

Area 82 Active Committees Meeting

April 25th, 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 Alt-GSD

Clayton (District 1 & 2 PI, CPC and Literature)

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

Kathy S-C. Area 82 NS Archivist (Report in absentia)

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 referenced the location of the March minutes on the Area 82 Website at <https://area82aa.org/area-docs/> but did not review them. (Sense of the room was that the minutes are available and that no corrections were necessary)

- Right now, Trudy's in New York attending the General Service Conference.
- We've had the preconference workshop, which seemed to go pretty well. We had fairly good attendance including some folks from Labrador and from District 12 that hadn't been there before. We also were missing a few that were there before so I guess it's ever changing. In any case Trudy is gone to New York with an informed Group Conscience of Area 82.
- We got the DCM'S meeting coming up May 1st
- We got the Regional Forum in Charlottetown. May 13th
- The Pre-Assembly Area Officers and DCM's meeting will be held May 22nd at 6:30pm on Zoom
- Then the Spring assembly following weekend (May 27th through the 29th)
- Hybrid meeting of Makkovik Group has been going for over a month now. Well attended with three new sober members in the community.
- As an offshoot of the Makkovik meeting, I have been assigned the task of finding out what has been done in the past regarding translation of the Big Book into Inuktitut. It's not a simple task but there is some progress. I've been meeting with GSO literature staff and have developed a couple of quotes for translation services plus many more leads (especially Area 90) to follow up.

- Trudy D. (GSD) and I have been kept busy with the Area 82 website. One volunteer offered to help out
- I have been attending a monthly North America Alternate Delegates meeting where the Alt GSD's share what works in their areas
- I also attend a monthly Inter-Area Remote Communities Workgroup Meeting

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

Most people know that I'm no longer with the District 15 CPC-PI committee. I'm still connected via the Co-Chair of PI position I hold in Area 82. . District 15 has conducted a social media advertising trial that we found to be positive. Some of the numbers that did jump out at me were a doubling of phone calls from last year to this year. We attribute that increase to the social media campaign. We will have a better analysis at the next District 15 PI meeting, which would be the second Tuesday of May.

*****Note. Clayton of District 1 wants to be kept up to date on these results***

CPC/PI Report – March 8th, 2022

1. Literature distribution in public places – Ongoing (all). Reminder – whenever we are in public places (e.g. hospital bulletin boards, 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. Chair recently received a request from a pharmacy student for pamphlets for purposes of doing a presentation and one from a doctor at the medical clinic in Shea Heights. Some pamphlets are also posted on the new District 15 website. Chair will be checking to see what we have/need in terms of pamphlets or other literature.
2. PSAs , ads, letters to professionals, associations, labour unions, churches, schools, EAP/EFAPs, larger businesses, e.g Bell, that have regular communication with their employees. This generally occurs every 1-2 months. PSAs and letters went out again in the past month. Many going to schools bounced back, so member is going to see if he can update our contacts for the schools in question.
3. Recruitment for PI Committee Required - Recruitment efforts should be ongoing as more participation is needed. New member has now joined us, but another will be leaving this month. Chair approached two members with a view to joining the committee, but they declined.
4. Digital & other advertising (Static Ads) – we now have ads running in the Business Post newspapers, signs on Metrobus and the new social media campaign pilot project via Facebook has also started, as of March 3, 2022 and preliminary results look positive. Member will provide weekly updates and we will evaluate the results of the project at our next meeting.

New Business

Social media campaign – See #4 above

Requests for pamphlets – See number 1 above

Makovik meeting – Member advised that at the Area 82 committees' meeting, it was decided to explore starting an online meeting in Makovik, but no start date has been set as of yet.

RNC Crime Prevention Guide – given cost and current circumstances, it was unanimously decided not to advertise in the guide this year

Concerns re institutions – Chair has received some communication from members expressing concerns about materials provided at Humberwood being outdated and re the general operations of the Grace Centre. The question was posed as to what we could do to assist in such situations. We no longer have an institutions sub-committee and these institutions are outside our district, however, we could perhaps contact these and other institutions, e.g. Recovery Centre, to advise of our existence/mandate and offer assistance and materials should they wish to have them. Member in Corner Brook may be able to assist with approaching Humberwood

The message we carry – Member expressed concern that many in the professional community do not seem to understand the message meant to be carried by AA, i.e. that we achieve and maintain recovery/sobriety through the program set out in the Twelve Steps. The perception instead seems to be that we attend meetings and encourage one another, i.e. fellowship. We could encourage members to carry the message of the program, not just the fellowship. This would hopefully encourage new members to embrace not just the fellowship, but also the program of the 12 steps, which would then lead them into service and a better chance at achieving and maintaining sobriety/recovery for themselves and others who follow.

Reports

Intergroup – Chair has been named to head up the committee for the spring convention, whose next meeting will be on March 16, 2022. Convention chair inquired as to whether we could supply a pamphlet display for the convention. IG had a profit of about \$500 last month and has a current balance of about \$8,500.00.

Treasurer - Current balance of \$4,472.55. Outstanding invoices for the Grapevine renewals (\$66.50) and new print materials (\$253.10) will be deducted from this amount. We also have pending invoices for the new social media campaign and the Metrobus ads. After payment of all items, it is anticipated we will have about \$1,300.00 remaining.

Institutions Report:

Current meetings as follows:

- HMP – Mondays – 6-7PM – Meetings resumed on February 28, 2022 and are currently ongoing.
- Recovery Centre – Saturday – 6-7PM
- Recovery Centre – Tuesday - 8-9PM
- Recovery Centre – Wednesday, 8-9PM

- **Note: Recovery Centre meetings suspended pending end of Alert Level 4; still suspended as of meeting date**
- Eastern Health Drunk Driving Program – Chair has made contact but no reply to date

Volunteers needed for all meetings.

Area 82 Committee – Member provided a link to the committee for the last Area 82 meeting minutes. Area 82 elections will be held this fall.

ATSA (Addiction Treatment Services Assoc) – focus of current sessions appears to be on drugs, but ATSA has committed to also focus on alcohol in future, perhaps in the fall. Advised Emmanuel house has increased capacity by changing rooms from single to double occupancy. They will advise if they need anything from us.

School presentations – see #2 under Business Arising

Meeting ended with the I Am Responsible pledge at 7:17 p.m.

Next Meeting - Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 6PM, via Zoom.

(End of District 15 Report)

- ***Kathy S-C. Area 82 NS Archivist***

Good evening, Gerry and other members of the active committee meeting.

Your new Nova Scotia Archivist will probably be elected at the Spring Assembly in May. This will be my last report at this committee. The pandemic to say the least has been very hard on all committee members trying to spread the word of AA and the new life that it brings the suffering alcoholic. As the archivist I was never far out of that loop. However with Covid the meetings and all of the Round ups and get togethers being put on hold, it was hard to continue the flow of archival donations and the gatherings of artifacts for your archives. I did my best to collect some items off the internet and to record some of the things that went on over the past two long, COVID years. I always tried to keep spreading the AA history wherever I could. A special thank you is owed to the District newsletters which allowed me to contribute to their monthly publications. I'm so grateful for those who have been of help to me over the past years as your archivist and look forward to serving AA in other ways. Thank you, Gerry, for keeping this committee active and allowing us to share our experience with the others who attend.

Yours in service,
Kathy S-C Area 82 NS Archivist.

- **Clayton (District 1 & 2 PI)**

Hi, everyone. Good evening. My name is Clayton and I am chair of the District 1 and 2 PI Committee.

The public information committee has done some work over the past month. We've had some people calling doctors offices and clinics. We also had a couple of meetings at Callie Hall. We put together a bunch of pamphlets and different packages with the 12 Questions and there's a business card and a few different things for the doctors offices and clinics. One of the members of the committee and another AA member who drives around Halifax as part of his work, were able to deliver most of them within a day, I still have to follow up on it. We are finally able to start to get out there and deliver some more materials. Planning ahead, we've developed a list of materials that we're running low on and now that activity is picking up, we have to replenish. That should be here soon.

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- The meeting adjourned at 6:50 NS time with the Responsibility Statement
- Next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm NS time, 6:30 NL time on May 30th , 2022

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

Roughly transcribed by

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