**Central Service Committee**

**Aug 6, 2013 Minutes**

Meeting was chaired by Co-Chair Foster L and opened at 7:00pm with a few moments of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

**Call For Items to be Added to the Agenda**

**12 Traditions** read by Chris

**Roll Call –** Foster L – Co chair, Bill P – Treasurer, Paula D – Secretary, Brenda B – Entertainment , Tara M - Serenity Sisters, Christopher H - Back to Basics, Shawn Mc – Keep it Simple, Gig Mc – Early Risers, Dave T – West End Step, Jamie Q – Four Seasons, Murdo M– Chair Midwinter, Arlene P – Cole Harbour, Ron I – St. Margaret’s Bay, Bruce B – Atlantic Group, Trudy D – Back to Basics, Jim E – A/CSR Cole Harbour, Terri L – Sunday Night Serenity, Karen G – Downtown Dartmouth, Anne P, Living in the Solution, Craig M – Back to Basics, Judee J – Second Chance, Sandra D – Sunrise, Samaira G – Phone Chair, Fred D – St. Margaret’s Bay, Barry H. - Sunrise, Marilyn R – SMB Truro, Jeannie K – Keep it Simple, Rachelle S – Keep it Simple, John M – Timberlea

**Seventh Tradition -** $26.15

**Minutes from the Previous Meeting**

Marilyn R noted that the minutes stated the 1-800 was squashed. It isn’t it is being reviewed in further detail. Minutes to be amended to reflect this. Recommended for approval by Samaira – Approved.

**Reports:**

**Secretary** – Nothing new to report all is well except still not getting some of the reports emailed.

**Treasurer** – Bill presented mid-year report. Opening balance $6,422.29, Credits $543.60, Checks cleared $1,224.80, Bank total $6,965.89, Checks outstanding $30.00, Operating balance $5,711.09, Prudent Reserve $2,168.31, Total available funds $7,909.40. Recommended for approval by Arlene – Approved.

**Co-Chair** – July was fairly quiet and time devoted to service was split between the insurance issue and working on assembly matters. At the request of the St. Margaret’s Bay Group I attended their business meeting to answer questions on the insurance issue. I am pleased to say that response has been very positive to date; however, I am concerned that many groups have had no contact or discussions on the topic. The DCM’s have been asked to provide assistance in this area. I represented Central Service at attending the District 1 meeting last week while George attended District 2. Our intent is to take turns attending these meetings. I also met with George to discuss ongoing committee matters. The assembly committee has pretty much finalized our program for the October roundup and we are hopeful it will be posted online this month. People are encouraged to view it and register early for the roundup. Yours in service, Foster L, Co-Chair, Central Service Committee. Recommended by Ron for approval - Approved

**Chair** – Greetings Folks, A quiet month for me as I was out of town for much of the time. I’m glad to hear we’ll be hosting another MCYPAA Conference next May with Chris H. at the helm – please look forward to getting on board and helping him out. As you will hear in a few moments in the Newsletter report – I assembled the Newsletter this month, it was a lot of fun, but is not my intention to continue in that role. I apologize for my absence again folks, things settle down a bit for me once we get into Sept. Please connect with me if you have comments, questions and suggestions for me as your Chair. Yours in Service, George. Recommended for approval by Dave – Approved

**Newsletter** – As trusted servants in AA, we help and support each other in an attempt to insure the three legacies of Recovery, Unity, and Service, both for the individual and for the collective. The word “WE” is one of the most important words in our vocabulary. On September 4, Central Service Committee elected Coleen H as Newsletter Editor and since that time have supported her growth as editor and hopefully, as a member of AA. As with all members of AA, while we are busy being trusted servants, life happens. Through several discussions with Coleen, she agreed that she would benefit from taking some personal time and step away from her Central Service responsibilities. I would like to recognize and thank Coleen for the role she played on our Central Service Committee. I have put the August Newsletter together but it would not be my intention to continue in that capacity. Respectfully Submitted, George M CS Chair. Trudy D has accepted to do the newsletter for the next 90 days, after which a new election will be held to affirm a Chair. Welcome Trudy D. Recommended for approval by \_Dave T, Approved.

**Webmaster** –Good day, the following is the Help Email Coordinator and Website Admin reports for July, first week of August:

1. Help Emails: July and the first week of August have had a higher volume than normal of people seeking help for Alcoholism. Ten requests were responded to with topics ranging from trying to find Antabuse to looking for a sponsor to looking for Service positions. All requests were handled promptly, with at least three requests being connected with a current AA Member.

2. Service Email Accounts: Members are reminded that if you have a positional email account (with your position instead of your personal information) and you change your email account, please inform the Website Admin so that the email may be redirected to your new account and does not get lost. Also note that when responding from your home account, this is the address that is included in the reply, you must login to use the positional account, just for info.

3. Contact List: All members of Central Service Committee have access to a contact list that was created a few months ago. If there is any feedback on this, please let the Website Admin know in order to determine its effectiveness. It can be accessed at the bottom of the left menu on the website.

4. Online calendar/schedules: Treatment, Detox, Events, Phones and Forensics have been using their online calendars to keep everyone up to date on scheduling. If you haven’t seen this new feature of the website yet, take a look, it is a great reference.

5. The electronic mailing list now has 216 subscribers receiving new information on AA information within HRM on a monthly basis. Feedback has been great thus far. If you would like to see something new, email the Website Admin with your idea.

6. The website as a whole has received 1889 visits in the past 30 days, with the Meeting list the most visited followed by the Newsletter then Events Page. Thank you everyone who has been contributing. Christopher H AA Halifax Website Administrator Brenda thanked Chris for all his work. Generic emails are the best per Samaira. Chris reminded everyone to send info in PDF Format. Recommended for approval by Bruce – Approved.

**Hospital** – No Report

**Telephone** – I’m not sure we are all aware that the phone service we have is run 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Only 16 groups take responsibility of the phone on the weekend, and members take the phone for the weekdays. The day-time phone has only 8 volunteers, all from Lower Sackville, except one in Halifax. The evening phone has about 7 volunteers and again mostly from Lower Sackville or Bedford. We are looking after a huge area and need members from around the city. Please go back to your groups and ask for members to call me to be added to the list. We have had a few minor misunderstandings when it comes to answering the phone, which are being cleared up. If your group is on the phone list, please have your CSR call me to review the new binders. We are planning a workshop in the near future on the importance of our phone service and the HOW; date to be announced soon. I have purchased five new batteries for our cell phones and car chargers for each as well. After looking at our phones I believe it is the way to go. The phones are very strong and service our need, no need to fix what isn’t broken. Yours in service, Samaira G. Recommended for Approval by Judee - Approved

**Mid-Winter Round-Up** – Murdo advises all is well. Derrick L was elected as Co-Chair. The theme for the Round-Up is A Vision for You! Funds are stagnant and they are encouraging people to preregister. There is a need for an Entertainment chair and co-chair. They may have medallions at the round-up they are working on it. It was asked what the entertainment chair does Murdo advised he/she organizes events, choir, dance. Next committee meeting is September 1st room 619. Recommended for approval by Sandy - Approved

**Entertainment** – There will be no bowling for the month of July, August and September. The first bowling will be October 13th. July 26th dance was a success! We had 55 people in attendance. Location was at the Farrell Hall and it was great. We were forwarded an advance of $400.00 and there remains cash on hand of $282.00and $59.24 in inventory. Thanks to all who attended and volunteered their time!

August 23, 24, and 25th – There will be and AA camping/Potluck BBQ and AA meeting will be held at the same location on Saturday August 24 at 6pm. If you want to attend the camping weekend, it will cost you $10.00. If you just want to come for the Potluck BBQ and meeting, we ask that you bring something for the potluck or make a small cash donation. Hope to see you all there. It looks like it is going to be a fun filled weekend of bonfires, meetings, games and great fellowship. If you have a portable BBQ and can bring it, please contact Brenda B at 210-6800 or by email at entertainment.aahalifax@gmail.com. See flyer!!

September 8, 2013 – 2nd Annual Summer AA picnic at Point Pleasant Park. It will begin at 1:00 pm and will be held at the Sailors Memorial site at Point Pleasant Park. We need volunteers to help carry items to and from vehicles to the site of picnic. If you are interested in volunteering or have a portable BBQ and can bring it, please contact Brenda B at 210-6800 or email entertainment.aahalifax@gmail.com.

October 13, 2013 – Bowling resumes at Bowlarama at Bayers Road Shopping Center at 1:00pm. Yours in Service, Brenda B Foster complimented Brenda on a great job! Recommended for approval by Craig – Approved

**Literature** – Opening Balance $2,189.27, credits $726.00, Debits -$1,801.80, Balance $1,113.00. Recommended for approval by Samaira – Approved

**District 1** – Fred Alternate advised the committee is going well. Minutes don’t go out till the 1st of the month. Finances are up. Workshop in July went well. 18 people went, Lefty spoke. Recommended for approval by Jamie - Approved

**District 2** – Barry advised great job by Murdo and Bob on the workshops and the committee is now booking into January. He met with Tom and Treasurers to amend the District budget and will bring it back to the meeting at the end of the month. Recommended for approval by Karen – Approved

**Other -** Assembly Round-up – met on Sunday. Program will be up in the next week or so. No Choir it will be a Celtic group. There will be no dance Friday night, instead a movie will be shown and the Serenity Cafe will be open. The program will soon be online and people are encouraged to register early. CSR’s are asked to push groups to support the Round-up. There will be a speaker from New Jersey, and New York. Recommended for approval by – -Arlene –Approved

Chris advised MCYPAA (Maritime Conference for Young People in AA) are looking at booking Kings College for the event. They had their first meeting last week. The conference will be held the weekend of the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of May, 2014. There is a need for volunteers for Registration and Hospitality. The Early bird flyer is being drafted. The next meeting is Aug 19th at 8 pm downstairs same church as CSR meeting. Recommended for approval by Ann – Approved

Marilyn R, Area 82 Delegate, advised she can’t make it to all the meetings to support us. Area 82 supports all the work we do especially the Website. Great Job getting the word out!! The Service weekends went very well. She attended the Provincial Round up and it went well. She also attended District 6 39th Anniversary in Guysborough Group and had a wonderful time. She visited South Shore and Bridgewater events as well and is looking forward to the MCYPAA as it has a great chair, co-chair and committee. She is preparing for the Assembly and Mid Winter Round up. If there is anything you want your delegate to be doing please send her an email. Thank you for all you are doing for AA!!

**Old Business**

Group Insurance. To date we have received 8 responses supporting the initiative and 3 that have no need for it. If your building says you’re covered please protect yourself by getting it in writing. Foster advised he and George are willing to meet with groups within the two Districts if necessary and hopes to make a final decision at the next meeting. Foster is going to explore costs and agreed to post a fact sheet on the website within two weeks so groups can make an informed decision. He will ask DCM’s to help in contacting groups who we haven’t yet heard from.

**New Business** – no new business

**Announcements**

Early Riser’s AA day Sat. Aug 24th at Club 24, 3 Dundas St. in Dartmouth with Al-Anon participation.

Four Seasons group is thinking of going to Forensic meeting on August 13th.

Trudy now gets Birthday Announcements as she is covering the Newsletter.

August 29th Back to Basics group is doing a meeting in Forensic as well.

**Meeting was adjourned with responsibility pledge at 8:45 pm with the next meeting being set for September 3,2013.**