

Minutes of the Area 82 DCM and Area Officers Meeting, December 16th, 2020

(Minutes prepared December 31st, 2020)

Call to Order / Welcome Area 82 Officers/ DCM's meeting;

Gerry W. opened the meeting at 7:00pm (NL time) with a moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer

Gerry W. welcomed the attendees to the first quarterly Area Officers and DCM's meeting and the last meeting of our current Executive and slate of DCM's. He thanked everyone for their Service over the past two years and especially during the disruptions caused by the ongoing pandemic. The purpose of the meeting is to update area Officers and DCM's on the financial status of the Area as well as to discuss any developments pertaining to Area 82 since the Assembly in October.

Introductions Area Officers and DCM's

Kirk S. (GSD) Trudy D. (Alt-GSD), Monique McL. (Treasurer), Gerry W. (Chair), Paul B. (DCM District 1) Blair A. (DCM District 2), Brent McP (DCM District 6). Blaise S. (DCM District 7), Basil M. (DCM District 9), Ellen N, (DCM District 10), Ray S. (DCM District 12), Jim D. (DCM District 13), Gary O. (District 17 Incoming DCM) Leah C (District 1 & 2 PI Chair)

Observers: Murdo MacK. (Panel 57 Past Delegate), Pat R. (District 10 Alternate (and incoming) DCM), Patricia (?) (District 10 Incoming Alternate DCM), Loyola G. (District 12 Alternate DCM), Dwayne MacD. (Incoming Chair)

The Twelve Traditions were read by Jim D.

The minutes from the Area 82 DCM and Area Officers Meeting October 11th, 2019 were read by Gerry W. Blaise S. was incorrectly reported as present at that meeting. The minutes will be corrected. A Motion to accept minutes (with correction) by Monique, seconded by Ray, unanimously passed

Treasurers Report (attached)

Treasurer's Report was given by Monique McL. (Full financials attached)

Bank Accounts		Total: \$39,001.93 CAD
Operational Funds > Chequing 09153-1001221	\$9,246.45 CAD	:
Prudent Reserve > Chequing 03353-1012889	\$14,387.70 CAD	:
Upcoming Budget Reserve > Chequing 05613-1001171	\$15,367.78 CAD	:
Credit Cards		

- A discussion was held around the perception that “Area 82 is sitting on a pile of money that we don’t need” and that we should send a substantial part of our money to GSO.
 - The allocation of funds into three accounts was taken by the assembled Area 82 body, not by individuals at the Area Executive level.
 - The budgets are set by the Assembly. A decision would have to be taken by the Assembly itself to change the way we allocate finances.
 - It was recommended that the suggestion to free up money from the Area 82 accounts to be sent to GSO, be taken back to our Groups for discussion.
 - Gary O. (incoming DCM for District 17) agreed to ask the Hantsport Group to bring a motion to District 17 to that effect for inclusion on the Agenda for the Spring Assembly (May 28th – 30th , 2021)
 - All other Groups will have sufficient time to discuss the issue and reach an informed Group conscience before the Spring Assembly.
 - If every Group and District ordered literature, we could also help GSO by bringing up the volume of literature sales at GSO. They have instituted free shipping until the end of this year.
- The Chair asked for a motion to accept the Financial Report (with suggested corrections). Motion was made by Monique, seconded by Basil. The motion carried unanimously.
- The incoming Area 82 Chair (Dwayne MacD.) asked for discussion of a minor wording amendment to the Area 82 Guidelines . The AREA 82 NS/NL EXCESS FUNDS GUIDELINE has been added as “Appendix K” in the updated Area 82 Guidelines. The proposed wording change simply reflects the actual account names as they now exist.
 - It was decided that minor wording changes such as those proposed easily fall within “the Right of Decision” of the DCM’s and Area officers.
 - During a thorough discussion it was suggested that an example be added to the Appendix K of the Area 82 Guidelines which will demonstrate how the decision is made to either send (or not) Excess funds to GSO. The Executive will work with our existing and incoming Treasurer to do this.
 - The body decided unanimously to adopt the suggested wording changes.
- We have contracted out the Webmaster responsibilities for six months with an option to renew that contract for the next six months. The contract webmaster will be meeting with our outgoing Webmaster Matt D. for a handover in the near future.
- The District 1 DCM requested that Leah C. (District 1 & 2 PI Chair) be in attendance to address some confusion expressed by some of the District 1 GSR’s regarding the motion to add Committee Co-chairs (passed at the October Assembly). Some members were unclear about the scope and

intent of the motion we had voted for. The audio recording of the vote was played for the DCM's and Area officers to help clarify this.

- The motion as voted at the October Assembly reads.

“For each province of Area 82 Nova Scotia/Newfoundland and Labrador to elect a Co-chair for the following committees: Corporations with Professional Community, Public Information, Treatment, Corrections, and Grapevine, at their respected Service Weekends. The elected Co-chairs of Committees will assist and work with the Chair (Alt. Delegate) for the above-mentioned Committees. The Co-chair with direction of the chair will provide support in districts and groups in engaging in building Committees in their communities passing information from GSO, help set up committees in districts that do not have committees, help facilitate workshops or any other assistance that required by the districts in the province, to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. The Chair/Alt. Delegate will report on all the committees for both provinces at the service weekend as well as a yearly Area 82 Assembly.”

- Questions raised included.
 - What is the scope of the co-chair positions?
 - The co-chair positions are support and liaison positions. The co-chairs are links between the Alternate GSD and existing District committees. They also provide help and encouragement to Districts which are attempting to start new committees.
 - Who will be in charge of organizing the election of the co-chairs?
 - The Alternate GSD will send an email early in 2021 detailing the nature of the positions and asking that anyone interested should submit a Service resume documenting their experience in service.
 - A motion was brought by Gary O. to send a request for Service Resumes for the co-chair positions with a deadline of March 31st. Seconded by Kirk S. The motion passed unanimously.
 - When is this supposed to start?
 - The positions will be elected at the Spring Assembly

Moved by Jim D. to adjourn, seconded by Basil MacL. The motion passed unanimously.

We closed with the Declaration of Responsibility 10:00 pm NL (9:30 NS) time

The next DCM and Area Officers meeting will be announced by our new Secretary by email in the New Year.

Minutes prepared by Gerry W.

Area 82 Chair

