

Alcoholics Anonymous
Meeting Minutes District 2
Online Meeting
May 17th, 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 John B.

The 12 Traditions - were read by Ryan K.

Interpretation of Concept 5 - was read by Blair A and interpreted by Foster L.

Volunteer for Interpretation of Concept 6 for June – Michael A.

7th Tradition - Was not observed. A discussion about what groups are doing during this time to collect the 7th Tradition was held.

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

John B. – GSR Gaston Road Group

Ryan K. – Alt. GSR Cole Harbour Group

Jamie Q – Co-Chair Central Service

Calvin – Representing We Agnostics

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

Secretary Report – The Feb and March 2020 meeting minutes were sent to the Webmaster to be added to the website.

Treasurer Report

May 2020

No activity since the last meeting and our numbers look the same as last month.

Yours in service

Foster L.

Treasurer, District 2

District 2 Financials April 2020	
Opening Bank Balance	3375.26
Revenue	\$8.65
Expenses	
Outstanding Cheques	
Operating Balance	\$3383.91

Alt. DCM and Workshop Report

District 2 will not be having a workshop for June as there will be one held at the Nova Scotia Service Weekend on June 12th, 2020. We are to forward topics to Blair for the August workshop and it will be held via Zoom.

DCM District 2 Report

The last month was very busy with District, Area, and Central Service-related business. I attended the Central Service and multiple Area 82 meetings during the last month.

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 are looking for individuals to help make phone calls to doctor offices, medical clinics, and other organizations they partner with. All meetings at Detox and Corrections are cancelled and currently Zoom meetings are not being offered. Pedro is still helping out with the Website and has been busy with Zoom Meeting updates. The AAhalifax.org. site has seen a large increase in hits of 12,000 in April and an estimated 22,000 in May from an average of 5,000 per month.

The Technology Committee is currently working with PI and CPC to determine their best option

to display their information digitally. They researched the idea of electronically collecting the 7th Tradition and their findings reported. Michael A. the Help E-Mail chair has taken the initiative to call any new members or current members who have sent an e-mail with questions about Zoom Meetings. Hospital Visitation has changed their process to phone calls and suggesting Zoom meetings for individuals in the hospital or nursing homes. The Telephones were being shared between a few members, but at least one group was interested in taking a turn with the phones. It was decided to keep the number of people taking the phones to a minimum during the pandemic. The Mid-Winter Roundup had a meeting scheduled for May 17.

The Alt. Delegate for Area 82 is holding a monthly Zoom Meetings to discuss any challenges or successes Committees (PI, CPC, Corrections, Treatment, etc.) are facing. Area 82 is hosting a joint workshop on June 12 at 7pm for both Nova Scotia and Newfoundland on "Many Aspects of Service" and will be conducted by Billy N. (Class B Trustee, Past Director and GSD). For personal reasons, Samaira G. is no longer serving as Secretary/Registrar for Area 82. In the current situation the business of minutes will be managed using the "Record" feature in Zoom. The Area 82 Registrar duties will be shared out among the Executive as other duties permit.

The virtual 70th General Service Conference was scheduled on May 16-20 for voting items and a Pre-Conference on April 29-May 13 for non voting items. The Area 82 Officers and DCMs from Nova Scotia and Newfoundland will meet as one on June 6 and will be open to all GSRs who want to join. The format for the virtual NS Service Weekend on June 12-14 was discussed by the DCM's and Area 82 Executive and an agenda has been created.

All District 2 GSRs and Committee Members have received the request for submission to the NS Archivist for an Area 82 Time Capsule. Truly the Alt. GSD thinks it would be nice if groups or individuals could send Kirk the GSD for Area 82 a Thank You Note for his service to Area 82. Central Service and Area 82 are recommending groups do not make contributions to them at this time. GSO has made a \$3 million drawdown from the Reserve Fund, so any contributions would be appreciated. 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 – Jamie Q Co-Chair Central Service

As we endeavor into our second month with Covid-19 protocol, Church Basement Meeting re-entry plans have yet to be discussed. Zoom meetings are maturing. The adaptation of using Zoom is now normalizing.

Central Service May Meeting in Zoom had no less than 34 Members and Observers present.

The Treasurer reported that until Covid-19 is better clarified, there will be no proposed budget until perhaps in the fall.

Help Email continues to be a critical pivotal entry point into the world of AA. From, Chair responding to various email requests of the "how to's" about Zoom, people asking for temporary sponsors, to the questions of concerned spouses of problematic drinkers.

Hospital Visitation volunteers continue to make themselves available if a phone call is needed to someone that is in the hospital as they cannot do physical visits.

Hospital Visitation would also like to extend their area of responsibility. There are many “non-hospitalized” members who do not have the technology to attend Zoom Meetings. These members are hopefully known by members of their homegroups. Central Service asks GSR’s to reach out to these members and let it be known that Hospital Visitation will call to touch base during these challenging Covid-19 protocol times.

PI had their monthly meeting on Saturday 2 May, discussing ideas going forward to carry the message. PI and CPC will be working together to contact various organizations and professionals to let them know about the AAhalifax.org website, the phone line and online Zoom meetings.

PI and CPC tasked the Central Service Adhoc Technology Committee to put together recommendations for purchasing a new display screen to be utilized for future post Covid-19 Professional, University, and Health Fairs.

Mid-winter round-up Committee had its initial meeting on 10 May 2020 to chat about the upcoming round-up. It was voted to move forward with plans for an actual round up, and to investigate what other Districts had done for virtual round-up meetings if an actual for Districts 1 and 2, cannot be carried out.

Telephone duties are being revamped due to Covid-19 protocols. More to follow. Just know that if you need to talk with someone, someone is available.

With regards to our web, the webmaster reported that our web site has historically received an average of 5,500 visitors per month. In Mar, the total grew to 12,800 and in Apr the total grew to 22,000. This is a 300% increase. Most visits were for the online Zoom meeting references. This statistic shows how quickly we all adapted to the new Zoom meetings.

Adhoc Technology Committee has been eagerly working on requests/initiatives. Here is a cut and paste PDF for reportage.

Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish	% Complete
▶ Committee Governance	11 days	Mon 4/27/20	Mon 5/11/20	100%
▶ Zoom Meetings	10 days	Fri 3/6/20	Thu 3/19/20	100%
▶ Detox/Treatment/Corrections Online Zoom Meeting Recommendation	9 days	Wed 4/8/20	Mon 4/20/20	100%
▶ Square Technology Wrap Up (Literature Committee)	30 days	Sat 5/16/20	Wed 6/24/20	3%
▶ Entertainment Committee - Selling tickets online	5 days	Fri 3/6/20	Thu 3/12/20	9%
▶ Printer Assessment (Central Service/PI/CPC)	42 days	Mon 4/13/20	Fri 6/5/20	20%
▶ Digital Monitor/Advertising Assessment PI/CPC)	42 days	Mon 4/13/20	Fri 6/5/20	55%
▶ Website Usability Research and Recommendations	87 days	Mon 5/4/20	Fri 8/28/20	1%
▶ Technology Committee Road Map Planning	1 day	Tue 5/12/20	Tue 5/12/20	0%
▶ Accepting 7th Tradition Electronically – Assessment	18 days	Mon 4/20/20	Wed 5/13/20	100%

One initiative of mention is the suggestions “only “on how to accept the 7th tradition. This report has been sent to the web master for publishing on the website.

Thank you all for your leadership in service,

Yours in service, Michael Handley, Chairperson Central Service, Districts 1 and 2, Area 82

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

Visitors with District related business – none

Old Business

1. ADCM Election - called three times for nominations. No nominations.

New Business

a. Nova Scotia Service Weekend

- i. DCM/Area Officers Meeting June 6 at 6pm

This will be a combined meeting with NS and NL and will be held via Zoom. Anyone who wishes can join this meeting.

- ii. Virtual Format June 12-14, 2020

Regular Zoom in call with 2-hour sessions and breaks in between. It is especially important to join for the voting piece and roll call.

- iii. Workshop June 12 at 6pm “Many Aspects of Service” (Billy N.)

- iv. Agenda

Confirmed that GSR’s received a copy of the agenda. A discussion was held regarding District 2 GSR attendance at the Service Weekend and the DCM will reach out to everyone stressing the importance of participation.

- v. Proposals

The table held a discussion on the upcoming elections for District 2 and the importance of promoting these service positions at our groups.

Announcements – birthdays celebrated in May at our groups.

The Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

Next meeting will be June 21st, 2020 at 2:00pm