

District 1, Area 82

General Service Committee

ZOOM VIDEO Conference Meeting – September 29, 2021

Welcome and Call to Order:

Meeting opened by Paul B. at 7:05 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 N.

3. Twelve Concepts: The Twelve Concepts were read by Barry L.

4. Roll Call / GSR Reports¹:

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

Barry L., GSR, Back to Basics

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

Sharon N., GSR, Highland Park

- Still meeting on Zoom but they are looking for a new meeting venue

Tim D., Member Hubbards Group

- Saint Luke's Anglican, Thursday, 8pm
- No longer on Zoom and in person attendance is growing

Jonathan, GSR, Downtown Halifax Group

- In person meetings are Wednesday at 1pm and Sunday at 7pm
- No longer online

Mitch, Member, Acceptance Group

- Group is doing well
- Meetings are both in person and on Zoom

Garnett, GSR, Fresh Start

- Wednesday's at 830pm in person
- As of October 4th, they will be back up and running on Friday's as well, Big Book Study
- Averaging 20 – 25 at Wednesday meetings

Natalie, GSR, Four Seasons

- Sunday's at 10am and Thursday's at 730pm
- In person for meetings, hybrid for birthday meetings due to capacity limits

Stephen, GSR, Freedom Group

- Salvation Army, 50 Gesner Street, 730pm Thursday's

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.

- Back in person, attendance is up by approximately 20-30%

Ashley E., Alt GSR, Atlantic Group

- Back in person at the temporary location on Brunswick

Maria R., GSR, Living In The Solution

- Not meeting at this time

Michelle W., District 1 Secretary, Member Back to Basics

Rick H., District 1 Treasurer, Member Highland Park

Paul B., DCM, Member Welcome Group

- Tuesday's & Saturday's

Michael H., Central Service Chair, Alt GSR, Back To Basics

- Central Service meeting will be on zoom until year end, first Tuesday of every month
- They are getting 18-22 people at the CS meetings

5. Call for New Business Agenda Items:

Wearing face masks at meetings was added to the agenda under new business.

6. Motion to Approve the Agenda:

7. August 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes:

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

8. Officer's Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Rick provided the Treasurer's report, see Appendix A, Attachment 1 (District 1 – Budgeted to Actual Aug 2021) and Attachment 2 (District 1 – Group Contributions to end August 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 DSM report, see Appendix C.

9. Other Reports:

Central Service Chair's Report: Central Service Chair provided his report, see Appendix D.

Area 82 Representative: No report, representative not present.

10. Unfinished Business

Nomination for Alt DCM: DCM Paul

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

District 1 meetings:

District 1 meetings will be conducted on Zoom until year end, we need to determine if we will be in person or on Zoom for 2022. DCM requires feedback.

Some GSR's were unable to take this to their groups for feedback, a motion was made and passed to table this business until the October District meeting.

ACTION ITEM FOR GSR/ALT GSR/GROUP REP's – DEADLINE October 27th: Should the District 1 Committee meeting remain on Zoom in 2022 or should we find a face-to-face meeting location for District meetings in 2022?

Area 82 Webmaster:

Area 82 is having a difficult time finding someone in the fellowship to do the Webmaster role in a volunteer capacity. Area 82 is currently paying someone to do it and his term is ending in December. They are looking for direction from GSR's on whether to take this outside of AA for bids or continue to look for someone inside of AA.

There was some discussion on this item as follows:

- It was generally thought to be an important role.
- GSR's were interested in understanding the cost of outsourcing the webmaster, prior to making full commitment on this item.

There was a motion by Mitch, Acceptance Group, to put forward a recommendation that Area look for open bids for the position of webmaster as a professional service, to be fulfilled by either an alcoholic or non-alcoholic. Ashley, Atlantic Group, seconded, the motion was passed.

For those who want more information on AA members bidding on jobs or being compensated for professional services, this topic is covered in Concept 11 and Tradition 8.

New Business

Area Agenda – There was some discussion around the Area 82 Assembly and the associated agenda coming up on the Thanksgiving weekend. The DCM stressed the importance of members attending the assembly for the role call at 2:30 on the 9th. The assembly is where groups can voice their opinions on business items and vote on behalf of their group conscience.

Wearing Face Masks at AA Group Meetings – There is a lack of compliance related to the wearing of face masks at some AA groups. There was some general discussion around Phase 5 and the continued need for masks until year end. AA groups are required to follow public health measures. The members of each group are responsible to ensure their group and its participants are following mandatory masking requirements.

Workshop – November: Not covered, bring forward to next meeting.

- 11. Next Meeting:** October 27, 2021 – 6-8pm
- 12. Next District 1 Workshop:** November 24, 2021 – 6–7pm
- 13. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm 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 Aug 2021

<u>Operating Account - Opening Balance</u>	<u>\$ 5,065.83</u>
Deposits - Transfer from Prudent Reserve (2 Aug)	\$ 1,380.00
Withdrawals - Cheque # 201 to AA GSO (24 Aug)	\$ - 5,000.00
- July Zoom Fee (2 Aug)	\$ - 23.00
- Aug Zoom fee (31 Aug)	\$ - 23.00
<u>Operating Account – Closing Balance</u>	<u>\$ 1,399.83</u>
Pending Withdrawals	Nil
<u>Operating Account – Working Balance</u>	<u>\$ 1,399.83</u>
<u>Prudent Reserve – Opening Balance</u>	<u>\$ 2,130.01</u>
Deposits - Interest (31 Aug)	\$ 0.04
Withdrawals - Transfer to Operating Account	\$ - 1,380.00
<u>Prudent Reserve - Closing Balance</u>	<u>\$ 750.05</u>
Pending Withdrawals	Nil
<u>Prudent Reserve – Working Balance</u>	<u>\$ 750.05</u>
<u>Equity Share - Account Balance</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$ 2,154.88</u>

Sign 

Attachment 1 to the Treasurer's Report – District 1 Budgeted to Actual August 2021

Budgeted to Actual Report for 2021															
For the first month period ending Aug 31, 2021															
Revenue	2021													2021	2021
	Proposed	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Jan1 to Aug31	Jan1 to Aug31
	Budget													Actual	Variance F(U)*
Group Contributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 210.00	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 810.00	\$ -
Seventh Tradition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Totals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 210.00	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 810.00	\$ -
Zoom	\$ 300.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -184.00
Rent	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00
Workshops	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00
CERAASA or Regional Forum - DCM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00
Assembly - DCM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00
Assembly - ADASM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 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	\$ 23.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 626.00	\$ -
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ -	\$ 23.00	\$ 127.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 187.00	\$ 427.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 626.00	\$ -

Attachment 2 to the Treasurer's Report – District 1 Group Contributions to end August 2021

2021 District 1 Group Contributions															
For period Jan 1 to Aug 31 2021															
Group	Meeting	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	
1	Acceptance Group									\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	
2	Any Lengths Big Book Study Group				\$ 60.00					\$ 62.00				\$ 122.00	
	1 Armview Sunday Morning													\$ -	
3	Atlantic Group				\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00								\$ 250.00	
4	Back to Basics Group					\$ 200.00								\$ 200.00	
5	Bedford Group													\$ -	
6	Downtown Halifax Group													\$ -	
7	Four Seasons Group													\$ -	
8	Freedom Group					\$ 150.00								\$ 150.00	
9	Fresh Start Group													\$ -	
10	Grateful Group													\$ -	
11	Halifax Sunday Morning Group													\$ -	
12	Halifax Young Peoples Group													\$ -	
13	Highland Park Group													\$ -	
14	Hubbards Group													\$ -	
	2 Hubbards Step Sisters Group													\$ -	
15	Lions Den Group													\$ -	
16	Live & Let Live Group													\$ -	
17	Living in the Solution Group													\$ -	
18	Lost & Found Big Book Discussion Group													\$ -	
19	New Hope Group - Gone													\$ -	
20	Only Requirement Group													\$ -	
21	Primary Purpose Group													\$ -	
	3 Recovery Support Meeting, Mt. Uniacke													\$ -	
22	Second Chance Group													\$ -	
23	Serenity Sisters Group													\$ -	
24	St. Margarets Bay Group													\$ -	
	4 Step 11 Meditation Open Meeting													\$ -	
25	Sunday Night Serenity Group		\$ 150.00											\$ 150.00	
26	Timberlea Group													\$ -	
	5 The Last Stop Meeting													\$ -	
27	Welcome Group													\$ -	
28	West End Step Group													\$ -	
	Totals	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 210.00	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 262.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,072.00	

Appendix B – Secretary’s Report

District 1 Secretary’s Report

September 29, 2021

Greetings District 1. Quick update for September. I continue to learn about the role of Secretary for District 1 and have kept the messages moving.

September Activities:

- August 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:
 - Obtained the Alternate Treasurer role description from DCM for updating in the Guidelines.
 - Continued guideline comparison to 2021 minutes as time permits.
- 2021 District 1 Contact Group:
 - Maintained existing group contacts
 - Included groups with missing contacts in the August meeting minutes for consideration.
- Met with DCM, District Treasurer to address any questions, discuss district business, etc.

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

Appendix C – DCM's Report

DCM Report
Sept 29, 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.

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. Please pass this in to your Groups
2. I attended a few group business meetings and would like to say thank you for the invite.
3. Had our Quarterly Area Officers meeting. The agenda will be finalized on Oct 06, which is another Quarterly meeting. Please pass this along to your groups for your groups voice is very important.
4. Please continue to check the AA website for the latest up to date Covid19 protocols

If any of your groups are making changes and going face to face, or vice Versa can u please send you information to the Webmaster.

Yours in Service
Paul B
DCM District 1

Appendix D – Central Service Chair’s Report



Central Service Chair Report/MWRU Report

October 5, 2021

Districts 1 and 2

Area 82

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Central Service Chair Report

There were 17 members in attendance total at the September Central Service meeting with 6 Central Service Reps combined from both Districts 1 and 2.

Official Executive Committee Elections Call-out

The following Executive positions within Central Service require to be filled by 01 January 2022:
Official Election procedure shall commence this eve with DCM2 presiding as interim chair.

Positions are:

Chair

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 5th October 2021, on Zoom. Zoom data can be found on the AAhalifax.org website, the bluenose bulletin, Central Service Monthly minutes, or embedded within this Central Service Chair Report.

Monday August 30th, Treatment Chair stepped down from elective responsibilities, but it was a decision that has been reversed. Treatment Chair informed me, that she wishes to continue the position through full fruition.

Midwinter Round-up (MWRU) (Virtual)

Groups CSR's were to take back to their groups and pose the question if they wanted or were interested in partaking in a MWRU virtually.

Our next meeting will be on the 5th October 2021 at 7PM on Zoom. Here are the zoom particulars:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5120368953?pwd=a1RlRnRNVEdFZlVqSW85My84S2JiZz09> ; or

Zoom Ident # 512 036 8953

Password: wecandoit

Thank you all for your hand in service,

Michael H.,

Central Service Chair

Districts 1 and 2