

Minutes of the Area 82 Area Officers and/DCM Meeting, March 17th, 2021.

Call to Order/ Welcome Area 82 Officers/ DCM meeting

Dwayne MacD. opened the meeting at 7:00 (NS time) with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Dwayne MacD. welcomed the incoming Area Officers and DCM's to the first quarterly meeting of 2021.

Introductions of Area Officers and DCM's

Dwayne MacD. (Chair), Gerry W (Alt. GSD), Monique McL. (Secretary), Paul B. (DCM D1), Blair A. (DCM D2), John W. (DCM D3), Pete N.(DCM D4), Richard D. (DCM D5), Trevor J. (DCM D6), Darrell Mac N. (DCM D7), Pat R. (DCM D10), Ray S. (DCM D12), George S. (DCM D15), Gary O. (DCM D17).

Observers: Jessica M. (Alt. DCM D1), Geoff S. (**Secretary** D15).

Absent: Trudy D. (GSD), Joe S. (DCM D8), Brian P. (DCM D9), Mark B. (DCM D11), Stu K. (DCM D13), and Jeff B. (DCM D14).

Twelve Traditions were read by John W.

Monique made a motion for the Approval of the Agenda, Pete N., second the motion. All in favor- motioned passed.

The minutes for the December 16th meeting were read by Monique McL. and Dwayne MacD.

Monique made a motion to have the minutes accepted as read, Paul B. Second the motion. All in favor- Minutes were accepted as read.

Business Arising from the Minutes

- Hantsport Motion about Area Finances has been put forward to the Assembly
- DCM'S are to take back the positions of co- chairs back to their districts.
Resumes' are to be in by March 31st.

Treasurer Report

Dwayne MacD. reported that Albert D. resigned as treasurer and we are in the process of signing new bank papers. The remaining Area Officers will fill the duties, until the position can be filled at the next Assembly. Dwayne has the cheques, receipt book, and all other materials pertaining to the Treasury. Dwayne will have a Treasury Report at the end of the month. There was some discussion on when to elect the new Treasurer.

Pat R. Made a motion to elect the new Treasurer **at** the Spring Assembly in May. Ray S seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

Candidates must have served a full 2 year term as DCM and not be a current DCM. Resumes' should be sent to the Area Chair or Secretary by May 8th.

Pre-Conference Workshop

The Pre- Conference will take place on March 27th, 2021 10:00-4:00. Our ZOOM account has been upgraded to 500 people for the month of March and will be upgraded in May for the Spring Assembly at a cost of \$57.00/ month.

There was discussion regarding the workshop; Gerry stated not all districts would have a presentation at the workshop, and districts would do things differently. Gerry also stated if some district could not participate at that time, we may have another workshop at a later date. Blair A. Wondered if we would have a discussion on the Agenda Items, especially pertaining to the Committee, our GSD Trudy is sitting on. Gerry said there would be some discussion at the end of the workshop.

Letter from NS Department of Health to Alcoholics Anonymous- *letter attached*

Dwayne explained the letter and fines, and masks are to be worn at all times. We are allowed to bring coffee to the meetings, our masks can be lowered to take a drink of coffee and then put back up. He also said we are now on their radar, so we better follow the NS Health guidelines to the letter. Darrell MacN. (DCM 7), stated, Michelle usually calls the RCMP to deal with these complaints; however she did not want to do this to AA and would rather work with us instead.

NS Provincial Round-up D3 and D17

John W DCM 3 and Gary O DCM 17 will send emails to people in their districts, to see who would like to sit on the committee and which groups would put on meetings. Gary asked if the committee could use the Area ZOOM account, as District 3's account only accommodates 100, the same as Area's. Gerry will find out if the month is a 30 day period or a calendar month.

New Business

Pat R. District 10 brought this concern to the meeting for discussion:

Sorry for the late notice on this but I may have an emergency agenda item. One of the GSRs in Dist 10 had an email today from a female member saying that the guy, an AA member with long sobriety, who took her to detox raped her. Not this year, but pre-pandemic. Now she doesn't want to come to AA any more. I don't know if she will file charges. Tomorrow I will suggest to the groups that safety and sexual assault be brought up at all District 10 meetings. Further suggestions will be welcomed.

Pat R

DCM Dist 10

Darrell MacN D7- Sorry you have to deal with this. Two months ago at the Pictou Harbour Group this exact topic was brought up, and we had a great discussion on this. We then took it to the District and another discussion was had. Ongoing discussions may help curb the situation.

Gary O D17- Sorry you are in this situation. There is a member in the group, who is harassing the new young women coming in, i.e. inappropriate texts and other harassment. He spoke to the individual and was not well received. A group conscience was held; it was decided that if the behaviors do not change, he will be removed from the group. Also the new females will be warned about him. 12 Step calls should men with men and women with women.

Paul B D1- We dealt with the exact situation not too long ago. We removed him from the meeting, we need to communicate and protect our members.

George S D15- I am sadden and troubled by this, the situation has been brought up in our district. A lot of women felt their safety pertaining to this was an issue. A small committee was formed; however it was concerning to some individuals, so the committee was dissolved. More awareness is needed and we need to keep this topic in the forefront.

Pete N D4- We are not judge and jury. We will support the victim and she needs to report it.

Gerry W – This is unacceptable behavior anywhere in the world, let alone AA. We have a responsibility to keep our members safe.

Dwayne MacD- Some people are sicker than others, If you SEE something- SAY something!

Meeting adjourned at 8:10

Next Meeting May 19th, 2021 at 7:00 NL Time

Yours in Love of AA Service

Monique McLaughlin

Secretary/ Registrar