

Alcoholics Anonymous
Meeting Minutes District 2
Online Meeting
July 19th, 2020

Meeting call to order – DCM Blair A. called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm, with the Serenity Prayer.

Approval of Agenda – the agenda was approved by Michael A. and approved by Foster L.

The 12 Traditions - were read by Michael H.

Interpretation of Concept 7 - Peter will do this in August.

Volunteer for Interpretation of Concept 8 for Aug – Michael A.

7th Tradition - Was not observed. Any groups who have extra funds should send them to GSO.

Roll Call/Group Reports

Blair A. - DCM for District 2

Michael A. – Acting GSR Keep it Simple

Beth P. – District 2 Secretary

Foster L. – District 2 Treasurer

Mike H. – Chair - Central Service

Approval of previous months minutes – A motion was made by Foster L. and seconded by Michael A. to adopt the previous months minutes.

Secretary Report – no report.

Treasurer Report

Treasurers Report – July 2020

The refund from the 2020 Provincial Roundup Committee in the amount of \$412.00, along with the \$8.65 from April's 7th tradition has been deposited. We have incurred no expense since our last meeting and have \$3795.91 in operating funds plus, the prudent reserve of \$1600.41.

I have written a cheque to Club 24 in the amount of \$240.00 to cover the remainder of our rent

for 2020. It will be passed to Blair for signature and delivery. We remain in sound financial shape for the year as there have been little to no expense.

Yours in service,

Foster L.

Treasurer, District 2

Alt. DCM and Workshop Report – no report

DCM District 2 Report

July 19, 2020

The last month was very busy with District, Area, and Central Service-related business. I attended the Central Service meeting and was involved in discussions around Area 82 Financials and the attendance of Central Service Chair at District meetings. I made the decision to not hold a workshop in August due to the restrictions on social gatherings, lack of participation at previous workshops, and the vacant Alt. DCM position.

I enjoyed attending the Central Service meeting and heard how District 1 & 2 are involved with carrying the message to current and potential members of AA. All the committees are doing a great job at serving Districts 1 & 2 during the COVID-19 pandemic. PI and CPC have been in contact with multiple health organizations in Nova Scotia and attended workshops put on by other Areas. All meetings at Detox and Corrections are cancelled and currently Zoom meetings are not being offered. Some of the residents are working with each other and reaching out by telephone. The Telephones are now being shared between groups according to the same rotation that was used in the past. Jessica M. was elected as the new Co-Chair of Treatment and Pedro G. was elected as the new Webmaster Chair. The Mid-Winter Roundup had 40 responses to their survey for the 2021 Mid-Winter Roundup which resulted in 67% in favor of a virtual round up. The roundup committee is still looking for volunteers and will be meeting bi-weekly to figure out the details for the virtual round up.

The Area82 Assembly on October 9-11, 2020 will be held using the Zoom videoconferencing platform. I have been reviewing with Pat R. (ADCM District 10) and Steve A. (DCM District 1) the financial situation of Area 82 for 2019 and 2020 to determine how much of a donation can be sent to GSO. A request was sent to Gerry (Area 82 Chair) to meet and discuss, but the Executive of Area 82 requested a proposal be discussed with all groups at the Assembly in October. Mike H. (Central Service Chair) approached myself and Steve A. (DCM District1) on changing the date and time of the monthly district meetings, so they are more convenient for the Chair of Central Service to attend.

Due to the impact of COVID-19, the Eastern Canada Regional Forum, scheduled to take place from November 13th to 15th, 2020, in Ottawa, Ontario, has been cancelled. The 2020 International Convention – A Virtual Experience is now available by visiting 2020convention.aa.org until the end of July. The Summer 2020 edition of Box 4-5-9 is now available on aa.org. District 1 discussed at their last District meeting the possibility of District 1 hosting CERASSA 2023 from February 24-26, 2023 in Halifax. The groups in District 1 will bring this back to their groups for discussion and be revisited at their future meetings. More details are available in the minutes for the June District 1 meeting.

If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas about the role of GSR in District 2 please feel free to reach out.

Yours in Service

Blair A
DCM District 2
Area 82

Central Service Report – Secretary at Central Service has stepped down. Midwinter Round (Co-Chair for programing) up will be via Zoom in Feb. 2021 and day and a half long. Details will be rolled out as they become available. Central Service will continue to meet via Zoom for the upcoming months.

Approval of Reports – A motion was made by Foster L. and seconded by Michael A. to adopt all reports as given. All in favor.

Visitors with District related business – none

Old Business

1. ADCM Election – no candidates identified.

New Business

- a. Option to change the time of District Meetings

District 2 Guidelines do not state that Central Service will attend our meetings. But Central Service guidelines says they must. Central Service to discuss this at their next meeting. Because the DCM reports to District 2 we feel that this is redundant. Another proposed that the DCM's and Central Service leaders meet quarterly for planning purposes. Central Service can send reports to District 2 electronically. As for moving the time of this meeting it is the opinion at the table that we would be okay to move it to a weekday evening but probably no changes until 2021

- b. **District 2 Elections**

Held in October and Area Elections are also held in October, but groups will vote in September. A discussion was held around potential candidate and ways to get people involved in service. Sponsorship being critical to encourage participation in service.

- c. **Financial discussion Area 82**

District 1 DCM, District 2 DCM and District 10 have concerns that Area did not contribute to GSO this year. And according to a proposal that was passed in 2017 they perhaps should have. This was communicated to Area 82 and they replied that they will wait till assembly in October to determine the GSO contribution. There is some thought of putting together a proposal to start an Ad-Hoc Financial Committee to look at Area Financials.

Announcements –

The Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

Next meeting will be August 16th, 2020 at 2:00pm