

**Alcoholics Anonymous
Meeting Minutes District 2
April 24, 2022 at 2:00pm
Club 24**

Meeting Call to Order

DCM Blair A. called the meeting to order with the Serenity Prayer

Approval of Agenda

Motioned by Mark L. Seconded by Anne P. All in favor. Approved

The 12 Traditions

Read by Mark L

Interpretation of Concept 4

Bernie S. volunteered to present this but did not attend meeting.

Blair A. presented the following in Bernie's absence:

Short Form: "At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge."

Long Form: "Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation," taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge."

The "Right of Participation" is followed at all levels of AA (group, District, Central Service, Area, and General Service Conference. Every member has a voice at their group, every Group has a voice at the District and Area, every DCM has a voice at Area, and every Delegate has a voice at the General Service Conference. This Concept basically tells us that there should always be a right to vote and debate (discuss) by certain world trusted servants equal to the job they perform. The idea of "participation" can usually stop the misapplication or misuse of final authority, while reminding us at the same time that the "spiritual corporation" of A.A. should never include any members who are regarded as "second class."

The website <https://takethe12.org> is a very good resource for information on the 12 Concepts

Volunteer for Interpretation of Concept 5

Michael A. volunteered

Roll Call/Group Reports

Mark L. – Alt. GSR Cole Harbour

Steady attendance at meetings of 15-20 people. Two birthdays will be celebrated in May. Meetings are being held at their new location on Bissett Rd.

Anne P. - GSR Circle of Sisters

Continuing with in person and Zoom meetings. No birthdays celebrated recently.

Sarah G. – Alt. GSR Downtown Dartmouth

Steady attendance at meetings. Four birthdays will be celebrated in April.

Doug G. - Alt. GSR Sunrise

Attendance is down at in person meetings. Continuing with Zoom meetings for month of May. Three birthdays will be celebrated in April.

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

15-20 people per meeting and going well. One birthday will be celebrated in April.

Blair A. - DCM District 2

Approval Of March Minutes

Motioned by Michael A. Seconded by Doug G. All in Favor

Secretary Report

No report

Treasurers Report

Chris V. was not in attendance to present a financial statement. Blair A. reviewed cheques that were received and written at last months meeting as follows:

Revenue:

\$200 Fall River

\$100 Early Risers

Expenses:

\$240 Rent

\$200 DCM

End of March Bank Statement:

\$2,433.59 Chequeing

\$1,600.61 Prudent

\$4,034.20 Total Cash

Alt. DCM and Workshop Report

Mike A. reported that the Bridging the Gap workshop scheduled in April was not a success. The person scheduled to present the workshop did not show up as well only two people showed up. Michael A. is working on a workshop for June. One suggestion to increase attendance at workshops is to have them on the first page of the Newsletter.

DCM Report

The last month was busy with District, Area, and Central Service-related business. I attended the Area 82 Pre. Conference and gave a synopsis on the items assigned to District 2. Michael A. Alt DCM attended the Central Service meeting in my absence. Tim M. Central Service Co-Chair will start the planning of the Palooza and bring details back to the next Central Service meeting. The idea of combining PI and CPC Committees was suggested and should be brought back to your groups for discussion. The content in the Newsletter was discussed and

past minutes will be reviewed to determine if it need CS Chair approval. The Mid-Winter Roundup guidelines were discussed and more discussion will be had at the next CS meeting. The positions of CPC, Entertainment, and Mid-Winter Round Up Chair still remain vacant as well as 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. Hospital Visitations had a meeting with their volunteers and will be sending their poster and letter to Northwood. Help Email had 8 women and 9 men contact for meeting information. March was a busy month for the Telephones as more meetings started to go live and are looking for volunteers for the day time phones. Treatment meetings at Detox and Marguerite Centre are going well. The Newsletter would like to remind everyone to send any meeting changes to the Newsletter and Webmaster emails. The new Webmaster was busy getting up to speed and performing regular updates to the website. CPC, PI, Entertainment, Bridging the Gap, Corrections, Literature, and Round Up did not report.

The Area 82 Pre-Conference was great success with 10 Districts presenting their assigned agenda items. The Nova Scotia Provincial Roundup will be held on June 10-12 in Stellarton. I have reached out to the Area 82 Chair and the date of the Fall Assembly has not yet been decided.

The trustees' Committee on Corrections is requesting shared experience on the methods by which A.A. members on the outside sponsor members inside correctional facilities. GSO is offering a six-month test pilot of Mixed Title Quantity Discount on certain literature ordered between March 31 to September 30. The PI Coordinator at GSO communicated the updated service material on Safety and AA as well as a letter on their ongoing efforts. GSO is looking for recovery stories for the Fifth Edition of Big Book with a deadline of October 31. The two new Public Service Announcements have been communicated by GSO.

The position of DCM is very rewarding for me but sometimes it requires a lot of attention. I am doing my best to fill the duties of the Secretary but sometimes I have been late getting you the minutes. If anyone is interested in the position of Secretary or willing to help out, it would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas about your role in District 2 please feel free to reach out.

A brief discussion was had on the submission of stories for the 5th Edition of the Big Book. Blair A. stated the information for submitting stories was sent to the DCMs and may be available on AA.org.

Central Service Report

No report

Approval of Reports

Motioned by Mark L. Seconded by Sarah G. All in favor. Approved

Visitors with District Related Business

None

Old Business

a. District 2 Secretary

No nominations. Blair A. stated the requirement is a suggested 2 years of sobriety and the main duties is to attend the District 2 meetings, prepare/distribute the minutes, and send approved minutes to Central Service.

New Business

a. Area Spring Assembly May 27-29

It was decided to not take a group conscience on the agenda items at this meeting and have it moved to the May meeting. This will give groups more time discuss.

The below proposals were discussed and summarized below (more details included in Spring Assembly Agenda):

1. Election of NS Archivist
No resumes have been distrusted by Area so no discussion was had
2. Invitation of a GSO Guest to attend the Annual Spring Assembly
Good idea as no cost will be incurred as Spring Assembly is on Zoom
3. Guidelines to include the time and date of presentation of the year-end report
Proposal should not be necessary as this is normal accounting procedure. Would hold Treasurer accountable to a specific date.
4. Move Assembly workshop to Sunday, and have province specific meetings Friday
Not sure if there is a need for separate meetings as it is one Area and everyone should have a voice on province specific items. Better to leave workshop on Friday to increase attendance.
5. Ad Hoc Committee be formed to review the Guidelines and make recommendations
Agreed the guidelines need to be reviewed according to the number of proposals on assembly
6. Distribution of minutes deadline
Should not be necessary but good idea as it would hold the secretary accountable
7. Committee expense receipts and unused funds
Proposal should not be necessary but good idea to hold Executive accountable as Area is funded by the members.
8. Committee expense Advances
Proposal should not be necessary but good idea as this is normal accounting procedure
9. Bank Statements
Proposal should not be necessary but good idea as this is normal accounting procedure
10. Prudent Reserve
With the current procedure of trying to fund next years budget in the current year and issuing advances in January for full years expenses the prudent reserve does not have to be 50% of budget. The current procedure allows Area to have 150% of the years budget to start each year (approx. \$45,000). Ideally the prudent reserve should be used to fund the budget in January and contributions through out the year be transferred back. Historically only 75% of the budget is issued early in the year.
11. Ad Hoc Financial Committee
Good idea as there are 6 agenda items concerning the financial aspect of Area. May be a good idea to discuss this proposal before the other financial proposals.

12. Include monthly Bank Statements with Quarterly Report

Proposal should not be necessary as this is normal accounting procedure

Announcements

None

The meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Pledge.

Next meeting will be May 15, 2022 at 2:00pm at Club 24