

MINUTES OF CENTRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

Sept 3th ,2024

Zoom Meeting

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

TWELVE TRADITIONS: The Twelve Traditions were read by Samaira.

ROLL CALL: 22 in attendance, of which 20 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)	Micheal A – CSR of Welcome group (V)	Michael - DCM District 1
Co-Chair - vacant	Help Email -Sam (V)	Garth – CSR of SunRise	Bernie -DCM district 2 (NV)
Treasurer- Trudy D. (V)	Newsletter – No Show	David – CSR back to basics (V)	
Secretary – Louie (V)	Hospital Visitation – Wayne O.	Julia – CSR West end step group (V)	
	Treatment -Gilles D. (V)	Sharon – CSR Highland Park (V)	
	CPC -Kathy S. (V)	Samaira – CSR for second chance	
	Literature -Gerry L. (V)	Tanya – CSR for 4 seasons	
	Corrections – Tom P.	Robin – CSR for Keep it simple (V)	
	Webmaster – Heather (V)		
	Mid Winter Round-Up – Michael		
	Public Information -No Show		
	Entertainment – Noel (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-

- Should we post the treasures budget to date report online with the minutes
- Can the corrections budget be increased after the years budget has been approved

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

MINUTES APPROVED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

SECRETARY:

Good evening, apologies for not getting the mins out earlier then I promised. The only thing I have to ask is that when people e-mail me could you please use an appropriate subject line, it makes it much more efficient when I need to look for old emails. example for a subject: CPC August report. Please include your name, position in the email as well.

TREASURER:

See attached documents for reference.

CORRECTIONS:

There is nothing tangible in writing but I did get a call from Reverand Ohanica from corrections that all the agencies are apparently going back in to corrections. He asked if we were still interested in coming in. I told him we have 10 men and 10 women ready to go. He told me that we might have to go through the process of criminal back ground check and finger printing. Reverand Ohanica is going to send me a hard copy of this info so I have it in writing with all the final details of the process and what we need.

I'm going to be talking Gerry about getting some pamphlets, small big books and large big books using my corrections budget. I have not been attending this meeting because I had nothing to report and did not see a need to attend.

ENTERTAINMENT:

My apologies for not attending tonight.

We had a wonderful time at camping at dollar lake. We had 18 campers that had a blast and there were 38 members for the day on Saturday with a wonderful day at the beach a pot luck and bbq and end the evening with a beautiful meeting. My receipts have been sent to the treasure and the check please be payable to Monique "Samaria" girard. I thank Samaria for continuing to help me navigate the entertainment position.

The 7th box was put out and collected 47.15 which has been sent via e-transfer to the central service email.

There will be no entertainment events during September as Bedford/sackville days will be on sept 21st and I am currently seeking a spot for our AA Halloween dance.

I am both blessed and grateful to have experienced this role in service but as my time is approaching the end of my term I'm hoping we can have another member step in to this role with ease.

HOSPITAL VISITATION:

There is someone in the hospital that could use a visit, you can contact me through email, phone or talk to the secretary to get a hold of me.

LITERATURE:

The month of August has been good. We had a total sale of \$1452.75 for the month of August.

The expenses were a total of \$3287.70. The expenses were the regular charges from the square of \$5.93, a donation to Central Service of \$1500.00, a U/S draft paid to NewYork for book purchase of \$1772.27 and purchase of U/S stamps to mail to NewYork of \$9.50. Total of expenses were \$3287.70

The opening balance as of first of August was \$5518.26 and right now as of first of September we have a balance on the literature account of \$3683.31

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.

Having said that, I will be out of the Country from the 20th September to the 5th October. I will not be here for the next meeting and will not have a report. I may have access to email but I don't plan on checking it very often.

The increase on the pamphlets has been put in effect as of 1st September 2024. The new price list is posted on the aahalifax.org website.

As general information for the group to pass on, this is election time for various committee chair positions and Literature is one of them. Personally, due to my work commitment, social commitment and various other commitments, as of January first, I will not be able to carry on the duty of Literature chair if a new chairperson is not nominated, which means that the book store will not be operational. I am doing my best at asking around for people that may be interested but so far, I have not been successful. I am sure that all others committee chairpersons are doing the same as me. So please bring it back to your groups for recruiting new chair committee nominations.

NEWSLETTER:

Newsletter Report for Sept.3rd 2024 CSR meeting.

Positive reports for reduced number of pages in the newsletter so I will continue with this format.

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

Newsletter submissions for Oct. 2024 should be submitted to Newsletter.aahalifax@gmail.com by the 25th of the month. I am available to answer questions through out the month.

I will be out of the country at the beginning of October and so the newsletter will not be published till my return on Oct 7th.

MID-WINTER ROUND-UP:

This report was included in the DCM 1 report.

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

No attendance or report sent.

TELEPHONE:

Continue to search for people to man the AA day and evening phones. Would also ask CSR's for interest within their groups for members wanting to take on the position of Phone Committee Chair. People who are interested and want to have a discussion about it can contact me anytime.

WEBMASTER:

It was a pretty quiet month in August. I was reimbursed for the web license; thank you Trudy. I will be attending the Service Fair with a display for the web to see if I can attract someone to the position, but I do have someone who is willing to let their name stand for election if I do not find anyone else.

TREATMENT:

my name is Gilles Im an alcoholic august was quiet .I d like to mention that at Bedford Sackville AA day I will host a workshop on Treatment .I have invited Amanda Andrew from Forensics she an addiction specialist at ECFH .she s also a social worker and will attend our workshop .Heather Flyn from the PSR will attend the workshop. I have AA member that will talk about their experience going to Detox. And Also Anne C from the serenity sisters will elaborate about The Marguerite Center there will be a Questions and Answer period before concluding the workshop. I will attend the Service Fair but unfortunately I can t participate at the Correction workshop, I have to work.

HELP EMAIL:

As of August 28th, the Help Email saw 10 emails - 3 for the Shambhala Meditation Retreat Center happening Sept 10-15th, and the remainder were newcomers looking for guidance on how to get started on the road to recovery. Sadly, 1 email did get mis-filtered by Gmail to the junk email. I still responded but it was significantly late/delayed.

I have been announcing the new term for Central Service Committee Chairs and CSRs. I've been inviting folks to sit in on the monthly Central Service Meeting and/or attend the Service Fair.

INSURANCE:

There have been no changes to the policy in August. Paul and I jointly prepared a letter for provincial DCM's requesting they ask their groups to consider the Insurance Chair position for 2025-2026. The letter was sent August 13 th and to date there has been no expressions of interest.

I will be attending the service fair on September 14 th and will be available to discuss the position with any interested persons.

A Certificate of Insurance has been requested for the AA's Got Talent event in November. If committees/groups have other events being held outside of an already insured location, a Certificate of Insurance for the event space will be required. If you need one, please let me know.

DISTRICT 1:

District 1, 2 Members and Guests:

We at District 1 and 2 are hosting the NS Provincial Round up 2025. The first kick-off meeting will be Saturday,

September 7th at Club 24 @ 1 PM. Please come by and see what Service you can provide to help make this event a success! I also ask you to talk with your group and mention how important it is that we all get involved. Speak of the benefits of service and how it affects our recovery in a positive way.

I returned last Sunday from the Eastern Canada Regional Forum 2024 in Ottawa. I cannot thank District 1 enough for sending me. It was so insightful, many aha moments. At the November District 1 meeting I will be giving a more formal perspective report on what I had learned at the Forum. I send an invite to anyone curious about the Forum to sign into the District 1 Zoom Meeting @ 6pm on the 27th November . It was a wonderful learning weekend and a great outlet for those who want to become more involved in Service as part of their journey in Alcoholics Anonymous.

30th October @ 6PM on District 1 Zoom, our District's Elections begin for people wanting to get involved in Service at the District Executive level. The newly elected members will serve from 01 Jan 2025-31 Dec 2026.

District Committee Member (DCM)- 5 years sober

Alternate District Committee Member ADCM - 5 years sober

Treasurer - 5 years sober

Alternate Treasurer - 5 years sober

Secretary - 2 years sober

To learn more about the positions please look on the AAHalifax.org Website @

<https://www.aahalifax.org/wp-content/uploads/Guidelines/Guidelines-for-District-1-July-2022.pdf>

Our next District 1 workshop will be held on zoom at 6PM 25th Sept 2024. Titled: : How to run an AA Business Meeting. The Presenter will be Marie M. Area 82 Webmaster, and GSR of Acceptance. Please set your calendars for this informative session. MWRU Update We are moving right along with our itinerary. Flyer should be out in October. We still need curious AA Members to come to our meetings held at 1PM at Club 24 on the first Sunday of every month. There was a new member signed onto a Registration position this month. We have many many positions that need to be filled. They don't need a lot of sobriety. For instance: We will need a team of greeters. Please come by and become involved.

Area 82:

No report sent.

CPC:

CPC met on Aug 5th, 2024.

We had our workshop on the 11th, at Club 24, we didn't have many attendees; however, it went well for those who showed up for the event.

I had sent off an email to NS Health, the clinical nurse educator and received the reply thanking us for reaching out and has forwarded the email to her Health Services Manager who manages all the Clinical Educators in the HRM and surrounding areas about us coming for an information session in the future.

There has been no response from Shannex Nursing Homes since my initial phone call about a session for their staff.

We have registered for the Corrections Fair for September 11th, and we will be attending along with PI.

Also looking forward to the service fair on Saturday the 14th.

I have diligently been seeking a candidate for the CPC chair position and have not found anyone who has the time because of their work schedules to take it on as of yet.

DISTRICT 2:

CPC and PI presented a workshop in District 2 on August 11th. It was not well attended but was very educational. At our district meeting on August 18, mention was made that rent would need to be paid to Club 24 for the NS Provincial Roundup meetings. We are working together with District One on that.

Area 82 Active Committees meeting was held on August 26. Not well attended but some good things going on in the Area. District 3 will be purchasing billboards to be displayed throughout their district that will have the name Alcoholics Anonymous and the phone number on it.

The midwinter roundup committee meeting was held on September 1st. That is all going well. A registration co-chair was elected. Anne B. From Sunrise. There should be a flyer out soon.

There was an Area 82 Officers meeting held on September 1st to discuss the proposed motion for the 2025 General Service Conference concerning having the declaration of unity and responsibility Statement on all pamphlets. The motion was discussed, voted on and approved and will be sent to the General Service Conference in April of 2025.

The first committee meeting of the 2025 NS Provincial Roundup will be held on September 7 at 1 pm at Club 24. Moving forward, that meeting will be on the 3rd Saturday of each month. We re-scheduled it this month because of Bedford - Sackville AA Day.

The district committee will be having elections in October for all positions on the committee. DCM, Alternate DCM, Secretary, Treasurer.

PPROVAL OF THE REPORTS:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Elections

-Co-Chair of Central service- no one nominated

Foster nominated Heather for Co-chair of central service. After the roles and responsibilities of this position were read and no other participants names being put forward Heather excepted the nomination. Heather shared her service work experience from CSR to webmaster.

A vote was taken: Yes = 20
 No= 0
 Abstentions= 0

-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.

-Update on the spring fair (Donations for Snacks Café , bake goods)

Each committee used to have project tri-folding cardboard for the purpose of displaying there info. They seem to be missing, if your committee would like one made up and/or bring snacks to this event please contact Samaira.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Should we post the treasures budget to date report online along with the CS minutes

Heather asked could we post the treasures budget to date report on the web to help our group see who needs funds when distributing excess moneys.

There was a concern that there might be data like line item or expenses in this file that we did not want the general public viewing.

After some discussion Back to Basics will return to the next CSR meeting with a more refined question of what they would like to see from the treasure.

-Can the corrections budget be increased after the years budget has been approved

This was asked because there are some events and other commitments that were not foreseen which would eat up this budget. Central Service will be discussing the idea of them paying for security checks for those going into the correctional facilities at the next business meeting.

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 Oct 1, 2024 at 7 PM on Zoom

Meeting ended with Responsibility Pledge