

**Alcoholics Anonymous
Meeting Minutes District 2
October 17, 2021 at 2:00pm
Online via Zoom**

Meeting Call to Order

Alt. DCM Michael A. called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm, with the Serenity Prayer

Approval of Agenda

Motioned by Michael A. Seconded by Joe M. All in favor. Approved

The 12 Traditions

Read by Joe M.

Interpretation of Tradition Ten

Not Read as Chris V. was not in attendance

Volunteer for Interpretation of Tradition Eleven

Michael A. volunteered

Roll Call/Group Reports

Michael A. - GSR Keep It Simple/Alt DCM District 2

Meetings are going very well. 25-30 people per meeting. Approval to serve coffee and tea.
2 Birthdays at end on month.

Joe M. - GSR Sunrise Group

Birthday meeting at end of the month with 5 birthdays. 10-15 people per meeting.

Joanne M. (sent her regrets) - GSR Cole Harbour

Gave a brief summary of Area Assembly. 25 people per meeting. No birthdays in
November

Approval Of Minutes

Motioned by Michael A. Seconded by Joe M. All in favor. Approved

Secretary Report

No report

Treasurers Report

No report

Alt. DCM and Workshop Report

Mike A. reported workshop will be on October 24 at 2pm at Club 24 on the 4th Step "A Call To Courage". Workshop topic not decided for December and 3rd Sunday of December may not be a good time as close to the Holidays. Will make a decision at November meeting.

DCM Report

I am sorry I am not able to attend the meeting today as I have a personal commitment in Truro. The last month was very busy with District, Area, and Central Service-related business. I attended the Central Service meeting, DCM/Area Officers meeting, Area 82 Fall Assembly, and my Home Group Business meeting. Central Service Co-Chair Chris V. will be contacting your group concerning the Group Insurance Policy at a cost of \$50 per group. Central Service received donations from several groups last month which should cover the remaining expense for 2021. Remember to email any changes to your meetings to the Newsletter and Webmaster as soon as possible. Chris V. was elected as Chair of Central Service but the positions of Co-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary remain open for the 2022/2023 term. Several one-year positions still remain vacant for Chair and Co-Chair of some of the sub-committees.

All the committees at Central Service are doing a great job at serving Districts 1 & 2 during the pandemic. PI has been very busy working with shelters, the Sackville Business Association, and the HRM Councilor & MLA of Sackville. They are also working on doing a presentation at the NSCC and Maritime Business College. Corrections have tried to contact the facility about hosting meetings in Burnside and have volunteers ready once they hear back. Hospital Visitations held their monthly meeting to brainstorm but had no requests for visits. Literature has a total replacement cost inventory of \$4,499 of all their books and pamphlets but just received a large order of the top sellers. Help Email had a busy month with 20 individuals contacting for various reasons. The Newsletter wanted to remind everyone to have their information submitted by the 25th of each month. Treatment is meeting twice a month at the Marguerite Center but the Nova Scotia Health Authority stopped meetings at Detox for a short period. They expect groups will be allowed back within the next month, so please have your group contact the Treatment Chair to ensure there are groups available to facilitate meetings at Detox. Bridging the Gap, Telephones, CPC, Entertainment, Round Up, and Website did not report.

The Area 82 Fall Assembly was held October 8-9 on Zoom. A total of 34 groups and 9 districts were represented. Thank you to Joe and Joanne for participating and representing their groups in District 2. GSO guest Craig W. from Group Services held a workshop on Friday evening and shared on GSO's upcoming new website and how GSO supports the Area structure. Tim M. was elected as the Area 82 nomination for the Eastern Canadian Trustee. Joh W. was elected as the Nova Scotia Co-Chair of Corrections. The following were discussed and passed:

- The Proposed Area Budget for the upcoming year be available for review by groups no later than September 1 of each year
- The Area Committee will research the cost and responsibilities of hiring an outside Webmaster for Area 82 with a report given at the Spring Assembly
- Area 82 will support CERAASA by paying the \$174 requested from the 10 Areas represented at CERAASA
- The separate Service Weekends for Nova Scotia and Newfoundland will be changed to a combined Virtual Assembly held each spring
- The Area Guidelines to be corrected in the sections of Alt Delegate Responsibilities and Election of Officers to correspond with the approved minutes from previous Assemblies

- A total budget for 2022 was approved for \$30,900

These approved changes for Area 82 will be on the agenda of the November District 2 Meeting when I am able to discuss in more detail and answer questions. Area 82 expects to receive roughly \$11,000 in returns from the Area Officers advances and incur \$4,200 in expenses for the remainder of the year. As a result, they expect to have a total of \$40,000 in the bank to start 2022.

The 2022 Eastern Canadian Regional Forum will be held on May 13-15 in Charlottetown and I would be interested in attending, if District 2 is able to afford it. Several items of revised and new literature published in adherence with Advisory Actions of the 71st General Service Conference are now available from A.A.W.S. and more will be coming soon. Grapevine has started a new Podcast called "The AA Grapevine Half-Hour Variety Hour". A new episode will be available every Monday on aagrapevine.org/podcast. AA Grapevine has released a new book titled "Prayer & Meditation". Highlights from the A.A.W.S. Board Meeting on July 29 have been distributed. GSO is requesting suggestions for the 2022 Conference theme, presentations, and workshops. I will have the 71st General Service Conference Reports available for distribution at our November meeting and the electronic version is currently available on the Area 82 website.

I strongly encourage your group to follow the Phase 5 COVID restrictions of mandatory mask wearing at meetings due to the hefty penalties for non compliance. Social distancing is no longer necessary, proof of vaccine is not mandatory, and there are no gathering limits at meetings, but your landlord may impose these restrictions. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas about your role in District 2 please feel free to reach out.

Yours in Service

Blair A
DCM District 2
Area 82

Central Service Report

No Report

Approval of Reports

Motioned by Joe M. Seconded by Michael A. All in favor. Approved

Visitors with District Related Business

None

Old Business

- a. District 2 Secretary
No nominations

New Business

- a. 2022 Budget Discussion
No Discussion as Chris was not in attendance to present budget

b. COVID Restrictions Phase 5

Reviewed in DCM Report above (masks mandatory). No discussion.

c. Group Insurance

Group Insurance cost is \$50 per group per year. Payment to be made to Central Service as soon as possible.

Announcements

None

The meeting adjourned at 2:25p.m. with the Responsibility Pledge.

Next meeting will be November 21, 2021 at 2:00pm