

District 1, Area 82

General Service Committee

ZOOM VIDEO Conference Meeting – October 27, 2021

Welcome and Call to Order:

Meeting opened by Paul B. at 6:01 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 Barry L.

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

4. Roll Call / GSR Reports¹:

Maria, GSR, Living In The Solution

- Hoping to know by end November if they will be resuming meetings in their existing location

Janet, GSR, Acceptance Group

- Group is meeting in person/on zoom Saturday morning at 10 am
- Birthdays are going to be on Zoom last Saturday of the month, in person on the first Saturday of the month
- Not requiring proof of vaccine

Natalie, GSR, Four Seasons

- Sunday's at 10am and Thursday's at 730pm
- Zoom for birthday meetings only
- They had a group conscience which determined they would ask for proof of vaccine, if someone is not vaccinated, they have made arrangements to talk to them outside

Stephen, GSR, Freedom Group

- 50 Gesner Street, 730pm Thursday's

Tim, GSR, Hubbards Group

- Saint Luke's Anglican, Thursday, 8pm, in person
- Numbers are not where they'd like them to be

Sharon N., GSR, Highland Park

- Still meeting on Zoom for both meetings but they are having a group conscience to vote on a new venue, so will soon be face to face

Jonathan, GSR, Downtown Halifax Group

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

Barry L., GSR, Back to Basics

- Face to face meetings, Wednesday's & Friday's, meetings are well attended

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.

Garnet, GSR, Fresh Start

- Meeting in person Wednesday and Friday
- Not requiring proof of vaccination, still wearing masks
- Numbers are down a bit

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

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

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

Paul B., DCM, Member Welcome Group

5. Call for New Business Agenda Items:

- Review of Guideline Updates
- Feedback discussion on the Area Assembly

6. Motion to Approve the October 27th, 2021 Agenda:

Tim made a motion to approve, Natalie seconded, motion passed.

7. September 29th, 2021 Meeting Minutes:

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

8. Officer's Reports:

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

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

District Committee Action: One of the GSR's was not able to open all attachments forwarded out from the District Committee. Please PDF your communications before sending to the District, wherever possible (agenda, reports, etc.).

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

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

Questions arising from the DCM report:

1. Will NS Health be doing spot checks at meetings for adherence to masking rules?
They did not say, but masking non-compliance is on their radar, and this could happen.
2. Can you confirm there will be no more face to face Spring Assemblies?
Confirmed, Spring Assemblies will be virtual going forward, as approved at the Fall Assembly.
3. So, there are no more service weekends?
Correct.
4. Will the virtual Spring Assembly will be NS & NL combined?
Yes.

Secretary Action: Send email to the District 1 contact group to obtain mailing addresses and phone numbers. This will be provided to GSO, as their contact info for the District is out of date.

9. Other Reports:

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

Questions arising from the Central Service Chair report:

1. Did you say that there were new Central Service Chair, Treasurer and Secretary voted in?
Just the Chair has been voted in, Chris V.

2. Have the reduced literature store hours affected access/literature sales?

CS Chair Action: Michael to take question back to the Central Service Committee and get back to the group.

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.

GSR Action: Please take the Alt DCM vacancy on the District 1 Committee back to your groups to raise awareness, as this is an important role.

-District 1 meetings:

Group direction on where District 1 meetings will be conducted for 2022 was discussed. A motion was made by Janet to continue District 1 Committee meetings on Zoom for 2022, Garnet seconded, motion passed.

-Public Health Guidelines:

There was some further discussion on this topic. The public health guideline was sent to all groups on the contact list, masks are required at all times in meetings, except as outlined in the guideline (ie: sharing, taking a drink of coffee).

GSR Action: Remind your groups that it is a shared responsibility to ensure meeting participants are wearing a mask in AA meetings.

New Business

-Summary of District 1 Guideline Updates discussed:

1. Moved the table of contents to the start of the document.
2. Addition of the Alternate District Treasurer role, section 3.
3. Addition of the Alternate District Treasurer role responsibilities, section 3.4.
4. Update to Regular Meetings, section 6.1.
5. Update to the Regular Meetings: Standard Agenda, section 6.2.

A motion was made by Mary to include the interpretation and volunteer items in the standard meeting agenda moving forward, beginning in January, with the Concepts. Motion was seconded and passed.

DCM Action: Add to monthly agenda:

Interpretation of the Traditions/Concepts (begins January).

Ask for a volunteer for the next month for the Interpretation (begins Nov/Dec).

Mary Action: Concept 1 Interpretation, January.

Mary made a motion to approve the District 1 Guidelines updates as presented to the Committee, Janet seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary Action: Finalize District 1 Guideline updates, share with the District contacts/webmaster.

-Feedback on the Area Assembly

There was a discussion on the recent Fall Assembly from those who attended (Garnet, Mary, Sharon, Barry, Jonathan, Michael, Maria).

GSR Action: Garnet will be gathering feedback from the GSR's who attended the Fall Area Assembly and provide the feedback to the DCM, for discussion and consideration at the next officer's meeting.

Secretary Action: Provide Garnet with the email contacts for the GSR's in attendance at the Fall Assembly, as above.

11. Next Meeting: November 24, 2021 – 7 - 9pm

12. Next District 1 Workshop: Dave A (Area 81) presenting "Corrections: Finding Grace in a Confined Space", Nov. 24, 2021 – 6 – 7pm

13. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 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 30 Sep 2021

<u>Operating Account - Opening Balance</u>	<u>\$ 1,399.83</u>
Deposits -	\$ 262.00
<u>Operating Account – Closing Balance</u>	<u>\$ 1,661.83</u>
Pending Deposits	Nil
Pending Withdrawals	Nil
<u>Operating Account – Working Balance</u>	<u>\$ 1,661.83</u>
<u>Prudent Reserve – Opening Balance</u>	<u>\$ 750.05</u>
Deposits - Interest (30 Sep)	\$ 0.03
Withdrawals -	Nil
<u>Prudent Reserve - Closing Balance</u>	<u>\$ 750.08</u>
Pending Deposits	Nil
Pending Withdrawals	Nil
<u>Prudent Reserve – Working Balance</u>	<u>\$ 750.08</u>
<u>Equity Share - Account Balance</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$ 2,416.91</u>

Sign 

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

District 1, Area 82														30-Sep-21
Budgeted to Actual Report for 2021														
For the first month period ending Sep 30, 2021														
Revenue	2021 Proposed Budget													2021 Actual
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Jan to Sep 30	
Group Contributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 210.00	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 262.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,072.00
Seventh Tradition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Totals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 210.00	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 262.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,072.00
Zoom	\$ 300.00	-\$ 23.00	-\$ 23.00	-\$ 23.00	-\$ 23.00	-\$ 23.00	-\$ 23.00	-\$ 23.00	-\$ 23.00	-\$ 23.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-207.00
Rent	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00
Workshops	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00
CERAASA 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
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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 865.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ -	-\$ 23.00	\$ 127.00	-\$ 23.00	\$ 187.00	\$ 427.00	-\$ 23.00	-\$ 23.00	-\$ 23.00	\$ 239.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 865.00

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

2021 District 1 Group Contributions															
For period Jan 1 to Sep 30 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	1 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	2 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	3 Recovery Support Meeting, Mt. Uniacke													\$ -	
25	Second Chance Group													\$ -	
26	Serenity Sisters Group													\$ -	
27	St. Margarets Bay Group									\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	
28	4 Step 11 Meditation Open Meeting													\$ -	
29	Sunday Night Serenity Group		\$ 150.00											\$ 150.00	
30	Timberlea Group													\$ -	
31	5 The Last Stop Meeting													\$ -	
32	Welcome Group													\$ -	
33	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 October 27, 2021

Good day District 1,

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

October Activities:

- September 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:
 - Compared remaining minutes (January through June) in 2021 for any required updates to District 1 Guidelines.
 - Transferred existing District 1 PDF to Word format, updated with changes arising from minutes.
 - Updated District 1 format for ease of reference, clarity.
- 2021 District 1 Contact Group:
 - Maintained existing group contacts.
 - Made updates to contact group arising from September meeting.
 - 8 groups of 27 groups in District 1 have no contact information as of October 27th, 2021.
- Communications:
 - Area Assembly communications (agenda, financials, resumes, etc.)
 - District communications (minutes, November workshop flyer, agenda, etc)

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

Appendix C – DCM's Report

DCM Report - Oct /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 Oct was filled with Learning, Love and tolerance and patience. This month I had numerous calls regarding Groups not following the Masking process set out by the Dept of Health. I have had a few talks with the Dept. of Health, and they are quite concerned and is keeping a close eye on this situation. They have made me aware that they might be doing spot checks in our meetings so I should spread the word. Masks are Mandatory in all our meetings. Please share this with your groups.
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. We had our Fall Assembly and here are some of the highlights.
 - District 1 had 7 out of 27 groups represented at the Assembly roll Call.
 - The Budget was passed by the body and is approximately 31,000 A finalized report will come out at the end of the year.
 - The Area is looking for someone to help with their website. Please contact the Area Delegate or Alt Delegate for more information.
 - All Spring assemblies will be Virtual next year.
 - We had 45 voting members at the assembly. This is a low attendance according to other years.
 - Craig from GSO gave a Great workshop on Group Services
4. Over the past Decades, the GSO contacts list for district 1 has not been updated. Therefore, we need to send the GSO all of the GSR contacts which include mailing addresses, phones. Please email Michelle, your contact information so we can update our records at the GSO. This is important to groups so that you can get GSR kits, etc.

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

October 27, 2021

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Central Service Chair Report

There were 18 members in attendance total at the October Central Service meeting with 8 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:

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 2nd November 2021, on Zoom at 7pm.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5120368953?pwd=a1RlRnRNVEEdFZlVqSW85My84S2JiZz09> ; or
Zoom Ident # 512 036 8953
Password: wecandoit

MidWinterRoundUp Report

On-line MidWinterRoundUp is still being analyzed for feasibility by Tom R. Report should be available of yes/no go ahead at the next Central Service Meeting.

Literature is being reviewed for General Policy on the Management of Inventory and Pricing. This report by Treasurer should be ready by next Central Service Meeting 2 November 2021.

Thank you all for your hand in service,

Michael H.

Central Service Chair

Districts 1 and 2