**CENTRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**United Memorial Church**

1. **Young Street, Halifax**
2. **Welcome and Open:** Meeting opened by Arlene P. at 7:02 p.m. with a few moments of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. All were welcomed to the July CSC meeting.
3. **Call for Items to be added to the agenda:** Add to Old Business – CS New Meeting Location (as it will be an on-going topic).
4. **Twelve Traditions:** The Twelve Traditions were read by Pedro.
5. **Roll Call:**

***Executive:*** Arlene P. – Secretary and Andrew P. – Treasurer.

***Committees:*** Samaira G. – Entertainment Chair and Leah C. – Phone Chair.

***CSRs:***Pedro G. – Atlantic, Glenda K. – Colby Village BBS, Darla W. – Timberlea, Mary T. – West End Step, Brad A. – Fresh Start, Pamela M. – Acceptance, Ken C. – Keep It Simple, Sarah S. – Living in the Solution, Garry M. – Second Chance, Gerry L. – Serenity,

***Alt-CSRs:*** Jennifer S. – Acceptance

***Double Duty:*** Evan McF. – Literature Chair / Four Seasons CSR, and Heather C. – Phones Co-chair / Alt.CSR Four Seasons.

***Others:*** not tonight

1. **7th Tradition:** $27.25 collected, taken by Andrew P.
2. **Minutes Approved from Previous Meeting:** Error – no Entertainment Report for June – will be added to July’s minutes.

Recommended by approval – Pamela.

1. **Reports:**

***Executive:***

**Secretary:** Good evening. The minutes were completed and on the website in under two weeks. The delay this month was I was waiting for a report that wasn’t sent it. Once the minutes were posted to the website, the report was sent in. Unfortunately, I did not add the report and re-post the minutes, so I will add the report to this month’s minutes. I up-dated the contact list the same day that I sent the minutes out for review. I have not received any additional information. **(For those not in attendance of tonight’s meeting - please send in your contact information, especially if you are your group’s representative (CSR, Alt. CSR or contact person.)**

Due to my increasingly busy work schedule, I had to send out requests to the committees to send in their reports ahead of Tuesday to give me time to put something together to read while chairing tonight’s meeting. My gratitude to those who were able to accommodate my request. As my schedule seems to be ever changing from week to week, hopefully this won’t become the norm. Please email secretary.aahalifax@gmail.com if there are any questions pertaining to the minutes.

Yours in service, Arlene P., Secretary

**Question** – Who does your review of the minutes? The minutes are sent to the Chair, Foster, for review before being posted to the website. Recommended for Approval by Samaira.

**Treasurer:** This month we began with an opening balance of $5822.09. You will see two deposits for Central Service 7th tradition under the “credit” category. This was due to the fact that I had taken cheques to be deposited with the bank, but had forgotten to bring the 7th with me while making my deposits.

 Our credit minus our debits leaves us with a Bank Total of $7110.06 to finish the month of June with an operating balance of $4930.66 as I await cheques to clear for contributions made to GSO ($1000.00), Area 82 ($1000.00) and Bell Aliant for the AA phones ($179.40), leaving the Operating Balance of $4930.66.

The prudent reserve account accrued $0.13 (cents), bringing the closing balance to $3166.12 with total available funds at $8096.78.

Yours in Service, Andrew P., Treasurer

No questions. Recommended for Approval by Mary.

**Co-chair:**  (Position vacant at this moment.)

**Chair:** (Absent, report sent in and read by Secretary.) Good evening, my apology for missing tonight’s meeting. I had the privilege of attending the 80th international conference in Atlanta this past weekend and will be arriving home sometime this evening. Thank you to Arlene for chairing the meeting. It is times like this that a committee co-chair is a necessity.

June was relatively quiet from a service perspective. It seems most are settling in for the summer months. I have nothing new to report on the group insurance or on the search for a new meeting location.

I represented the table at the District 2 meeting and the District 1 meeting was cancelled for June. You will notice additional updates to the website with the addition of fill-able forms to several links. Heather will expand on this during her report. I believe this self-serve approach will be well received by all users.

Please continue to urge others to step into service as the Chair positions are very busy and need the support. I look forward to seeing all of you in August and, again, thanks to Arlene for covering me.

Yours in service, Foster L., Chair, Central Service Committee

Recommended for Approval by Samaira.

***Committees:***

**Mid-Winter Round Up:** (Absent, report sent in and read by Secretary.) We have had 2 meetings‎ since the last CS meeting.

**June 7 meeting:** Evan was elected as Hospitality Chair. Bill reported an operating balance of $1896. ‎ The Holiday Inn contract changes were discussed and were agreed upon. Jacqueline is working on finalizing the contract. Changes to hotel contract include: meeting room 619 increased $20 per day. Rooms for guests are going to increase by $3 per night. Coffee to $1.73 and banquet $35.10. Lisa (program) is working on program. Freedom from...Freedom to... was discussed as a topic and accepted and Lisa working on getting speakers. Bruce (registration) working on organizing supplies and getting ready. The official date for the round-up is to be Feb 19-21 2016.

**Meeting July 10:** Norman from District 10 Al-Anon was elected as their representative on the committee. Bill gave a detailed report on the financial activity. Current bank balance is $1298.63. The proposed budget was presented and agreed upon with a minor adjustment of adding in the expense of Club 24 (for the monthly meeting). The final contract for hotel was approved. The deposit to the hotel was dropped off and Jacqueline will deliver the signed contract this week.

Sincerely, Jacqueline K, Chair of 2016 Mid-Winter Round-up committee

Recommended for Approval by Pedro.

**Webmaster/Website/Email:** (Absent, report sent in and read by Treasurer.) We had 1,774 visits to the web site in June. Top pages continue to be the Meeting List and Newsletter.

Our subscriber list continues to grow. An additional 5 people subscribed last month for a total of 485 subscribers receiving the monthly e-mail with links to the meeting list, newsletter and other areas of the web site.

More web changes were made in June. First of all a big “thank-you” to Pedro B. for all of his help…I could not have made any of the changes this month without his help. I look forward to working with Pedro over the remainder of my time as Web Admin.

Pedro provided new images which can be displayed in the page header. We started with the one currently up on the web (scenes of Peggy’s Cove) and over time, I’ll change this one up for another of Pedro’s images, etc. It’ll be a nice refresh that is easy to do.

As per the suggestion from this table in June, comments have been removed from all web pages. I feel this gives the pages a much cleaner/less cluttered look to them.

To allow readers to still reach people for various reasons, forms have been added to the following pages:

* Hospital visitation (to request a visit) – email goes to Mike H.
* Events (to submit an event) – email goes to me.
* Meeting List (to submit a change for a meeting) – email goes to me.
* Newsletter (to submit something for the newsletter) – email goes to Bill P.

I will report that, as of right now, the only emails I have received have really been of the “help” variety. But that’s OK as long as people are finding a way to communicate their question. If any committee has an event they wish to have added to the Events page, you can certainly just email me or you can use the form on the Events web page.

Another helpful change that has been made is when using the “Contact Us” page, if you choose one of the links to GSO or Area 82, a new tab/window is opened for the site and you are still able to easily get back to the AA Halifax web site.

I welcome feedback or questions about the changes so far or other ideas you’d like to see on your website. There may be more tweaking done, but it is so very helpful to hear from anyone who uses the web … that’s where the idea of dropping the comment section came from so your feedback is valuable.

As always, you can reach me via email at webmaster.aahalifax@gmail.com.

Yours in service, Heather L., Web Administrator

Recommended for Approval by Glenda.

**Help Email Co-ordinator:** (Absent, report sent in and read by Secretary.) Hello to all fellow AA members, this is an overview about help emails during the month of June 2015. In total, there were 8 emails; however that does not include responses by email or phone calls as well. The emails ranged from those looking for info about meetings and requests for meetings list to requests about feeling and being different and how best to fit into AA.

I will be away to the AA International Convention in Atlanta for 5 days. However, our Webmaster, Heather, has agreed to take over all Help Email requests during that time period. Hope this information proves helpful. Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns, or queries. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Kind Regards, Carol-Anne D., Help Email Coordinator, AA Halifax/Dartmouth, Area 82 902-407-5955

Recommended for Approval by Leah.

**Hospital Visitation:** (Absent, report sent in and read by Secretary.)

There is nothing to report for this month.

Mike H., Chairman Hospital Visitation Committee.

Recommended for Approval by Pamela.

**Telephone**: Good evening everyone, things are going well with the phones, as usual we are still trying to recruit members to answer the phones.

I have been contacted by the Lost and Found Group; they have volunteered to join the weekend phones list.

The phone committee will be putting on a workshop/training session in September. The details will follow in the August Bluenose Bulletin.

I would ask that the CSRs of the groups that take the phone, remind members that when they transfer the phone to the next group, to make sure that the charger for the phone is inside the book binder.

Thank you, Leah C., Phone Committee Chair

Recommended for Approval by Pamela.

**Newsletter:** (Absent and no report received to read at meeting or add to the minutes.)

Comments to Editor – The reduction of the size of the newsletter is appreciated, but now it seems to be too condensed. There does not seem to be enough information on events, etc. Again, the Contact List is missing from the newsletter, not everyone is on-line and this in needed in hard copy – please add. The Book of the Month – review is now only available on the website – not everyone is on-line – please put the blurb on it back into the newsletter. And on page 3, the wording to the comment of the Central Service website (stupendous) is not necessary – in the context of humility - please remove.

**Entertainment:**

**Entertainment June Report added to July 2015 minutes:** The Entertainment Committee is starting to get very busy with events. Our Co-Chair had to step down, and even with the resignation, we have six additional members on the committee, specializing on different aspects of services.

We started with a Crib tournament on the last Saturday of each month at 45 Connelly Road in Lower Sackville at 1pm. We will be starting it up again in Sept.

The first tournament we had around 20 players and the second we had 16 attend, it was a beautiful sunny day.

The tournament will be $5, which covers the prizes given, more players, the larger the prize. You do not have to pay the fee, but you will not be able to win the cash prize. Tom P. will be taking care of the Games.

Please keep an eye out for flyers for camping which looks like it will be the Aug. 1st weekend.

Thank you, yours in Service, Samaira

**Entertainment Report July 2015:** AA Annual Camping and Picnic at Dollar Lake will be July 31 to Aug. 2. Cost is $10 per person. There will be signs to show you where to go. You may pay me or at the "door", will need an idea of how many people for picnic and for payment to the Camp. Picnic will be on Sat at 1 pm, will be potluck. Burgers and hotdogs, and Cake will be provided.

AA Annual Picnic at Point Pleasant Park, Sailors Memorial Monument will be on Sunday, September 6th at 1:00 pm. Please call Samaira to register to have an idea of how many. Cost will be by donation.

Ball games are going well on Sundays at 1:00 pm in Highfield Park.

Crib tournaments will resume in September on the last Saturday of the month at 45 Connelly Road, Lower Sackville. Cost $5 admission, cost goes towards prizes.

Yours in Service, Samaira

**Add on to Report:** Also, New Year’s Eve Party will be held at Club 24, 3 Dundas Street, Dartmouth. Price per ticket is $5.00, but there is a limit to the tickets sold due to Fire Code Regulations at the facility. There are only 110 tickets available, so they will be available to purchase earlier than usual due to the limit. Event starts at 8:30pm and it is Potluck.

Comment – The #9 bus enters Point Pleasant Park if you need transportation to the Annual Picnic. And the buses are free after 8:30 pm on New Year’s Eve as well.

Recommended for approval by Evan.

**Literature:** Good evening all, here is the literature report for the month of June. It is a rather short one this time. It has been a rather quiet month for the literature committee. Other than the AA day at Club 24 on June 20th and a few small sales here and there, there wasn’t a lot of action. I did place an order yesterday for $554.42 (US), and I made a deposit of $140.

As I only placed the order yesterday, I don’t know what the total will be as of yet in Canadian funds, so the balance as of right now in the Literature account is $1536.2, the total inventory value is $6152.10, for a total of $7688.30.

That’s really all there is to report for this month. I didn’t change the book of the month this month because I decided to give Emotional Sobriety II one more go. I have heard from a few people that they are a really good read.

Have a great July, everyone.

Yours in Service, Evan Mc, Literature Chair Central Service

As to Evan’s question last month if groups would like an AA Book Day/Event, all the groups that responded were in favour of the event. So Evan is going to plan it and get back to us with the details.

No questions. Recommended for approval by Samaira.

**District 1:** no report tonight

**District 2:** no report tonight

**Area 82:** no report tonight

**Other:** no report tonight

**Old Business:**

1. **Elections:**
2. **Committee Co-chair -** no nominations, carried over to next month.
3. **Hospital Visitation Co-chair –** no nominations, carried over to next month.
4. **Newsletter Co-chair –** no nominations, carried over to next month.
5. **Telephone Co-chair –** no nominations, carried over to next month.
6. **Entertainment Co-chair –** no nominations, carried over to next month.
7. **CS New Meeting Location – no further info**

**New Business:** There were no agenda items for this category tonight.

**Announcements:** (that didn’t make it into the Bluenose Bulletin)

There were no announcements for this category tonight.

**Next CSC Meeting is August 4, 2015.**

**Meeting adjourned** at 7:48 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.