

**District 1, Area 82**  
**General Service Committee**  
**Zoom Video Conference Meeting – January 26, 2022**

**Welcome and Call to Order:**

Meeting opened by Paul B. at 7:04 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 Garnet.

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

**4. Interpretation of Concepts:** Concept 1 was interpreted by Mary.

**February - Concept 2 – Garnet @ Fresh Start**

**5. Roll Call / GSR Reports<sup>1</sup>:**

GROUP	DISTRICT 1	UPDATES
Welcome	DCM - Paul B	Appendix C
-	Alt-DCM – Vacant	NA
Highland Park	Treasurer – Rick H	Appendix A – plus attachments 1 & 2
Back To Basics	Alt-Treasurer – Mary W	NA
Back To Basics	Secretary – Michelle W	Appendix B
GROUP	GSR's	UPDATES
Paxnorth Men's	Ian B	Zoom only, Saturday 12-130 PM will move to in person at some point, looking for space, anyone who identifies as male is welcome, 16-20 average attendees, could use support.
Serenity Sisters	Zara SF	New GSR, Zoom 3 times a week, group is growing, service positions being filled.
Acceptance	Janet M	Zoom plus in person concurrently on Saturday, 20 on zoom is average, all welcome.
Fresh Start	Garnet	Meeting 2 times a week, in person and online, 10 or so attending, lots of newcomers.
Lost and Found BB	Kathy G	Recently celebrated their 11 <sup>th</sup> anniversary, meeting Saturday in person and by phone, looking to be more involved in service.
Back to Basics	Barry L	Zoom & in person running concurrently 2 times a week, 13-15 attendees on average.
Highland Park	Sharon N	In person location closed, back on Zoom temporarily 2 times a week, 10-15 attendees.
Downtown Halifax	Jonathan G	Zoom only 2 times a week, average 12 – 20 attendees.
Four Seasons	Natalie S	Zoom only, 2 times a week, topic meetings.
Hubbards	Tim D	Moved to Zoom, 8-10 attendees, Thursday.
Living In The Solution	Maria R	Group suspended temporarily.
Second Chance	Samaira G	Zoom only, 2 times a week, group could use your support.
GROUP	OBSERVERS	UPDATES
Reserve Midway	Eddie C	On Zoom 2 times a week, well attended, in person 1 time per week, 30 or so.
New Glasgow	Area Delegate - Trudy D	Meeting 2 times a week.

**6. Call for New Business Agenda Items:**

- Motion for Area Assembly (Fresh Start)
- Central Service Update
- How to be added to the Detox rotation & phones (Lost & Found BB)

**7. Motion to Approve the January 26, 2022 agenda:**

- Barry made a motion to approve the agenda, Samaira seconded, motion passed.

<sup>1</sup> GSR reports may include, *among other things*: notices of group meetings; 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.

## 8. December 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes:

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

## 9. 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 December 2021) and Attachment 2 (District 1 – Group Contributions to end December 2021) at the end of the minutes.

### **Notes to the Treasurer Update:**

Group contributions can be sent by eTransfer if preferred, to [treasurer.aa.district1@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.aa.district1@gmail.com)

### **Question for the Treasurer:**

Should groups send all contributions to District 1? Does District 1 then split it out to Area, GSO, etc.? No, only contributions for District 1 should be sent to District 1. Groups should contribute to District, Area and GSO as determined by their group conscience.

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

### **Question for the Secretary:**

How do groups go about updating their meeting changes on the webmaster, newsletter & GSO meeting app?

Groups should send meeting changes/updates to the webmaster and the newsletter emails.

The webmaster updates will affect a change on both the aahalifax website & the GSO meeting app.

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

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

### **Notes to the DCM Update:**

GSR kits are being sent out as per updated contacts for GSR's. If you need to access the content in the GSR kit prior to receipt, details of what is included in the GSR kit can be found on [aa.org/GSR](http://aa.org/GSR) kit, where the index of what is in the kit, and links to the pamphlets, can be viewed.

## 10. Other Reports:

Central Service Chair's Report: Not in attendance.

Area 82 Representative: Trudy D, Area Delegate was in attendance and provided an update on the Area, as follows:

- Agenda items for the Area Assembly are due February 20.
- Assembly will likely be the weekend after the long weekend in May.
- There is a new interactive map on the Area website, it's working well on desktop, however, not working well on mobile. There is a short term solution to ensure meetings are listed. If anyone knows how to pin co-ordinates on an interactive map, let her know.

### **Question for the Area 82 Delegate:**

Will the Area Assembly agenda be shared a month before the Assembly?

The agenda will be forwarded in the first part of March to ensure there is ample time to take the agenda back to individual groups for discussion.

Can you give an update on what the status is on finding a webmaster?

There have been no members step forward and the quotes have been higher than our budget allows, at approximately \$4,000 to \$5,000 to manage the website for a year. If anyone know of someone who can give us a better rate, please advise Trudy D.

Suggested options for getting the word out on the need for a webmaster:

Send another email out to DCM's that we are still in need of a new webmaster for Area. Look into if we are able to post the opportunity to the Halifax Recovery Facebook Group.

## 11. Unfinished Business:

-Nomination for Alt DCM: DCM Paul

A call for nominations was made. Garnet nominated Kathy G (Lost & Found BB Study) for the position of Alternate DCM. The member was qualified, the requirements were read and discussed at length and the nominee confirmed her ability to undertake the requirements. A vote was taken of the committee, and the nominee, Kathy G (Lost and Found BB) was elected to the position of the Alternate DCM of District 1.

## New Business:

-Area Assembly Agenda Addition: Motion to Update the Area Guidelines - See Appendix D

The motion as submitted to District 1 was discussed at length related to the importance of transparency and clarity for Area finances and Treasurer's reporting. Details of the motion as submitted and voted on are shown in Appendix D. Motion was brought to a vote by Garnet (Fresh Start), seconded by Samaira and the item was approved by the District for addition to the Area Assembly agenda as submitted.

-Central Service Update – Currently without an executive committee:

First order of business on February 1 meeting of the Central Service will be to call for nominations for all executive committee positions of the Central Service Committee. Mary W will have the vote of District 1 on behalf of Paul B, who is unable to attend. Once that meeting takes place, and depending on the outcome of the meeting related to nominations, Districts 1 and 2 may be required to take on some additional duties to ensure the continued operations of the critical functions and committees of the Central Service Committee.

-Lost & Found BB Study would like to be added to the Detox & Telephone rotations:

This is a Central Service item. The DCM will ensure this is brought forward to Central Service for Lost & Found BB Study.

-Extending the submission deadline for Area Assembly Agenda items:

The District Committee would like to extend the deadline for submissions to the spring agenda of the Area Assembly to February 23<sup>rd</sup> to accommodate any required discussions of the District reps at the February 23<sup>rd</sup> District 1 committee meeting.

***\*\*This item was not voted on in the meeting but done after the fact by DCM email to the District 1 GSR contacts. Responses were directed back to the DCM as submitted by the GSR's for District 1. It was voted in that we would seek an extension to the deadline for Area Assembly agenda submissions from District 1 to February 23rd.***

There were several questions and lengthy discussions on the timing of agenda items notice, the addition of assembly agenda items, if they can be removed and how that happens, if so. If you have specific questions outstanding on this process, please reach out to the DCM or Area Delegate for clarity.

-Grapevine Kit:

**GSR ASK:** District 1 is looking for the Grapevine Kit. Please ask your groups if anyone is in possession of the Grapevine Kit and advise the DCM if you locate the kit.

**12. Next Meeting:** February 23, 2022 – 6-8 pm

**13. Next District 1 Workshop:** March 30, 2022 – 6 – 7 pm (topic TBD)

**14. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm by the DCM.

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

**Appendix A – Treasurer’s Report**

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

<u>Operating Account - Opening Balance</u>	<u>\$ 1,767.83</u>
Deposits – 29 Dec. Sunday night Serenity	\$ 100.00
Withdrawal - Zoom Annual payment –22 Dec	\$ 210.71
<u>Operating Account – Closing Balance</u>	<u>\$ 1,657.12</u>
Pending Deposits	Nil
Pending Withdrawals	Nil
<b><u>Operating Account – Working Balance</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,657.12</u></b>
<u>Prudent Reserve – Opening Balance</u>	<u>\$ 750.11</u>
Deposits - Interest (30 Nov)	\$ 0.03
Withdrawals -	Nil
<u>Prudent Reserve - Closing Balance</u>	<u>\$ 750.14</u>
Pending Deposits	Nil
Pending Withdrawals	Nil
<b><u>Prudent Reserve – Working Balance</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 750.14</u></b>
<b><u>Equity Share - Account Balance</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 5.00</u></b>
<b><u>Total Assets</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,522.97</u></b>

Sign 

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

District 1, Area 82														31-Dec-21		
Budgeted to Actual Report for 2021																
For the first month period ending Dec 31, 2021																
Revenue	2021													2021	2021	
	Proposed Budget	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Jan 1 to Dec 31 Actual	Jan 1 to Dec 31 Variance F(U)*	
Group Contributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 210.00	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 262.00	\$ 175.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,347.00	\$ -	
Seventh Tradition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Totals</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 210.00	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 262.00	\$ 175.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,347.00	\$ -	
Room	\$ 300.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ -276.00	\$ -
Rent	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -
Workshops	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -
PERAASA or Regional Forum - DCM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -
Assembly - DCM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -
Assembly - ADSM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 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	\$ -
2022 Nova Scotia Provincial Roundup	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -
2022 Nova Scotia Provincial Roundup - F	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -
<b>Totals</b>	\$ 750.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 127.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 187.00	\$ 427.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 239.00	\$ 152.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 77.00	\$ 1,071.00	\$ -	
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	\$ -	\$ 23.00	\$ 127.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 187.00	\$ 427.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 239.00	\$ 152.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 77.00	\$ 1,071.00	\$ -	

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

2021 District 1 Group Contributions															
For period Jan 1 to Dec 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
	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									\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00
	4	Step 11 Meditation Open Meeting													\$ -
25		Sunday Night Serenity Group		\$ 150.00										\$ 100.00	\$ 250.00
26		Timberlea Group										\$ 175.00			\$ 175.00
	5	The Last Stop Meeting													\$ -
27		Welcome Group													\$ -
28		West End Step Group													\$ -
		<b>Totals</b>	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 210.00	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 262.00	\$ 175.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,347.00

## Appendix B – Secretary’s Report

### *District 1 Secretary’s Report January 26, 2022*

Good day District 1,

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

January Activities:

- December District 1 meeting minutes:
  - Completed meeting minutes, emailed to District 1 contact group, Webmaster and mailed out to GSR contacts, as required.
- 2022 District 1 Contact Group:
  - Maintained existing GSR group contacts and gmail records as required.
  - Updated mailing addresses as received.
  - Added the DCM contacts in the Area.
- Communications:
  - District communications (minutes, January workshop flyer, agenda, NS Health comms, etc.).
  - Central Service communications as required.
- District & CS Meeting Attendance/Assistance

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

## Appendix C – DCM's Report

# DCM Report Jan 26/2022

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 January was filled with Learning, Love and tolerance and patience. Here are the highlights from this month activities.
2. In the past 2 weeks, I have met with the DCM from District 2 and the Area GSD on what we can do to help Central Service. Central Service has no executive and desperately need people to step up and fill these positions.
3. I also Met with the District 1 Secretary and DCM from District 2 and also the Past Treasurer from Central Service to discuss ways to help Central Service if they cannot get a Executive.
4. We met as a executive to discuss on District 1 plan moving forward and to make sure our communication lines are open.
5. Our next Area officer meeting is in March, please have the agenda items in before Feb 15/2022.
6. I attended a business meeting of one of the groups in our District. If you would like me to attend your business meeting, please send me an email.

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



**FRESH START GROUP MOTION**

In reference to **AREA 82 GUIDELINES**

**Section V1-AREA OFFICERS AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES**

**AREA TREASURER**

- \* The Area Treasurer prepares a quarterly financial report and sends it out to Area Officers and DCM's with a December bank statement to accompany the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report.

**MOTION TO CHANGE THE GUIDELINES TO THE FOLLOWING:**

- \* Area Treasure prepares a quarterly financial report, with a bank statement to accompany each quarterly report. The reports are to be sent out to the Area Officers and DCM's within 30 days of the end of each quarter.

**CONCLUSION**

If all relevant documentation, including **Financial Report, Month To Month Budget Report, and Bank Statements (to reconcile with the Financial Report)** accompanies the quarterly financial reports, the Area body stays informed about the financial health of the Area and are able to make conscience decisions on how the Area funds should be spent. Complete quarterly reports will alleviate questions, show contiguity and make things more clear and concise.