets</u> | <u>7223.66</u> |

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Appendix B - DCM Report

DCM Report
June 30, 2021
District 1

Dear GSR's OF District 1, At this time I would like to welcome you all to our monthly meeting. We as an executive want to let you all know that in the AA fellowship, we are all in this together to learn and grow. As you all know, the passcode to our meeting has been changed. This is to make sure that we accommodate all members of AA who want to join our District 1 Meeting. We are still in need of an Alternate DCM and Secretary, so please spread the word.

1. I attended the Central Service monthly meeting, and they have several positions that still need to be filled. They meet the first Tuesday of every month on Zoom.
2. I attended group business meetings and would like to say thank you for the invite.

If any of your groups are making changes and going face to face, can you please send your information to the Webmaster. I still have not received a Financial report from the Area however when it becomes available, I will send it out.

Yours in Service
Paul B
DCM District 1

Appendix C - Central Service Chair's Report



Central Service Chair Report

June 29, 2021

Districts 1 and 2

Area 82

Ladies and Gentlemen,

There were 19 members in attendance at the June 1st Central Service Meeting.

Regarding the NS Health Authority gathering rules for AA meetings Face to Face, please adhere to the requirements @ <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/restrictions-and-guidance/>.

If your group is currently Face to Face and not on the website AAHalifax.org as such, or is planning the changeover from zoom to Face to Face, or Face to Face addition with Zoom please send your homegroup meeting(s) schedule to [Webmaster](#) and [Newsletter](#) chair.

Spirit of Rotation

CPC Chair and Co-Chair is required.

Entertainment Chair/Co-Chair Required

MidWinterRoundUp (MWRU) Chair required.

As Mid Winter Round Up is an event that needs calendar planning with or without the spirit of rotation, Central Service Chair shall sit in as Interim Chair of MWRU, and Central Service Treasurer will sit in as Interim Program Chair of MWRU until such time that these positions are filled.

Our first task is to look at available places and costs with the plan that we will be having a Face-to-Face MWRU. Availability may become challengingly restrictive in choice of venues if we wait for MWRU elections before doing any preliminary price studies.

Fail to plan, plan to fail as they say.

Also:

I've asked Central Service Co-Chair for an update of who still owes regarding Insurance Premiums for 2020-2021, more to follow.

I've asked Central Service Treatment for a plan of group rotation, as rehab has opened their covid safety doors once again to put on AA meetings. More to follow.

I hope everyone is enjoying their sober summer days.

Thank you all for your hand in service,

Michael H.

Central Service Chair

Districts 1 and 2