

**Alcoholics Anonymous
Meeting Minutes District 2
September 19, 2021 at 2:00pm
Online via Zoom**

Meeting Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda

Motioned by Chris V., Seconded by Mike A. All in favor. Approved

The 12 Traditions

Read by Joe M.

Interpretation of Tradition Nine – Joe M.

“A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”

Tradition 9 is in effect from group level to the Trustees. Trusted servants and Trustees “Act For Us But Do Not Boss Us”.

Volunteer for Interpretation of Tradition Ten- October

Chris V. volunteered

Roll Call/Group Reports

Blair A. - DCM for District 2/Downtown Dartmouth Group Rep.
DDG meetings are going well. Held business meeting previous Friday.

Michael A. - GSR Keep It Simple/Alt DCM District 2
Meetings are going very well. 20-30 people per meeting.

Joe M. - GSR Sunrise Group
Birthday meeting at end of the month with 116 years of sobriety. 15-16 people per meeting.

Joanne O.- GSR Cole Harbour Group
Masks will be optional at meetings with social distancing enforced in Phase 5. No food or drinks at meetings in Phase 5.

Foster L. - Observer from Cole Harbour Group

Chris V. - Treasurer for District 2/Central Service Representative

Approval Of Minutes

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

Secretary Report

No report

Treasurers Report

Chequing Balance: \$2,501

Prudent Reserve Balance: \$1,601

Payments Due: Rent \$240

Insurance \$50

Chris will write cheques for Blair to pick up

District 2 Actual to Budget Aug 2021

	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sep</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Variance</i>
Revenue															
Group Contributions	600	-	200	-	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	700	100
7th Tradition 2020 Carry Over	50													-	(50)
Miscellaneous	2,179	2,179												2,179	-
Total Revenue	2,829	2,179	200	-	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,879	50
Expenses															
Rent - Club 24	480			240										240	(240)
DCM	250								138					138	(112)
DCM - NS Service W/E	-													-	-
Alt DCM - NS Service W/E	-													-	-
Area 82 Assembly	-													-	-
Secretary Group Insurance	75													-	(75)
Treasurer	50													-	(50)
Outreach Workshop	30													-	(30)
Committee	500													-	(500)
2020 Provincial	100													-	(100)
Miscellaneous	-													-	-
Total Expense	1,560	-	-	240	-	-	-	-	138	-	-	-	-	378	(1,182)
Net Income	1,269	2,179	200	(240)	500	-	-	-	(138)	-	-	-	-	2,501	1,232

Chequing Balance 2,501
Balance Check 0
Prudent Reserve 1,601
Total Cash 4,102

Alt. DCM and Workshop Report

Mike A. reported October workshop will be on the 4th Step. Tentatively planned for last Sunday of October.

DCM Report

The last month was slow with District, Area, and Central Service-related business. I attended the Central Service meeting and DCM/Area Officers meeting. Central Service will be renewing the Group Insurance Policy, effective October 1 at a cost of \$50 per group. Please discuss at your next business meeting the importance of your group having insurance and notify Central Service Co-Chair Chris V., if your group wants to be included. Remember to email any changes to your meetings to the Newsletter and Webmaster as soon as possible. Central Service is in need of another \$1200 in group contributions to cover their costs for 2021. Several 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 getting packages distributed to the Armed Forces, confirming air time on local radio stations, and posters on Metro Transit. Corrections have tried to contact the facility about hosting meetings in Burnside but no one has returned their calls. Hospital Visitations have a monthly meeting with their volunteers and now have a poster and information package available for nursing homes. Telephones had a busy month as a result of in person meetings starting up and are looking for volunteers. Literature has a total replacement cost inventory of \$4,800 of all their books and pamphlets and have placed a large order with GSO. Help Email had a regular month with emails. The Newsletter wanted to remind everyone to have their information submitted by the 25th of each month. The Round Up Committee has decided to not have an in-person event due to the financial risk associated with social gathering restrictions. The ad-hoc Bridging the GAP Committee is creating kits for Treatment and Correction facilities, planning a workshop, and looking for a contact from each group. Treatment, CPC, Entertainment, and Website did not report.

The Area 82 Fall Assembly is October 8-10, 2021 on Zoom and an agenda has been distributed. The minutes from the Spring Assembly have been distributed, with more detailed minutes to follow as the Secretary for Area 82 was having computer problems. An Area 82 DCM/Area Officers meeting was held on September 15 on Zoom. The next Active Area 82 Committee meeting will be held on September 27 on Zoom. The Area 82 Webmaster is continuing to work on the new Area 82 website which includes a new database, new software and reliable technical support

Trudy's Area 82 Delegate Report included in the Spring Assembly minutes gives a detailed summary of the 71st General Service Conference held in April and highlights any proposals around Corrections, CPP/PI, Literature, and Treatment at GSO.

I strongly encourage your group to follow the limit of 50% of your venue capacity up to 150 people indoors and up to 250 people outdoors with social distancing and mask wearing, due to the hefty penalties for non compliance. 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

Joe M had questions on value of literature at Central Service. Blair explained the value of literature is high due to the inventory of Grapevine books and GSO literature is turning over quickly. Literature has at least one copy of every Grapevine book.

Central Service Report

Chris V. gave report for Central Service. Value of books in Literature needs attention. Bridging the Gap Committee is working with Corrections and Treatment and looking for a contact from each group. Central Service is need of money to pay remaining expenses for 2021. There will not be a in person Round Up in 2022 but may possibly hold a virtual Round Up. Mike H is finishing up his term as Chair in December and elections will be held for Executive of Central Service within next two months.

Approval of Reports

Motioned by Joe M., seconded by Joanne O. All in favor. Approved

Visitors with District related business

None

Old Business

- a. District 2 Secretary
Called three times for nominations – no nominations

- b. Fall Assembly October 8-10
 - i. Participation
Blair encouraged all groups to attend for 2022 budget approval and elections for Committee Co-Chairs. Workshop will be held on Friday evening and Committee discussion on Saturday evening. Blair explained what the Assembly entails and what takes place.
 - ii. Agenda
Reviewed agenda and additions added during AO/DCM meetings in September (Webmaster, Active Area Committee Co-Chairs elections, Area Guidelines Updates).

New Business

- a. DCM/Area Officers Meeting
 - i. Area 82 Website
Website has been moved to a new provider and Area Executive is still in the process of updating

 - ii. Spring Assembly Minutes

Area Secretary is planning to have more detailed minutes available by Fall Assembly

iii. Fall Assembly Agenda Additions

Additions to agenda discussed above in old business. New agenda will be sent out with additions for items discussed above. Guidelines to be updated for Alt. Delegate responsibilities, Zoom for Area Meetings, and Active Committee round table discussion at Assembly/Service Weekend. Foster had a question on the changes to Literature. A discussion was had around when and what changes will take place in GSO/Grapevine Literature. Changes approved at GSO Conference are available in Delegate from Trudy.

iv. Area Financials

2021 Financial report from AO/DCM meeting was discussed and opinion is it needs to be more detailed and compared to bank balances. Area 82 Executive are financially insecure by following the process of wanting 2022 Budget fully funded in January. A discussion was had around Area having three bank accounts and it making look like Area has less money than they actually do. Area should be in a leadership/mentorship position to groups and districts. The latest financial report from Area is not detailed but the total bank balance is over \$34,000 plus Area Officers should be returning most of their advances.

b. October District 2 Meeting

Blair is not able to attend meeting if scheduled for October 17. The option of changing to a different day was discussed. Mike A. Alt DCM offered to chair the meeting on October 17 to avoid rescheduling. Will discuss at October meeting about going back to in person district meetings.

c. District 2 Financial Contribution

Chris V. suggested that District 2 should make a \$500 outreach contribution. A discussion was had around current bank balances, expenses for remainder of 2021, and 2022 Budget. Central Service has requested funding from groups to cover remaining expenses for 2021. No groups in District 2 have stated they have financial concerns. Concerns were raised about District making a contribution may lead to groups not funding District but spending money will show groups need to support District. Chris will create a budget for 2022 for the October meeting. A concern was raised that only a few groups in attendance but there is a line item approved for outreach in 2021 Budget. Chris proposed District 2 send \$250 to GSO and \$250 to Central Service. Seconded by Mike A. Motion Carried

d. COVID Phase 5 Procedures

Blair received e-mail from Foster where he was in communication with Nova Scotia Health concerning mask wearing at meetings in Phase 5. The guidelines from Nova Scotia Health are continuously changing and Phase 5 is still a few weeks away. Foster requested Blair reach out to Area 82 Executive for guidance once Phase 5 is in effect and what is allowed to take place at meetings.

Announcements

None

The Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m. with the Responsibility Pledge.

Next meeting will be October 17, 2021 at 2:00pm