

# Area 82 Active Committees Meeting

January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

Meeting opened at 6:05 pm NS time

Chaired by Gerry W. Area 82 NS/NL A-GSD

***In attendance.***

***Gerry W. Area 82 AIt-GSD***

***Boyd B. (District 15 PI) Area 82 NL PI Co-Chair***

***Paul W (District 6) PI Chair***

***Sharon G Area 82 NL Archivist***

***Ray S (District 12 DCM) Treatment Committee***

Gerry opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Gerry explained that the meeting was being recorded for the purpose of better minutes and asked if anyone had any objections. No-one did.

Gerry reviewed the minutes from the November meeting by displaying the location of the minutes on the Area 82 Website at <https://area82aa.org/area-docs/> and discussing them briefly. A couple of minor errors were identified and corrected on the website copy.

- **From Boyd B. (District 15 PI and Area 82 PI Co-Chair)**

Public Information Committee Report for December 14, 2021

- Literature distribution in public places - Ongoing (all). Reminder - whenever we are in public places (e.g. hospitals, doctor's offices, pharmacies, supermarkets, etc.) we should all be checking to see what literature (pamphlets, cards, meeting lists, posters, etc.) may be displayed, always keep in mind and update as required. With the easing of co-vid restrictions, we are able to get back into some places, e.g. doctors' offices. FACT team #2 picked up pamphlets and a couple of Big Books. Chair still trying to reach FACT team #1.
- PSAs, ads, letters to professionals, associations, labour unions, EAP/EFAPs -All agreed we will continue with Business Post publications (e.g. Shoreline) per last year. Cost will be \$520.00 + HST for the year, to include all 3 publications. We have paid to the end of 2021. Last installment of \$80.50 was paid. Chair will advise the publisher and request an invoice. XMAS message has been sent out to our usual contacts (see #1). All

agreed we will go with the same 30 second ad as last year on VOXM, which may start as early as Dec. 17 /21.

- Recruitment for PI Committee Required - Recruitment efforts should be ongoing as more participation is needed.
- Digital advertising (Static Ads) -We will go with the usual XMAS campaign with VOXM. A new digital campaign will be considered for the new year. Chair spoke with Dave at Metrobus and he indicated they still have two of our signs. One is still on the back of one bus, but the whereabouts of the other is unknown. The inside posters are still up. Chair will continue to follow up to get a quote for the cost of new bus sign campaign.

### **New Business - no new business.**

### **Reports**

**Intergroup** -minutes of our last meeting sent to Intergroup reps and chairs.  
Treasurer - Current balance of \$6,284.40, including most recent contribution from Intergroup of \$2,500.00. Invoice of \$33.91 for office supplies due and cheque has been issued. Last payment of \$80.50 for ads in the Business Post publications has been made for 2021. District will also be sending us a contribution of \$1,000.00, which will then provide us with the funds we need to carry out our plans for 2022, per our Oct. 26/21 planning meeting.

### **Institutions Report:**

- Current meeting Coordinators as follows:  
HMP -Mondays -currently have 10 members participating, but need more and trying to recruit a few more people. Meetings generally have 6 or 7 inmates in attendance (max. is 8).
- Recovery Centre -Saturday-6-7PM
- Recovery Centre -Tuesday, 8-9PM; may need new rep; no meeting for 3 consecutive weeks
- Recovery Centre -Wednesday, 8-9PM
- Eastern Health Drunk Driving Program - Chair has not heard from anyone, but has numbers to contact and will follow up in the new year.
- Volunteers needed for all meetings.

### **Area 82 Committee - No report**

### **ATSA (Addiction Treatment Services Assoc)**

Chair attended the Nov. 16/21 conference; Marg and George spoke on behalf of Al-Anon and AA respectively and did a great job

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### **School presentations**

No current activity due to co-vid restrictions but hope to get back into schools in the near future. Will address this further in the new year.

Meeting ended with the I Am Responsible pledge at 6:30 p.m.

Next Meeting , Tuesday, January 11, 6PM, via Zoom.

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- **Sharon G Area 82 NL Archivist**

Still working on getting a committee in place. No activity due to local Covid 19 spike.

- **Ray S (District 12)**

- Evening friends, my name is Ray S and I am alcoholic. Things are going 100% to my liking but they're better today than they were yesterday. I met with the Committee looking after the Humberwood Treatment Center. We put together a full schedule for this year for Humberwood. We still don't have enough volunteers to be there twice a week, but we're there every Thursday. Some recent changes from the Humberwood administration folks include;

- They now need a paper copy of all of our VAX passes for their files.
- Because of the Covid 19 case numbers, they are not allowing the Humberwood clients to attend outside meetings. Right now they only get that one meeting unless they go on zoom.
- The Humberwood administration are quite pleased with our volunteers. A single issue arose when one of our volunteers wore a t shirt displaying a weed slogan into the facility. This was flagged as unprofessional.
- Our committee has some new volunteers some new people and we also have three spares. Hopefully going forward, we might have enough people to get back to my goal of meetings twice a week.
- The meetings around town now average eight or nine people. There is no meeting on Saturday night in Corner Brook. East Side Serenity Group now is up and running at the United Church. We do have three meetings on Sunday. We had a couple of people with only three months sobriety go to this Christmas highlighting the importance of keeping the doors open. I noticed plenty of pamphlets at Humberwood.
- We had a hybrid workshop on Unity and Cooperation here at the Glynmill Inn on December 5<sup>th</sup>. It was requested by District 12, and chaired by the Alternate Delegate for Area 82 (Gerry W). There was a lot of interest expressed there about revitalizing cooperation among the GSR's within the district. We may have to temporarily return to a hybrid Zoom District meeting until the current spike in case numbers drops out again. I believe it to be very important because we got to get the message of you know, Alcoholics Anonymous,

- **Paul W (District 6) Chair; PI**

- I got some pamphlets from Mark Z. in the mail. Particularly useful was the pamphlet "Message to Teenagers". I took those out to some of the rinks around

the county and I was allowed to put them on their display areas. Some of them didn't have a place to put them but they had tables, where I could leave them. I left some "a message to teenagers" and also a handful of the pamphlet "is a for you?".

- This time, when I asked, I was allowed to post our contact information on the bulletin board at the post office in Debert. I guess it depends on the manager of that post office.
  - I now have our 24-hour number posted in all but one post office in our District. That one is scheduled for a visit soon.
  - The District Six number goes to an answering service that takes a call 24 hours. The service refers those calls to members who are on a list.
  - I've also got those contact numbers posted in all the rinks and, and plus some of those pamphlets targeted toward young people.
  - As far as I know, all of our meetings are still going except for Free Spirit in Millbrook and the Hill Group in Bible Hill which are back online.
- **Gerry W. Area 82 Alt-GSD**
    - Trudy D. (GSD) and I have been busy with the Area 82 website. We had a handover from our outgoing webmaster who was under contract last year. He is finished now. Trudy and I will be looking after the site until the Assembly in the spring, where that decision will be revisited.
    - I travelled to Corner Brook on December 5<sup>th</sup> to conduct a hybrid workshop on Unity and Cooperation at the request of District 12. I seemed to be well received.

- **General Discussion**

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- The meeting adjourned at 6:30 NS time with the Responsibility Statement
- Next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm NS time, 6:30 NL time on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88688093457>

Roughly transcribed by

Gerry W.

