

**District 1, Area 82
General Service Committee
ZOOM VIDEO Conference Meeting – February 22nd 2023**

Welcome and Call to Order:

Meeting opened by Michael H at 7:00 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 Stacy.

3. Twelve Concepts: The Twelve Concepts were read by Mike M.

4. Interpretation of Tradition 1 and 2: was interpreted by Samaira.

March – Tradition 3 Interpretation – Stacy

5. Roll Call / GSR Reports¹:

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT	HOME GROUP	DISTRICT 1 EXECUTIVE	UPDATES
Yes (Tie only)	Back to Basics	DCM – Michael H	
Yes	Back to Basics	Treasurer – Mary W	
		Alt-Treasurer	Position Vacant
Yes	Downtown Halifax	Secretary–Jonathan	
VOTING	HOME GROUP	DISTRICT 1 GSR's	UPDATES
Yes	Highland Park	Stacy	
Yes	Sunday Night Serenity	Maria	
Yes	Four Seasons	Mike M.	
Yes	Downtown Halifax	Mike C	
Yes	Second Chance	Samaira	
Yes	Back to Basics	Michelle W	
Yes	Welcome Group	Paul B	
Yes	Fresh Start	Pamela B	

- **10 voting members in attendance, the DCM will only vote in the event of a tie.**

6. Call for New Business Agenda Items:

- Answer 365
- Invitation to Area Officers

7. Motion to Approve the February 23rd, 2023, agenda:

- Paul B made a motion to approve the agenda, Michelle seconded, motion passed.

¹ 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. January 25th 2023, Meeting Minutes:

- a. Errors, omissions & corrections – No errors or omissions were raised.
- b. Motion to approve the minutes – Michelle made a motion to approve the minutes, Jonathan seconded, motion passed.

9. Officer's Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Mary W presented monthly financial statement ending January 2013, Attachment included

Secretary's Report: Jonathan presented the Secretary Report

February 2023 Secretary Activities

- Completed the minutes of the January 2023 meeting.
- Forwarded all pertinent information from the DCM to District One GSR's.
- Updated the GSR list and sent new GSR information to GSO.
- Forwarded agenda item from Back to Basics group to Area for the Spring Assembly
- Updated District 1 Contact List.
- Forwarded March Workshop flyer to Newsletter and website.

Alternate DCM's Report: Position vacant.

DCM's Report: Michael presented the DCM report, see Appendix B

10. Other Reports:

Central Service Chair's Report: Samaira presented the Central Service Chair's report. Lots of Alternate positions still need to be filled for committees, PI and CPC committees need a chair, attended first accessibility committee meeting, announced there know would be monthly business meetings for Treatment committee.

Area 82 Representative: None

11. Unfinished Business:

Elections for ALT DCM, Alt Treasurer- No Nominations

ADHOC Committee Update- Samaria on behalf of the ADHOC committee presented the data that was collected. Based on the information collected, it was determined that the ADHOC committee would be shut down. Was voted by all that the Committee is closed. E-mail on findings sent to the Groups GSR's separately.

GSR Updates for District 1- any new GSR can contact secretary for GSR form, will be forwarded to Area secretary and Area secretary register.

Grapevine Display Kit- currently ay Highland Park group. Was discussed and agreed upon that groups can take it for a month and pass on to the next group.

Was agreed upon that this will remain a ongoing agenda meeting topic to maintain tracking of the kit. Currently going from the Highland Park group to the Back to Basics Group.

12. New Business:

Proposed Budget 2023:

Mary W went thru the Proposed Budget for 2023 line thru line and as a group it was discussed on if there would be any changes. The following was discussed:

DCM Assembly- \$1500 agreed upon.

Alt DCM Assembly- no requirement to be budgeted.

DCM/ Alt DCM Expenses- \$200/ \$100 agreed upon

Treasurer Expenses- \$50 Agreed upon

Secretary Expenses- \$100 Agreed Upon

Miscellaneous Expense- first discussion was to vote if District 1 would maintain this expense. Was agreed that it would but not at \$1000.

- Motion #1 by Samaira, 2nded by Mike M that the Miscellaneous Expense be set at \$200, motion was defeated 5-4.
- Motion # 2 by Mary W, 2nded by Jonathan that the Miscellaneous Expense be \$500, motion passed 6-3.

GSO and Area Contributions- was agreed \$1000 for both.

Motion made by Michelle to accept the Proposed Budget 2023, 2nded by Jonathan, motion passed.

Motion made by Samaira to transfer \$1,340 to Prudent Reserve, 2nded by Paul, motion passed.

Further discussion on the Proposed Budget 2023 will take place in the next district meeting in March 2023.

Answer 365- Information to be sent to Central Service.

Invite to Area Officer- Paul inquired if there was an invitation sent out to Area to come to our district meetings. Jonathan informed the meeting that Area was invited to all the District meetings.

Conference Items- Clarification on the Conference Items that all GSR's received via e-mail. Each District in Area 82 has been given picked items to take back to their groups. Our district has Chapter 4 Finance. Discuss with your groups and anything that is not agreed upon, put in writing and passed back to District NLT March 24th 2023.

Pre conference in on April 1st that the DCM will give the results of our groups then.

Unity and Participation within District 1 and 2- Executives of District 1 and 2 met on February 15th 2023 brainstorming on how to attract people into service positions.

- Young peoples conference on service being talked about
- Comes down to sponsorship and education.

- 13. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 29th, 2023 – 7 - 9 pm
- 14. Next District 1 Workshop:** Wednesday, March 29th 2023, 6 – 7 pm
- 15. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:33 pm
- 16. Meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge**

Appendix A – Treasurer’s Report

Included in attachment

Appendix B – DCM January 2023 Report

District 1 DCM Report

Area 82 - 1. An informal cost evaluation was carried out for the Area 82 Fall Assembly attendance in Corner Brook Newfoundland in October 2023. All Area 82 GSR’s and DCM’s are invited to attend. This Assembly, to fly or sail, is around \$1400 for transport, lodging, and food. When you attend, you have a voice and a vote representing your group.

2. District 1 DCM asked if a Hybrid Area 82 Fall Assembly would be feasible. The GSD was to look into this for those groups that are too small to pay for someone to go. But many expressed how we lose fellowship if we keep things digital.

3. For a formal cost analysis, there was a motion put on the table, Area 82 (Secretary and Chair) will send out a request to all Districts requesting interested members forming an Ad Hoc Committee to study the most economical way to get people to NL for the Fall Assembly.

4.. On the 14th February, there was an Area 82 Area Officers and DCM meeting to vote/accept the CERAASA rotation that, “ Area 82 shall host the 2025 CERAASA (Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly). The vote was unanimous, that we Area 82 shall host the next CERAASA. There will be a bidding process from within Area 82, more to follow on timelines/requirements etc.

District 1 -1. Gilles from Central Service (Treatment Chair) has requested the Groups to connect with him to be placed on the rotation. Forensics is back to having meetings inside the hospital facility. Gilles is asking all General Service Reps (GSR) to take back

to their groups and ask if they wish to be involved in carrying AA’s message to the suffering alcoholic in Treatment. The GSR is being informed due to some groups not having a Central Service Rep. (yet) Gilles Treatment email: Treatment.AAHalifax@gmail.com phone # 902-403-7305.

2. Executives of District 1 met with Executives of District 2 15th February, 2023, to bridge the gap in knowledge of service. Topics discussed were how to create more participation/interest within the Districts. Are AA groups supporting local, district, area and G.S.O services in terms of providing contributions,

attending or taking service commitments? If not, why not? Are there ways of building greater support? It was decided that we would meet monthly to learn from each other's trials and successes.

3.. Our next workshop is March 29th 6-7 Atlantic Standard Time on zoom ID # 753-798-8280 Password: SERVICE all caps. The topic is all about " Sponsorship", the guest speaker is Judy H. It has been advertised in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, PEI, and New Brunswick. Come early and get your Zoom seat!

I thank everyone who is involved in service for their dedication of carrying the message through Service. Yours
in Love and Service,

Michael H.

District 1 DCM

