

**District 1, Area 82
General Service Committee
ZOOM VIDEO Conference Meeting – May 29th, 2024**

Welcome and Call to Order:

Meeting opened by Michael H at 7:05 pm. It was agreed by all that the video conferencing meeting would be recorded using Zoom software.

- 1. A Moment of Silence was observed, followed by the Serenity Prayer**
- 2. Twelve Traditions:** The Twelve Traditions were read by Jonathan G
- 3. Twelve Concepts:** The Twelve Concepts were read by Mike M
- 4. Interpretation of Concept 5:** Was presented by Samaria. Concept 6 will be given by Jonathan.

5. Roll Call / GSR Reports¹:

| VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT | HOME GROUP | DISTRICT 1 EXECUTIVE | UPDATES |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------|
| Tie only | Back to Basics | DCM- Michael H | |
| Yes | Back to Basics | Treasurer- Mary W | |
| Yes | Downtown Halifax | Secretary– Jonathan | |
| VOTING | HOME GROUP | DISTRICT 1 GSR's | UPDATES |
| Yes | Back to Basics | Michelle W | |
| Yes | Lions Den | Kathleen S | |
| Yes | Highland Park | Stacey | |
| Yes | Serenity Sisters | Sharman | |
| Yes | Hubbard's | Eric | |
| Yes | Second Chance | Samaira | |
| Yes | Fresh Start | Pamela B | |
| Yes | Four Seasons | Mike M | |

- **10 voting members in attendance, the DCM will only vote in the event of a tie.**

6. Call for New Business Agenda Items:

- Guidelines to District 1 to be reviewed.

7. Motion to Approve the May 2024 agenda:

- Everyone approved the agenda.

8. April 2024 Meeting Minutes:

a. Errors, omissions & corrections – No errors or omissions were raised.

¹ GSR reports may include, *among other things*: notices of group meetings; numbers participating in group meetings; updates on group meeting formats and other group activities; participation rates in group business meetings, and updates and descriptions of group members' involvement in sponsorship and in service to Alcoholics Anonymous, etc.

b. Motion to approve the minutes –Samaria made a motion to approve the minutes, Eric seconded, motion passed 10-0.

9. Officer's Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

- 1) Working balance \$3184.06
Prudent Reserve \$1191.24
Equity Shares \$ 5.00
- 2) Received letter from GSO for the Dist 1 contribution in March. The \$2000.00 CDN was \$1482.00 in USD.
- 3) GSR's should have received email from secretary with the GSO contributions from groups in District 1 for 3rd quarter of 2023

Secretary's Report:

April 2024 One Activities:

- Wrote last months minutes and distributed to website and GSR's.
- Wrote up the agenda for this months District meeting.
- Passed on e-mails from DCM too the GSR's

Alternate DCM's Report: Position vacant.

DCM:

District 1 Meeting Report May 2024
District Committee Member Michael H.

District 1 has been seeking an Alt-DCM, Alt-Treasurer since January 2023. We've also been searching for an Archivist for Area 82 that resides specifically in District 1 due to the guideline requirements . 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 which includes District 2. Please consider.

Area 82 Spring Assembly - Summary

(Actual Minutes will come from Area 82 Secretary)

May 24th-26 th , 2024

Friday, May 24 th 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Area 82 Workshop: Results of the Area 82 Inventory were well received, with healthy discussion on the way forward.

Saturday, May 25 th 9:00 - 11:45 am

Opening Remarks - Mission Statement was read.

2023 Fall Assembly Minutes

Reports were read by DCM's, these reports will be included in the official minutes when released by

Area

82 Exec's.

GSD gave his Conference Report. It will be shared on the Area 82 Website for all to view.

Roll Call was carried out and unofficial stats are as follows:

192 registered groups in Area 82, 25 GSR's (13%) were present for the Spring Assembly.

DCM's: 10 of 16 present (62.5%)

Area Officers: 5 of 6 present (83.3%)

39 voting members present plus the chair in the event of a tie = 40

Old Business from 2023 Fall Assembly

Ad Hoc Guideline Committee Recommendations , all passed but #26.

#26-defeated - 17-19 page 5c (area 82) last paragraph: change statement to be from Area Officers to Area Committee.

#29 Amended and then passed unanimously - If the Archivist steps down during their term, the DCM in the District from which the archivist is a member will be the caretaker of the archives until such time as a new archivist can be elected.

New Business

1. D3 Motion – Motion to remove the requirement for Area 82 Executive Officers to have 2 years of service in Area 82 before qualifying for any Area 82 positions. Passed Unanimously.

2. Elections

Treasurer – Basil was nominated and unanimously elected to the Treasurer position for the remainder of the 2024 term. Position filled by Basil, current interim Treasurer.

Alternate General Service Delegate – Anne is going to backfill the alt delegate role until year end. There was discussion and consensus for this direction as no resumes were posted for this role.

Position to be back filled by Area 82 Chair.

Area Webmaster – Marie M. put forward her resume for this role. She qualified herself and was voted in unanimously for a 3-year term to 2026 year end. Position filled by Marie - D1.

3. D7 Motion – Motion to limit the number of guideline changes per assembly to 3. D7 asked for this item to be deferred to the Fall Assembly. Deferred to Fall Assembly 2024.

4. D6 Motion – To have groups receive anticipated budget forms and proposed budget 6 weeks prior to the fall assembly. Passed unanimously.

5. D15 Motion – Motion to convene a special inventory meeting of Area 82 to discuss ways to ensure assembly meetings are a safe space, consistent with the principles and spirit of the AA Program. Motion withdrawn - D15 acknowledged the Area 82 Inventory in November and the report on the Inventory on Friday night of the Assembly, noting progress is being made toward this ideal.

6. D1 Motion – Introduce an alternate Treasurer role to the Area 82. Passed Unanimously.

Floor Actions

1. D17 Motion – The motion was to discuss and determine options to reduce costs and the risk of bad weather delaying travel (and increasing expenses) for the Fall Assembly in

October.

Option 1 – Move the Spring Assembly of Area 82 to the first weekend of May (Zoom). Fall Assembly the long weekend in September (Hybrid) in either province, depending on the rotation of the Assembly. Defeated (3 to 27).

Options 2 – That NS and NFLD find a central location for each province to meet for the Fall Assembly and use Zoom for the connection between the 2 provincial locations. Defeated (5 to 24)

The assembly felt that the introduction of hybrid should be tested fully before we look to make additional changes.

2. D17 Motion – To add back into the guidelines the sentence that says the guidelines of Area 82 is in no way to be construed as a replacement for the service manual. Passed (18-5)

MID-WINTER ROUND-UP: The 2025 MWRU has begun to hold its committee meetings . The positions are slowly being filled. It has been determined that the Delta Hotel will be the venue as it was for 2024. The next meeting is 1 pm, June 2, 2024 at Club 24. Please come by and learn what's available, and how you can help!

Many thanks to Samara G. for giving the AA Safety Workshop today. Safety needs to be at the forefront of all members' minds and actions to ensure that AA is a safe place to be. Our next workshop will be July 31 at 6PM, subject TBD.

Yours in Love and Service,
Michael H.
District Committee Member (DCM) 1
Area 82

10. Other Reports:

Central Service Rep: N/A

Area 82 Representative: N/A

11. Unfinished Business:

Elections for Alt DCM/ Alt Treasurer- No nominations.

Grapevine Display- Currently at Serenity Sisters (Sharman) and will be going to Fresh Start (Pamela B) next.

Fall Assembly 2024 Money Request- The Chair of the 2024 Fall Assembly, Foster L, presented his request last month to the districts on a money request for the 2024 Fall Assembly. The Fall Assembly has a budget of \$2500, have received a \$1000 advance from Area. (Cost of the location of Assembly) Club 24 has offered to provide lunch (\$10) and supper (\$20) for the Assembly. There will be other costs including setting up hybrid meeting, hospitality, coffee, tea, snacks. The request from the Fall Assembly to the Districts is to provide funds, (\$300 per district) Any surplus would go back to the districts, and if there is a loss it would be covered by Area 82.

To be taken to your groups and will be brought back as unfinished business next meeting.

12. New Business: - Pamela B of the Fresh Start Group brought to the Table that the Fresh Start Group would like the district 1 Guidelines to be reviewed.

DCM agreed and will be doing it.

13. Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 26th 2024, 6:00pm.

14. Next District 1 Workshop: Wednesday, July 31 2024 at 6pm.

15. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Samaria 2ndd by Kathleen. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

16. Meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge