

**Alcoholics Anonymous  
Meeting Minutes District 2  
January 16, 2022 at 2:00pm  
Online via Zoom**

**Meeting Call to Order**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

Motioned by Bernie S. Seconded by Michael A. All in favor. Approved

**The 12 Traditions**

Read by Bernie S.

**Interpretation of Concept 1**

Doug G. read the long form. "The final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship." Deals with world service and to develop on a world platform the trustees were established. Bill and Dr. Bob determined to develop a better platform; a Conference for all groups to attend was started. AA unity on the world stage is to have a group conscience.

**Volunteer for Interpretation of Concept 2**

Blair A. volunteered

**Roll Call/Group Reports**

Michael A. - GSR Keep It Simple/Alt DCM District 2  
Attendance has dropped to 16-20 people per meeting.

Bernie S. - GSR Sunrise  
In person meetings are temporarily closed. Meeting on Zoom on Sunday evening. Two birthdays celebrated in January

Anne P. - GSR Circle of Sisters  
12 active members. 2 meetings per week. Business meeting held to fill executive.

Doug G.- Alt. GSR Sunrise

Amy A. - GSR Downtown Dartmouth  
Less than 20 people per meeting. No birthdays in January

Joanne O. - GSR Cole Harbour  
Only holding meeting on Zoom. 20-30 people per meeting. Two birthdays in January

Chris V. - Treasurer District 2

Paul B. - DCM District 1

Blair A. - DCM District 2

## Approval Of December Minutes

Motioned by Amy A. Seconded by Michael A. All in Favor

## Secretary Report

No report

## Treasurers Report

Chris V. presented financial statements for 2021 and 2022.

\$2,434 Operating Balance

\$1,601 Prudent Balance

\$250 cheque outstanding for GSO

Zoom payment to Blair due

	Budget	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Variance
<b>Revenue</b>															
Group Contributions	600	-	200	-	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	422	-	1,122	522
7th Tradition	50													-	(50)
2020 Carry Over	2,179	2,179												2,179	-
Miscellaneous	-													-	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>2,829</b>	<b>2,179</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,302</b>	<b>472</b>
<b>Expenses</b>															
Rent - Club 24	480			240								240		480	-
DCM	250								138					138	(112)
DCM - NS Service W/E	-													-	-
Alt DCM - NS Service W/E	-													-	-
Area 82 Assembly														-	-
Secretary	75													-	(75)
Group Insurance	50													-	(50)
Treasurer	30													-	(30)
Outreach	500												250	250	(250)
Workshop Committee	100													-	(100)
2020 Provincial														-	-
Miscellaneous	75													-	(75)
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,560</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>(692)</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>1,269</b>	<b>2,179</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>(240)</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(138)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>(250)</b>	<b>2,434</b>	<b>1,164</b>
														<b>Chequing Balance</b>	<b>2,434</b>
														<b>Balance Check</b>	<b>-</b>
														<b>Prudent Reserve</b>	<b>1,601</b>
														<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>4,034</b>

## Alt. DCM and Workshop Report

Mike A. reported a Bridging the Gap workshop is schedule for February 13 at 2pm.

## DCM Report

The last month was quite with District, Area, and Central Service-related business. Central Service did not hold a meeting in January as the Chair had issues with Zoom. No further positions were filled at Central Service, so the positions of Co-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary remain open for the 2022/2024 term. Several one-year positions also still remain vacant for Chair and Co-Chair of some of the sub-committees.

The Area Chair communicated the new restrictions at meetings are as follows: up to 25% of legal capacity (overall maximum of 50 persons), all persons in attendance must adhere to physical distancing, and wear masks at all times.

The new aa.org website was launched in December which will prove to be a very effective tool in carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. AA World Service is currently out of stock of the English hardcover Big Book due to a disruption in the necessary paper delivery during the holidays at their printing plant. They are in communication daily with their printer to

emphasize how important this book is in carrying A.A.'s message to our Fellowship and beyond. The expected in-stock date for copies of the hardcover Big Book, to be available for order from their warehouses is currently mid-February. The highlights from the AA World Service Board Meeting in December were communicated from the General Service Office. Group contributions to GSO and Literature are trending over budget for a total surplus of \$1.9M for the first ten months of 2021. The reserve fund is at \$12.8M, which represents 8.5 months of expenses (target of 9-12). AA Grapevine is offering free shipping on all products in the month of February.

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**

Chris V. reported the next Central Service Meeting will be held February 1. January meeting could not be held as Chair had problems with Zoom.

### **Approval of Reports**

Motioned by Joanne O. Seconded by Bernie S. All in favor. Approved

### **Visitors with District Related Business**

Paul B. reported he is a member of a working group through AAWS working on developing a new pamphlet for the Black and African-American Alcoholic. He mentioned they are looking for story contributions from African Nova Scotians. District 1 is getting 10-12 people to their monthly District Meeting and holding a workshop in January on "How to Engage the GSR".

### **Old Business**

- a. District 2 Secretary  
No nominations
- b. 2022 Budget Approval  
Brief discussion was had concerning paying rent to Club 24 and not using the space for District meetings. Agreed to move to February meeting
- c. In Person District Meetings  
Brief discussion was had and agreed to move to February meeting

### **New Business**

- a. Restrictions at Meetings  
Blair A. reviewed the restrictions at meetings are as follows: up to 25% of legal capacity (overall maximum of 50 persons), all persons in attendance must adhere to physical distancing, and wear masks at all times. Coffee and tea can be served but keep in area with lots of space and number of people involved to a minimum. Vaccinations are not

mandatory but can be a group conscience.

b. Presentation on Group Participation at Service Meetings

See attached document. Groups agreed to take back to their groups to discuss and come back with any suggestions or concerns.

**Announcements**

None

The meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Pledge.

Next meeting will be February 20, 2022 at 2:00pm

# Group Participation in District 1 & 2 Service Structure

The participation by groups during the last two years at Central Service and District 1 & 2 meetings has been lower than previous years. Central Service and Districts 1 & 2 have also not been able to fill all of their executive and committee chair positions. The table below shows the participation by groups at these meetings during the last 6 months and the current number of executive & committee positions vacant.

	District 1	District 2	Central Service	Total
Exec. Positions	4	4	4	12
Vacant Exec. Positions	1	1	3	5
Committees	0	0	12	12
Vacant Committees	0	0	3	3
Number of Groups	27	16	43	43
Group Attendance	7	3	8	10

### Some Things That May be Impacting Participation

- The meetings have been conducted on line through Zoom
- Groups not holding regular business meetings as a result of the pandemic
- Some groups may actually be a meeting and do not have service representatives elected
- The number of service minded members may be spread across too many groups
- Groups having to participate in Central Service and District meetings

### Some Things to Discuss with Your Group

- Does your group have enough members to support the service structure or is it actually a meeting?
- Can your group combine with a group that is supporting the service structure?
- Will combining Central Service and/or District 1 & 2 help your group support the service structure?
- Are there too many Committees at Central Service?
- Does Central Service and the Districts meet too frequent?
- What can Central Service and the Districts do to help increase participation?

This is something that has been a concern of the DCMs for District 1 and District 2 and Chair of Central Service for the last couple years. The intent of this is for groups to discuss with their members to gather feedback and possibly get a better group conscience at these meetings.