

District 1, Area 82
General Service Committee
ZOOM VIDEO Conference Meeting – November 24, 2021

Welcome and Call to Order:

Meeting opened by Paul B. at 7:06 pm. 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 Sharon.

3. Twelve Concepts: The Twelve Concepts were read by Jonathan.

4. Roll Call / GSR Reports¹:

Sharon N., GSR, Highland Park

- Tuesday online on Zoom, Friday nights have new location at St. Margaret's of Scotland at Robie and Leeds

Jonathan, GSR, Downtown Halifax Group

- In person meetings are Wednesday at 1pm and Sunday at 7pm at 1479 Barrington

Mitch, Acceptance Group

- Group is meeting at St. Andrew's in person/on zoom Saturday morning at 10 am

Garnet, GSR, Fresh Start

- Meeting in person Wednesday and Friday, numbers improving
- Not requiring proof of vaccination, masks required

Barry L., GSR, Back to Basics

- Face to face meetings, Wednesday's & Friday's

Natalie, GSR, Four Seasons

- Sunday's at 10am and Thursday's at 730pm
- Proof of vaccine required, if someone is not vaccinated, they have made arrangements to talk to them outside

Maria, GSR, Living In The Solution

- Jan 3rd the group is reopening at Church of the Resurrection/Windsor and Allan
- Proof of vaccine and masks required

Jamie Q, Observer

Foster, Cole Harbour Group, Observer

Mary, Co-Treasurer District 1, Member Back To Basics

Edie, Tatamagouche Sunrise Trail, Observer

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.

Rick, District 1 Treasurer

Michelle, District 1 Secretary, Member Back to Basics

Trudy, New Glasgow Group, Area 82 Delegate

Paul B., District 1 DCM, Member Welcome Group

Gerry W.

5. Call for New Business Agenda Items:

No new business

6. Motion to Approve the November 24th, 2021 Agenda:

Jonathan made a motion to approve, Garnet seconded, motion passed.

7. October 27th, 2021 Meeting Minutes:

- a. Errors, omissions & corrections – None raised.
- b. Motion to approve the minutes – Sharon made a motion to approve the minutes, Jonathan seconded, motion passed.

8. Officer's Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Rick provided the Treasurer's report, see Appendix A (Treasurer's Report), Attachment 1 (District 1 – Budgeted to Actual Oct 2021) and Attachment 2 (District 1 – Group Contributions to end Oct 2021) at the end of the minutes.

Secretary's Report: Michelle provided the Secretary's report, see Appendix B.

Alternate DCM's Report: No report, position vacant.

DCM's Report: DCM Paul provided the DCM report, see Appendix C.

9. Other Reports:

Central Service Chair's Report: Central Service Chair was unable to attend, provided his report, which was read by the Secretary, see Appendix D.

Area 82 Representative: Trudy, the Area Delegate, thanked the group for their service. There were updates on:

- Literature (great gift for sponsees/sponsors).
- Year end 2022 budget will be coming out shortly.
- Regarding the webmaster, they will be looking for a replacement for the Area website.
- Agenda items for spring assembly can be submitted at any time.
- May 2022 PE regional forum: Members of GSO put on the forum for groups, excellent info provided.

10. Unfinished Business:

-Nomination for Alt DCM: DCM Paul

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

New Business:

-Feedback/questions on the Area Assembly (transferred from October – Old Business):

At the October meeting, there was a general discussion on the recent Fall Assembly from those who attended, there were some questions for the Area Officers. The Area Officers attended the November District meeting and answered the questions from the District 1 GSR's, by round table, as follows:

Questions arising for the Area Officers regarding the Area Assembly:

1. The 2021 travel expense and 2022 travel budget seem high, any comment from the Officers on this and the potential for keeping the Area business on Zoom?
Much of 2021 was on Zoom, travel was minimal. As to continuing on Zoom, the group conscience of the Area was to hold the spring Assembly on Zoom and the fall Assembly in person. Group attendance has been an issue when travel is required to Assembly's, however, even on Zoom, the Area Assembly struggled with low attendance.
2. The agenda info and request for agenda items that was received by GSR's in advance of the Area Assembly was not provided in sufficient time to allow for GSR's to gain feedback from their groups and return to District/Area for inclusion in the Area Assembly.
The Area Delegate apologized for the short notice given for agenda items, they are new in their roles and learning. They will attempt to be more on top of reminders related to agenda items and encouraged groups to forward their Area Assembly agenda items at any time to their District/Area. There is no need to wait for a call or reminder for agenda items.
3. There was some feedback that some GSR's felt unheard/not part of the Assembly.
Concern was noted and the Area Delegate spoke to her wish that all GSR's feel included in the Assembly. She was required to sub in for the Chair at the Assembly and that could have contributed to the problem as it was her first time chairing this event.
4. Regarding the Assembly agenda, item 8. This item was removed, why was this done and what was done with it?
The item was around purchasing a laptop for the Area Secretary. The Secretary's laptop stopped working and she was loaned one by the Delegate. Given the pressure to the Area budget, this was removed as it was a "nice to have" rather than a requirement, for the time being. At the DCM Area Officer's meeting in advance of the Assembly, this item came up and the DCM's voted to remove the item from the agenda based on the above.
5. There were a few items added to the final agenda in the days leading up to the Assembly, how does this occur?
Area DCM's have a meeting in the days leading up to the Assembly. If there are any items the DCM's feel need to be added or removed from the final agenda, they request and vote on this at the Area Officers meeting in advance of the Assembly.
6. The Area Guidelines state the bank statements will be attached to the quarterly financial reports by the Treasurer. This has not occurred, and a group will be making a recommendation that bank statements be included in the quarterly financials.
The Area Delegate commented that the bank statements haven't gone out with the Area Financial reports in the past, however, if the Guidelines say they should be there, they will look at that and ensure they are in line with the Area Guidelines.
7. General Service Conference report, where can we find that?
The DCM has a copy of that for sending to GSR's and it is also on the Area 82 website.

There was positive feedback on the speakers at the Assembly. Also, appreciation was expressed to the Area Officers in attendance at the District meeting for the responses to District 1's outstanding questions.

- 11. Next Meeting:** December 15, 2021 – 6 – 8 pm (Zoom AA Trivia meeting, BYO Food, prizes brought to you by the Area Delegate)
- 12. Next District 1 Workshop:** January. 26, 2022 – 6 – 7pm (topic TBD December)
- 13. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm by the DCM.
- 14. Meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge**

Appendix A – Treasurer’s Report

District 1, Area 82 Monthly Financial Statement Month Ending 31 Oct 2021

<u>Operating Account - Opening Balance</u>	<u>\$ 1,661.83</u>
Deposits –	\$ 175.00
Withdrawal -	\$ - 23.00
<u>Operating Account – Closing Balance</u>	<u>\$ 1,813.83</u>
Pending Deposits	Nil
Pending Withdrawals	Nil
<u>Operating Account – Working Balance</u>	<u>\$ 1,813.83</u>
<u>Prudent Reserve – Opening Balance</u>	<u>\$ 750.08</u>
Deposits - Interest (31 Oct)	\$ 0.03
Withdrawals -	Nil
<u>Prudent Reserve - Closing Balance</u>	<u>\$ 750.11</u>
Pending Deposits	Nil
Pending Withdrawals	Nil
<u>Prudent Reserve – Working Balance</u>	<u>\$ 750.11</u>
<u>Equity Share - Account Balance</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$ 2,568.94</u>

Sign



Attachment 1 to the Treasurer's Report – District 1 Budgeted to Actual

District 1, Area 82														31-Oct-21	
Budgeted to Actual Report for 2021															
For the first month period ending Oct 31, 2021															
Revenue	2021 Proposed Budget												2021 Actual		2021 Variance F(U)*
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Jan1 to Oct31	Jan1 to Oct31	
Group Contributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 210.00	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 262.00	\$ 175.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,247.00	\$ -
Seventh Tradition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Totals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 210.00	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 262.00	\$ 175.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,247.00	\$ -
Zoom	\$ 300.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -230.00	\$ -
Rent	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -
Workshops	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -
CERAASA or Regional Forum - DCM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -
Assembly - DCM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -
Assembly - ADMS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -
Nova Scotia Service Weekend - DCM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -
Nova Scotia Service Weekend - ADCM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -
Expenses - DCM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -
Expenses - ADCM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -
Expenses - Secretary	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -
Expenses - Treasurer	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -
Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -
2020 Nova Scotia Provincial Roundup	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -
2020 Nova Scotia Provincial Roundup - Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -
Totals	\$ 750.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 127.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 187.00	\$ 427.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 239.00	\$ 152.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,017.00	\$ -
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ -	\$ 23.00	\$ 127.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 187.00	\$ 427.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 239.00	\$ 152.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,017.00	\$ -

Attachment 2 to the Treasurer's Report – District 1 Group Contributions

2021 District 1 Group Contributions														
For period Jan 1 to Oct 31 2021														
Group	Meeting	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
1	Acceptance Group													\$ -
2	Any Lengths Big Book Study Group				\$ 60.00					\$ 62.00				\$ 122.00
3	Armview Sunday Morning													\$ -
4	Atlantic Group				\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00								\$ 250.00
5	Back to Basics Group					\$ 200.00								\$ 200.00
6	Bedford Group													\$ -
7	Downtown Halifax Group													\$ -
8	Four Seasons Group													\$ -
9	Freedom Group					\$ 150.00								\$ 150.00
10	Fresh Start Group													\$ -
11	Grateful Group													\$ -
12	Halifax Sunday Morning Group													\$ -
13	Halifax Young Peoples Group													\$ -
14	Highland Park Group													\$ -
15	Hubbards Group													\$ -
16	Hubbards Step Sisters Group													\$ -
17	Lions Den Group													\$ -
18	Live & Let Live Group													\$ -
19	Living in the Solution Group													\$ -
20	Lost & Found Big Book Discussion Group													\$ -
21	New Hope Group - Gone													\$ -
22	Only Requirement Group													\$ -
23	Primary Purpose Group													\$ -
24	Recovery Support Meeting, Mt. Uniacke													\$ -
25	Second Chance Group													\$ -
26	Serenity Sisters Group													\$ -
27	St. Margarets Bay Group								\$ 200.00					\$ 200.00
28	Step 11 Meditation Open Meeting													\$ -
29	Sunday Night Serenity Group		\$ 150.00											\$ 150.00
30	Timberlea Group										\$ 175.00			\$ 175.00
31	The Last Stop Meeting													\$ -
32	Welcome Group													\$ -
33	West End Step Group													\$ -
Totals		\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 210.00	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 262.00	\$ 175.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,247.00

Appendix B – Secretary’s Report

District 1 Secretary’s Report November 24, 2021

Good day District 1,

Below is a recap of the activities of the District 1 Secretary since our October meeting.

November Activities:

- October District 1 meeting minutes:
 - Completed meeting minutes, emailed to District 1 contact group, Webmaster and mailed out to GSR contacts, as required.
- District 1 Guidelines:
 - Finalized the Guideline updates.
 - Forwarded to Webmaster for update to the website.
- 2021 District 1 Contact Group:
 - Maintained existing group contacts.
 - Requested GSR mailing addresses for addition to the current contact list, updated as received.
- Communications:
 - District communications (minutes, November workshop flyer, agenda, NS Health comms, etc.)

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions related to this report. Michelle

Appendix C – DCM’s Report

Nov /2021

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.

1. The Month of November was filled with Learning, Love and tolerance and patience. I want to thank the Area Executive in making sure we received the updated Guidelines from the Dept of Health
2. I attended the Central Service Meeting, and they have a lot of positions open. Starting in the New Year, I will be asking if any of the District Executive can step in for a few Central Service meetings in my absents. I have been asked to sit a Committee from GSO regarding updating some pamphlets. The Date of this Committee is also the first Tuesday of Every Month.
3. Please send Michelle your update contact info so we complete our list for GSO group Services. This will also ensure you as the GSRs for your group gets the proper information from GSO.
4. We are in need for a Alt DCM. Please bring this back to your group business meeting.

In closing it is a honor and a Privilege to be your DCM as we unit together to carry the message of AA.

Yours in Service
Paul B
DCM District 1

Appendix D – Central Service Chair’s Report



Central Service Chair Report/MWRU Report
Districts 1 and 2, Area 82

24 Nov, 2021

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Central Service Chair Report

Regretfully, I cannot make November’s District 1 meeting.

First off, I would like to apologize to the Districts 1 and 2 for failing to produce an accurate Minutes for the Month of November. The recorded Zoom was not saved properly, and info was replaced by an info session that I was giving to the incoming Chair on, ironically, how to save recorded Zoom meetings. Our Executive panel of Central Service have agreed to send out the minutes to include reports, and items remembered. We will next Central Service Meeting accept the minutes with changes/add-ons that members feel should be added.

Official Executive Committee Elections Call-out

Pamphlet P-8 “The Twelve Concepts of Service; Due to A.A.’s principle of rotation, furnishing our service structure with able and willing workers has to be a continuous effort.”

The following Executive positions within Central Service require to be filled by 01 January 2022:

Positions are:

Chair - Elected on October 6th Mr. Chris Veach

Co-Chair

Treasurer

Secretary

To understand the responsibilities of these positions, please refer to the Central Service Guidelines at ref: <https://www.aahalifax.org/wp-content/uploads/Guidelines/Central-Service-Guidelines-Jun2021-v2.pdf>

If you are interested in helping others, meet the guideline requirements, please attend the next Central Service Meeting on the 7th December, 2021, on Zoom at 7pm.

Zoom data can be found on the AAhalfax.org website, the bluenose bulletin, Central Service Monthly minutes in Archive, or below;

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5120368953?pwd=a1RIRnRNVEdFZlVqSW85My84S2JiZz09> ; or

Zoom Ident # 512 036 8953

Password: wecandoit

MidWinterRoundUp Report

Central Service committee members unanimously voted to stand-down any type of MidWinterRoundUp for 2022. This will be the last report on this matter. MWRU committee talks will commence on around March / April 2022 for MWRU 2023 planning.

Thank you all for your hand in service in these challenging times,

Michael H.

Central Service Chair

Districts 1 and 2