

MINUTES OF CENTRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

Aug 6th ,2024

Zoom Meeting

WELCOME AND OPEN: Meeting opened by Paul B. at 7pm with the Serenity Prayer.

TWELVE TRADITIONS: The Twelve Traditions were read by Sharon.

ROLL CALL: 21 in attendance, of which 19 attendees were voting members (V= voting, NV non-voting)

EXECUTIVE	COMMITTEES	CSR	ALT CSR/OBSERVERS
Chair -Paul B. (Vote in tie situation)	Telephones -Johnathan G. (V)		Michael - DCM District 1
Co-Chair - vacant	Help Email -Sam (V)	Micheal A – CSR of Welcome group (V)	Melanie – CPC co-chair (NV)
Treasurer- Trudy D. (V)	Newsletter – Mark (V)		
Secretary – Louie (V)	Hospital Visitation -Not present	Garth – CSR of SunRise	Bernie -DCM district 2 (NV)
	Treatment -Gilles D. (V)	David – CSR back to basics (V)	
	CPC -Kathy S. (V)	Nathaniel – CSR of Exceptance	
	Literature -Gerry L. (V)	Sharon – CSR Highland Park (V)	
	Corrections – No Show		
	Webmaster – Heather (V)		
	Mid Winter Round-Up – Michael	Neal – CSR of fresh Start	
	Public Information -No Show	Julia – CSR West end step group (V)	
	Entertainment – Noel (V)	Angela E. – CSR Serenity Sisters (V)	
	Insurance - Foster L. (V)		

7th Tradition: \*Please email Central Service meeting 7th tradition contribution and group contributions to: treasurer.aahalifax@gmail.com \*Please put a note along with your transfer as to what the donation is for and which group you represent.

Contributions can also be mailed to:

Central Service, RPO Gladstone, PO Box 31338, Halifax NS B3K 5Z1

#### CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS:

New Business items-

- Elections for committees
- Elections CS Executive positions for Co Chair
- Co-Chair of Insurance
- Update on the Service Fair

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was added to with the above items. A motion to approve the agenda items was made by Angela and seconded by Sharon.

#### MINUTES APPROVED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion to approve the agenda made by Sharon, seconded by Gerry. All in favour. Motion passed.

#### OFFICER'S REPORTS:

##### SECRETARY:

Good evening all,

I would ask that when you sent me your reports that the subject line reflex what you are sending me, this makes it easier for me to find specific emails later on if necessary.

##### TREASURER:

Hello Everyone,

This month we had total contributions of \$0.00. There was nothing in 7 th Tradition for the July CS Meeting. The 2024 budget projected a total revenue of \$13,552.36 and we have received \$8,388.27 towards this goal. Over the next 5 months we will hope to get the remaining \$5,164.09 to achieve our total budgeted amount without having to use any of the Prudent Reserve.

We spent a total of \$411.20 this month. The amount of \$123.20 on the phone bill from Virgin Mobile. The Entertainment Committee spent \$275.00 this month and has \$474.85 in the budget. We put a stop payment on a cheque written to the DJ as he wanted to be paid in cash on the night so the entertainment chair paid him and I reimbursed her.

The Prudent Reserve account has \$3391.61 this month. The Insurance Fund Reserve is \$4,338.21 this month. I have attached 3 documents- The monthly CS statement, the 2024 Summary of revenue and expenses and the reconciled Bank statement for all the groups.

If there are any questions or if anyone sees an error, please contact me by email (treasurer.aahalifax@gmail.com or (902)293-3117). See you all on August 6th, 2024.

See document at the end of these minutes with financials in tabular format.

**CORRECTIONS:**

No attendance or report sent.

**ENTERTAINMENT:**

No report sent.

**HOSPITAL VISITATION:**

Nothing to report, no one requested a hospital visitation.

**LITERATURE:**

The month of July has been good. We had a total sale of \$2121.70 for the month of July. The expenses were a total of \$8.23. The expenses were the regular charges from the square. A total deposit in the account for the month of July was of \$2113.47. So right now we have a balance on the literature account of \$5518.26

I made an announcement in the August Newsletter that in the next couple months, I will be out of town on and off, so the bookstore might be closed on some Mondays. I apologize for any inconvenience. If anyone needs books and pamphlets, please contact me directly by phone, so I can make alternate arrangements for you to pick up your books.

Also the increase on the pamphlets will go up as of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024. The new price list will be published on the [aahalifax.org](http://aahalifax.org) website

Any questions.

**NEWSLETTER:**

Newsletter Report for Aug 6th 2024 CSR meeting.

Reduced page size was implemented this month

Just a reminder that meeting notices / updates should be sent to both the Webmaster ([Webmaster.aahalifax@gmail.com](mailto:Webmaster.aahalifax@gmail.com)) and the Newsletter ([Newsletter.aahalifax@gmail.com](mailto:Newsletter.aahalifax@gmail.com)) to ensure your message is communicated to the AA community.

Newsletter submissions for Sept. 2024 should be submitted to [Newsletter.aahalifax@gmail.com](mailto:Newsletter.aahalifax@gmail.com) by the 25th of the month. I am available to answer questions throughout the month.

**MID-WINTER ROUND-UP:**

This report was included in the DCM 1 report.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION:**

No attendance or report sent.

**TELEPHONE:**

We continue to look for people to help with both the day and evening phones.

Yours in Service  
Jonathan

**WEBMASTER:**

On July 5<sup>th</sup>, I renewed a license for the web called Graphene Plus. It was \$38.18 Cdn. I will send the receipt as an email to the treasurer for reimbursement.

Other than that, I have done the usual updates to the web this past month.

Yours in service,  
Heather L.  
Web Master

**TREATMENT:**

Good evening my name is Gilles i m an alcoholic . I had a conversation with Heather F from P S R it not working as it should the unit as 20 beds and there 20 people but they don't attend our meetings Heather wanted to cancel the meetings i suggested we continue till the end of the year and look at it then.I contacted all managers from all our treatment center it s part of our guide lines. A transitional care facility as contacted the help line they where talking about Bridging the Gap with one of their patient Johnathan sent it to me to see what can be done I contacted Christine at Shannex I gave her our zoom meeting ID and Password, for safety net and afternoon er. for her client Alan.I took Alan L to 2 meeting so far ,it s not Bridging the Gap, but I m helping Alan.they are interested in having access to meeting I put Kathy in contact with them. I changed group recently I m at Second Chance now they were talking of closing at the end of August we need more members and people supporting our group meetings I put and ad in the newsletter and i m happy to say that some people from Dartmouth have come to support us thank you,our meetings are on Saturday and Monday at 730 pm at 45 Connolly Lower Sackville . Yours Truly Gilles Treatment chair

**HELP EMAIL:**

Good Afternoon,

July was the busiest month since being in this position with 21 emails. It sure is great to see so many Alcoholics reaching out to start their journey to sobriety. There were no out of the ordinary inquiries worth mentioning, much of the same as usual – how together started, meeting inquiries, etc.

Yours in Service,  
Sam B

**INSURANCE:**

There have been no changes to the policy in July. We are still seeking a co-chair, someone willing to sit as Chair next year. I have had a discussion with the Committee Chair, Paul, about reaching out to other Districts to seek interest in this position. We agree the Insurance Chair could sit anywhere in the province and report remotely to the table. I will be doing up a memo to the DCM's asking them to approach their groups.

This is an important committee at this table, and it is imperative that a new Chair is elected in the fall. If anyone wishes information or the role feel free to contact me.

## DISTRICT 1:

District 1 continues to seek an Alt-DCM, Alt-Treasurer, and an Archivist for Area 82. The guidelines state that the archivist collection shall stay in the area of where the Archivist is located. The collection is currently being held in HRM, and no move of the collection would be required if the 'new" Archivist came from HRM. Please consider. WRT to Archivist, the financial reports for the second quarter has been forwarded onto the Area 82 Treasurer.

We ( Districts 1 and 2) are having the first NS Provincial Roundup 2025 committee meeting Saturday September 21 at 1:00 pm at club 24 and will continue the third Saturday of each month.

MWRU meets monthly, we still need positions filled. If you've 2 years sobriety, want to give back please be at the next meeting on 01 Sep 2024.

If you wish to become involved in these events in any capacity, please show up at the dates above.

The next District 1 workshop is being planned for the 25th Sep 2024. Tentative subject " How to Chair a Meeting". Our next District 1 meeting will be on zoom 28th August, 2024. Hope to see all there!

## Area 82

### CPC:

#### Topics of Discussion:

The upcoming workshop at Club 24 is on August 11th at 1 PM. Tasha redesigned our power point presentation for recruitment of new members which will be presented at the workshop.

She also researched an agency called Welcome Support Housing with staff members who work with individuals and groups of people in need of housing with diversified difficulties in our community, such as intimate partner violence housing support services, temporary shelters, assisting clients in managing finances etc., with offices in Dartmouth and Halifax. She drafted a contact email letter offering CPC information sessions for staff at the various facilities that they manage. A call was made and no response yet.

Gille gave me the contact information on Shannex, a company of nursing homes in the area who are opening a new facility soon. I had a conversation with the Manager, Jemima Tucker, who confirmed that they are opening a new facility at 694 Broad Street in Larry Utech. They will be partnering with NS Health Education Department, and she would like me to send her an email to remind her of our telephone conversation and she would like to organize a CPC information session with all the staff involved, once she is back from vacation.

Mary and I made a cold call to one of the Phoenix House administration offices, since there had been no response to the email we had sent off. We asked for the Executive Director, Tim Crooks, and Andrea Ryan, a senior manager in administration, came out and spoke with us. She appeared very interested in what A.A. has to offer as tools for their clients who may be alcoholics. She told us Tim was out of the office and she would let him know that we dropped by and would encourage him to check out the email we had sent to him. She gave us her business card also. I called to check when he was returning, and he will be back on the 12th of August. We will follow up once he is back.

Mary attended the Active Area 82 meeting on my behalf and gave our monthly report.

Next meeting Sept 2nd, 2024.

Respectfully submitted in Service,

## DISTRICT 2:

My apologies for not being here last month. July is the one month a year I chair the meetings of my home group. I had planned to send my alternate in my place, but his plans changed at the last minute and he also was not

able to attend. First off, I am no longer putting a meeting on at the 902 Man Up shelter. I notified Kathy from CPC of that and presume she is finding someone else to do it. There really was no participation from the clients at the Windmill Road location.

I attended the Fall assembly committee meeting on July 18. Progress is being made for that event.

The district committee meeting was held on July 21. Not much participation from GSRs that month, although there were a few in attendance.

On July 23, Sunrise Group held its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. 65 in attendance. There were 6 speakers ranging from 39 years to 57 years. The Serenity Singers performed a couple spiritual songs and there was lots of food.

There was an Area 82 Officers meeting on July 28. There was some discussion about flyers that were posted at the Area website that came under fire for possibly breaking traditions. As such, we did not get all our business discussed. A second officers meeting has been scheduled for August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Upcoming, on August 10<sup>th</sup> is the Rainbow of Recovery one day roundup. Because I am DCM and like to support the groups in my district especially when they are trying to put on events, I plan to attend that and will likely be bringing treats.

Also, on August 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be a district 2 workshop put on by CPC and PI. As DCM for District 2, I will provide tea and coffee and probably cookies.

Apparently, it is Districts 1 and 2's turn and our responsibility to host the 2025 NS Provincial Roundup. I have scheduled a meeting at Club 24 at one pm on Saturday, September 21 with the intent of organizing a committee for the event.

AREA 82:

No report sent.

#### APPROVAL OF THE REPORTS:

Heather made a motion to approve the reports and Cathy seconded it, motion passed.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Elections

-Co-Chair of Central service- no one nominated

-Co-Chair of Insurance Committee- no one nominated

All positions still need to be filled, Please go back to your groups to let members know we are seeking nominees for the above positions.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Elections for committees, CS Executive positions for Co Chair and Co-Chair of Insurance:

There were some great ideas put on the floor for how we can get these service positions filled, which include sponsors talking to their spouses, directly asking people we know and putting an announcement in the bluenose bulletin. These positions are to be filled in Oct but start in Jan 2024.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

From the July 2, 24 meeting a reminder on the service fair:

The location of the fair will be at the church back to basis is held at Trinity Anglican 321 Main ave Halifax on Sept 14 from 11pm to 3pm. The church still has to get back to us on the price but it should be under \$100. The chair

was asked as well as the committee members to advertise this even, it will also be in the monthly newsletter.  
Please send the chair an email if they want put put a table up for there committees.  
Please pass this along to your groups.

Next CS Meeting will take place Sept 3, 2024 at 7 PM on Zoom  
Meeting ended with Responsibility Pledge