

**Alcoholics Anonymous
Meeting Minutes District 2
May 15, 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 Michael A. Seconded by Amy A. All in favor. Approved

The 12 Traditions

Read by Joanne O.

Interpretation of Concept 5

Michael A. presented the following

Long Form: "Throughout our world service structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered."

Not only a right to have your opinion heard but also a responsibility as Trusted Servant. It may be difficult to express the minority voice as we have learned from a young age that majority rules. The minority voice may result in the majority changing their vote. All ways good to have all minority voices heard.

Volunteer for Interpretation of Concept 6

Blair A. volunteered

Roll Call/Group Reports

Matt B. - GSR Safety Net

Average of 30 people per meeting on Zoom. Attendance lower at in person meeting.

Joanne O. - GSR Cole Harbour

Great success at new location. Two birthdays will be celebrated in June. Food and coffee are now being served at meetings.

Amy A. - GSR Downtown Dartmouth

Good attendance at meetings. One birthday will be celebrated in May.

Bernie S. - GSR Sunrise

Attendance is down at in person meetings. Continuing with Zoom meetings for now. One birthday will be celebrated in May

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

Attendance is down slightly at meetings. One birthday will be celebrated in May.

Blair A. - DCM District 2

Approval Of April Minutes

Motioned by Joanne O. Seconded by Michael A. All in Favor

Secretary Report

No report

Treasurers Report

Chris V. was in contact with Blair A. to say that he was resigning as treasurer for personal reasons. Blair A. is meeting with Chris V. to pass off all necessary items.

Cheque was received from Sunrise for \$100 in April.

No expenses in April.

Cheque due to Blair A. for secretary expenses.

Alt. DCM and Workshop Report

Mike A. reported that the month of June is busy but he is trying to schedule a workshop for June 26 on the Telephones. The intent of the workshop is to promote the telephones and try to find volunteers. The telephones is in need of support on the Monday to Friday shifts of 9am-6pm and 6pm-11pm from District 2.

DCM Report

The last month was busy with District, Area, and Central Service-related business. I attended the Area 82 Q1 Finance meeting and the Central Service meeting. Tim M. Central Service Co-Chair reported the Central Service Palooza will be held June 18 from 1pm to 4pm at Connolly Road in Sackville. Samaira G. Central Service Chair has been reviewing the Central Service guidelines and will meet with CPC/PI and Corrections/Treatment to discuss combining into two committees. The content in the Newsletter was discussed and recommended it be brought back to the groups for vote next month. The Mid-Winter Roundup guidelines were discussed and they will be distributed so members will learn what is going on and may volunteer. 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 have sent their poster and letter to Northwood and all Districts in Area 82. Literature reported they are now purchasing Literature from GSO via money orders and have \$5,600 in inventory. Telephones are looking for more volunteers from the Dartmouth area for the day and evening phones. Treatment meetings at Detox and Marguerite Centre are going well and are now allowed more than two members to attend Detox. The Newsletter would like to remind everyone to send any meeting changes to the Newsletter and Webmaster emails. The new Webmaster was busy performing regular updates to the website and Johnny M. is training to help with website administration. The Bridging the Gap committee is in the process of finalizing the Bridging the Gap cards. CPC, PI, Entertainment, Help Email, Corrections, and Round Up did not report.

At the end of March Area 82 had a total of \$30,403 in the bank, have received \$5,000 in contributions, and an estimated \$7,600 remaining to be spent in 2002. The Nova Scotia Provincial Roundup will be held on June 10-12 in Stellarton. As a reminder the Spring Assembly is May 27-29 on Zoom with many agenda items that will be voted on.

No new communications have been received from GSO as everyone was busy with the General Service Conference held April 24-30.

We only have five meetings remaining before our executive elections are held in October, so it is time to start thinking about who may be interested in DCM, ADCM, Treasurer, and Secretary for the next two-year term. 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 possibility of getting a printable or paper copy of the meeting list from Central Service. Copies of the meeting list were available from Central Service each month when meeting in person. Blair A. recommended the groups bring this to Central Service through their CSR.

Central Service Report

No report

Approval of Reports

Motioned by Amy A. Seconded by Michael A. All in favor. Approved

Visitors with District Related Business

None

Old Business

a. District 2 Secretary and Treasurer
No nominations. Five years sobriety required for Treasurer and two years required for Secretary.

New Business

a. Area Spring Assembly May 27-29

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
All in favor
3. Guidelines to include the time and date of presentation of the year-end report
Would hold Treasurer accountable to a specific date.
All in favor
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.
All against
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
All in favor

6. Distribution of minutes deadline
Good idea as it would hold the secretary accountable
All in favor
7. Committee expense receipts and unused funds
Good idea to hold Executive accountable as Area is funded by the members.
All in favor
8. Committee expense Advances
Good idea as this is normal accounting procedure
All in favor
9. Bank Statements
Good idea as this is normal accounting procedure
All in favor
10. Prudent Reserve
All agreed to leave at 50% of current year's budget
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.
All agreed
12. Include monthly Bank Statements with Quarterly Report
This is normal accounting procedure
All agreed

b. Area Financials

Blair A. communicated he sent the up-to-date Area Financials for review by groups as they will be discussed at the Spring Assembly and voted on.

c. Host Meeting at Provincial Round Up

Blair A. was contacted by the district hosting the NS Provincial Roundup about someone from District 2 hosting a regular AA meeting at the roundup. Michael A. said he would be attending the roundup with members of Keep It Simple and Circle of Sisters so they would be able to host a meeting. Sunrise and Downtown Dartmouth members will also be attending and be able to help out. Blair A. will pass this information off to the Roundup.

d. 7th Tradition at District Meetings

All in favor of District 2 collecting a 7th Tradition at in person District Meetings starting in June.

Announcements

Bernie S. reported he is hosting a New Commers meeting on Zoom on Fridays at 10am. The focus of the meeting will be the book "Living Sober".

The meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Pledge.

Next meeting will be June 19, 2022 at 2:00pm at Club 24