

Area 82 Nova Scotia Service Weekend
June 3rd, 4th, 5th, 2016
Dalhousie University, Truro Campus, NS
“Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions and Concepts”

Friday, June 3rd, 2016

NS Archives Meeting 7:00 pm

Kirk S. opened the meeting with 30 seconds of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer for those who wished. Minutes from 2015 Archives meeting were read by Tony D. There was a Motion to accept the Minutes. No discrepancies, all in favor.

Gary C., NS Archivist gave his report. See attached report. Questions: is there insurance? Is there anyone willing to help with digitizing the archives? Comments: Gary rotates items so that even the items at the back get seen by members, a lot of the archives are digitized by the past archivist but a lot more work is needed, computer is good but people like to see the physical archives. Motion to have Gary’s report accepted made by Gary. 2nd by Barry L. All in favor.

Kirk S. closed the meeting with the Lord’s Prayer.

GSR Workshop 7:30pm

GSR Workshop “The 12 Traditions” was chaired by Marilyn R. – see website for workshop details.

Call to Order/Welcome

Area Officers/NS DCM Meeting

Chairperson, Kirk S. opened the meeting with a few moments of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Introductions Area Officers and NS DCMs

Chairperson- Kirk S., GSD- Boyd B., Alt. GSD- Tim M., Treasurer- Tom R., Sec/Registrar- Tony D.

DCMS: District 1- Fred D., District 2- Cathy M., District 3- Barry L., District 4- Don, District 5- Robert C., District 7- Ray E., District 8- Dwayne M., District 9- Albert D., District 10- Kathy S.C., District 17- Jeff S., Regrets- District 6- Terry H., 5 observers

12 Traditions read by Kathy S.C.

2015 minutes were read by Tony D. Motion to accept the minutes made by Tom R. and 2nd by Jeff S. All in favor and the minutes were adopted with 1 correction- closing time from 2:30 to 10:30.

Treasurer Report: enclosed

Tom R. gave his report. Cheque 360 conf should be conference. Question on Zonya C. cheque 365 what and why? Question on open balance by Dwayne versus budget- should we be giving GSO more money? Different expense balances on Budget and financial report (missing conference call remote communities). Please break down active committees. A motion was made by Fred D. and 2nd by Boyd B. to accept the report. Motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call: Active Groups

District 1- (27), District 2- (17), District 3- (12), District 4- (7), District 5- (7), District 6- (10), District 7- (13), District 8- (13), District 9- (22), District 10- (8), District 17- (6). Total Active Groups: (142).

Kirk S. Chairperson reviewed Service Weekend agenda.
Motion to adjourn Albert and 2nd by Barry. Meeting closed.

Saturday June 4th 2016

Some housekeeping notes were mentioned by Kirk:

Smoking is in designated spots only. No smoking in the rooms; The Traditions workshop is on the Web; Parking is in the parking lot behind Chapman building. Please display your parking pass in the window of your vehicle; This is a scent-free environment.

Kirk S. Chairperson opened the meeting with a few minutes of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Kirk welcomed everyone in attendance.

12 Traditions read by Albert D.

Mission Statement was read by GSD Boyd B.

Introductions of Area 82 NS DCMS & Area Officers:

Chairperson- Kirk S., GSD- Boyd B., Alt. GSD- Tim M., Treasurer- Tom R., Sec/Registrar- Tony D.

DCMS: District 1- Fred D., District 2- Trudy D., District 3- Barry L., District 4- Ernest S., District 5- Robert C., District 6- Terry H., District 7-Ray E., District 8- Gerard M., District 9- Albert D., District 10- Kathy C., District 17- Jeff S.

Sympathies: Members spoke the names of the AA members we have lost over this past year from our Area. A few moments of silence were observed to remember the members who passed away in Area 82 this past year.

Kirk reviewed the agenda. Motion to have the Agenda approved made by Tony D. seconded by Don B. all in favor, agenda approved.

Minutes from the 2015 Area 82 NS Service Weekend were read by Tony D.

Errors or omissions- dates for the 2016 service weekend were wrong. A motion was made to approve the minutes with amendment by Dave and seconded by Jerry, all in favor, minutes adopted unanimously.

Business arising from the minutes- Where do we find the minutes? Webmaster to remove the minutes from the newsletter section on website for easier access.

D.C.M. Reports are attached (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10 & 17). Districts 6 and 8 gave a verbal report but did not submit a copy for the minutes.

Past Delegates Address:

Marilyn R., Sonny S., Mike B., Dave (Area 81); Past Delegates brought their greetings and said a few words on their experiences.

Coffee Break 10:30am- 10:45am

Treasurer Report: Tom R. see report attached

Notes:

-There is too much money in our accounts. We should be sending it to GSO. Budget report. A motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Mack and 2nd by Melissa. Approved unanimously.

Alt. Delegate Report: See report attached

Tim M. gave his report. AACYPAA report from PEI, Remote Communities Report and Website Report all attached.

Lunch 12:05pm- 1:30pm

Questions of the Alternate General Service Delegate- 2015 minutes on Website, move from Newsletter; Guideline changes to be put on 1 page; PI Guide on Website be more user friendly; Tom- \$5,400.00 collected since May NL Service weekend.

General Service Delegate Report: See report attached

Boyd B. General Service Delegate gave his report. The GSO guest for the 2016 Area 82 Assembly will be Clement C.

Archivist report: See report attached

Gary C. gave his report.

Motion to accept all reports was made by Dave. Seconded by Mark. All in favor, all reports accepted.

Roll Call:

Tony conducted the Roll Call of the group's attendance with the following results.

District 1- 11 out of 27 District 7- 9 out of 13

District 2- 4 out of 17 District 8- 1 out of 13

District 3- 8 out of 12 District 9- 5 out of 22

District 4- 4 out of 7 District 10- 8 out of 8

District 5- 1 out of 7 District 17- 4 out of 6

District 6- 8 out of 10

Total 142 Groups. 63 GSRS present, 5 Area Officers, 11 DCMS = 79 Votes

CERASSA update- Dave from Area 81 gave an update on CERASSA to be held 2017 in Moncton. See attached report.

New Business:

1. Pre Conference Service Assembly Proposal – (Attached) Tim M. read and explained the proposal. Discussion: Ideas given, obstacles talked about. Solutions discussed.
2. Area Inventory- Tim M. presented a set of questions and explained we can add more questions and this should take place in non-election years.

3. Proposal to eliminate Provincial round up- discussed, motion made by Matt, 2nd John, Tony called the question, discussion stopped. Vote 5 for- rest against. No minority voice wished to speak. Motion to eliminate the provincial round up failed.
- 3b. Funding the NS Provincial Round up- deferred to Assembly
4. Host for the next MCYPAA/AACYCAA- No volunteers yet.
5. Host 2017 NS Provincial Round up- Districts 3 & 17 will host together. Dates June 9,10,11 2017
6. Guidelines for Assembly requirements- Samaira presented. A committee will put guidelines together.
7. Insurance- Gary O. from District 17 presented that District 17 set up a policy and would like other groups from Districts to join in to lower the premiums for all the groups involved. Groups in these districts will go back and talk to their groups and contact Gary O. from District 17.

12 Concept Workshop/ Presentation

Draw for book- Language of the Heart- won by Dave C. GSR District 1, 12 Concepts Presented by Tim M. (Steve S. from District 3 had much experience and knowledge about the Concepts. If anyone would like to discuss this, his phone number is available from Tim M.)

Sunday June 5th 2016

Kirk S. opened the meeting with some housekeeping items. 98 people registered. He thanked everyone for their help with the Service weekend. The next NS Service weekend will be June 2nd, 3rd and 4th 2017. Sonny mentioned that Round ups should be on a rotational basis. This will be put on the next NS Service weekend agenda.

Ask it Basket:

1. Could we have our round ups on a rotation schedule?
2. Emails- person to person with business logos. Mary W.- see Tradition 6, 10, 12- breaking anonymity.
3. How to encourage new people into Service- Difference in telling & sharing. Sharing is far better accepted.
4. Who would you have Shoot the monkey- Duh
5. How do you deal with Longtimer Intimidation- new members in Service- with Tolerance and Acceptance?
6. See #2- Minutes received with logos etc., GSO says we don't do that.
7. Money in hat is AA money- who can tell people off that horde money- shouldn't horde- read where money and spirituality mix.
8. When a group folds what happens to the money- if the group doesn't have a GSR is it still a group

10:40am Closing AA meeting

Boyd B. chaired and read the Preamble. 12 Steps read by Kathy S.C. 12 Traditions read by Albert D. Promises read by Jeff S. Boyd qualified.

Paul B. shared his experience, strength and hope with us all. Kirk thanked Paul.

Kirk S. closed the Service weekend with the Responsibility Pledge.

**NOVA SCOTIA\ NEWFOUNDLAND SERVICE WEEKEND
D.C.M & AREA OFFICERS MEETING AGENDA
OUR SPIRITUAL WAY OF LIFE: STEPS, TRADITIONS AND CONCEPTS**

1. Open Meeting With 30 Seconds / Serenity Prayer
2. Welcome/Introductions
3. 12 Traditions
4. Treasurer Report
5. Roll Call
6. Review Agenda
7. Close Meeting

3A MINUTES

District # 1 DCM Report for the Services Weekend June 3,4, 5, 2016.

My name is Fred and I would like to say it nice to be here. I have the honor of privilege and serving District # 1. I would like to welcome all GSR,s, Members, and Guests. My work in AA services has really enhanced my sobriety. Now I would like to thank my Executive Members first the Alt. Chair John M. Treasurer Samara G. and Secretary Barb H. with their help it makes my life easier when doing my DCM work.

In the last year and a half I have visited 27 Groups and three meetings. This was a great privilege for me to go to them and shear the message of Services in AA. All of these groups & meetings welcome me with open arms. Now came the women meeting first I did not know how to approach them. But their GSR,s just ask me at the district to come out to the Serenity Sisters. They were really happy to see me and made me feel very welcome.

Trudy and I have decided to split the four committees when it comes to reporting on what they are doing. So here are the committees I am reporting on this Service Weekend which are Correction Committee, and Cooperation with the Professionals.

It was sad to see our Alt CPC Chair Donald R. have to leave us because of other commitments he has been the back bone of this committee. But we wish him well and know he will be back.

Now I will get on with the Chair of Correction Committee Racquel R. and the fine work they are doing in our district. Meetings continue to go well on both sides of the prison and inmate attendance is positive. They are putting the word out for female and male volunteers and thankfully a few members have stepped up to the plate. Currently they have applications pending for two men and one female. They are currently giving both male and female clients Big Books. They are currently keeping their budgets up to date for both districts.

Then comes the Chair of Corporation with the Professional Committee Robert R. Meetings are being held on a monthly bases with this committee. Some of the reporting is on scheduling meeting with the legal profession. Then they are talking to the major Canadian airlines and scheduling meeting with them. The committee is currently following up on contacts with the labour board, various departments of the university, colleges and a charitable organization.

Alt Chair Donald R. CPC attended a meeting at District 17 on May 15, with Alt GSD Tim M of Area 82 and Chair of Public Information Jamie Q. to review CPC and PI activities in districts 1 & 2. The CPC committee Attended and participated in a panel on addictions at Dalhousie University on May 27, 2016. What more can I say about the great work these committees are doing. They are showing me that Alcoholics Anonymous is out there sharing what can be done for the General Public when it comes to Alcoholic Addiction.

This is the best I can do as a member of Alcoholics Anonymous and your DCM of District Number # 1

Now I would like to thank my God and this body for my sobriety and wish everyone a great day.

Yours in Love and Services FRED D.

District 2 Report

June 4, 2016

Hello all,

My name is Trudy and I am an Alcoholic. I have the honor of serving District 2 as the DCM. We have 18 groups and 1 meeting in our district. The groups range in location from Sheet Harbour to Enfield and hold 28 meetings a week. My Alternate DCM Cathy M. and I have been working at creating a feeling of inclusion for our groups and have been successful in increasing attendance at our monthly district meeting. Our Treasurer is Phil B. and Secretary is Louis M. I am very lucky to have such great people on the District 2 team. Thank you to them for their time and effort in serving our District 2 groups.

As you have already heard from Fred in the District 1 report we share 4 Committees between Districts 1 and 2. I will speak to the Treatment Facilities Committee and the Public Information Committee. We have had much success with all of the Committees working very hard with AA members joining each Committee to share the work!

Treatment Facility Committee -Chair: Darren S. Co-chair: Bruce B. Member: Racquel R. Member: Christine M. Their current mandate includes meetings at the Marguerite Center, the Forensic Hospital and the Dartmouth Detox facility. Marguerite Center: Currently there is one meeting being put on every month. Forensic Hospital: This is a facility housing people who have been found not criminally responsible for crimes. Many have addiction issues. Once they have been stabilized part of the rehabilitation process is allowing the residents to attend therapy sessions and AA meetings. They have meetings on Friday nights. The meetings are held in a room next to the control room full of Hospital Staff. We have actively recruited AA members to help hold these meetings. Dartmouth Detox: The schedule was expanded to include Thursday nights also. Everything has been running very smoothly in 2016.

Public Information Report: The Public Information committee is very busy carrying the AA message into our 2 districts. They have started working with the groups to "Adopt a medical Centre". Each group take a clinic and makes sure that it remains stocked with pamphlets. They are in discussions with the HRM Medical Authority which governs all the hospitals and addiction services in the HRM for the distribution of literature. Discussions for First Responders with the HRM Police for some PI work is in the future as well. There is ongoing talks with CTV, C100 & the Bounce for airing of AA promos. There is so much more but I only have a little time up here. The Chair of the committee Jamie Q. is here today. Please ask him anything about the many works going on.

In closing I would like to thank District 2 for allowing me the opportunity to Serve and grow in this position.

Yours In Love and Service,
Trudy D. DCM District 2

District 03 DCM Report for the year 2016

NS Service Weekend June 3-5 2016

Currently, the district is healthy, have much the same problems as other districts, location, poor attendance, and insurances costs for meeting locations.

We currently have 11 active groups within our district from Clementsport to Gasperrau, and two women's meetings (one of which is working on registration with GSO New York).

The District meeting is held the third Sunday of each month with 1 hour allocated for education and an hour for the service work. Generally attended by 80-90% of the groups most of the time. New this year, we have created an educational workshop committee with 4-6 people from district to plan out 10 educational sessions throughout the year. Most groups volunteer to help with these presentations. At the district level we began working on District guidelines and continue with that process.

We continue to provide support weekly to the Detox centre in Middleton on Wednesday Night and to the Crosbie House in New Minas on Tuesday nights. CPC/PI is inactive; we are actively looking for a volunteer. The AA phone line number is now showing on the Kings Transit buses.

Areas for thought:

Getting people into Service work – The concept of Two-year rotation

Barry L

DCM District 03

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District 4 DCM Report June 3rd. 2016-06-01

Good morning everyone:

My name is Don B and I am an alcoholic.

Through the spirituality of the program, hard work, and good supportive friends That I have met in the rooms of AA, I am pleased to be here today in service and having the position of DCM for District 4. *This position however comes with Regret of the sudden passing of DCM Ernest Surette, during this year*

Group updates: District 4 has 7 active AA groups in Digby, meteghan, Clare, Yarmouth and Amirault's Hill with a total of 92 members.

Meetings in Yarmouth are held 7 days per week. Steps and traditions meetings are held in Yarmouth every Friday and Sunday night, as well as Step Meetings and Big book Study Monday and Thursday in Digby. On Wednesday nights, District 4 also hosts a meeting at the Yarmouth Hospital Detox Unit. All the groups in the District rotate and take turns to host the meetings in an inpatient setting.

District 4 also has a monthly Newsletter. In the past two months, low attendance has been a problem for some of the groups on our District, but great news, attendance in most of our groups has increased.

The Roundup Committee, as well as the District Meetings, are held at the end of each month. To date, they have been well attended.

The 38th Annual Lighthouse Round Up will take place in Yarmouth on November 4th. 5th. And 6th. 2016. If anybody would like more information on this event, there are some flyers available at the registration table. If you wish you can reserve through me during this weekend.

Yours in Service


Don B.

June 4, 2016

Good Morning friends, my name is Robert and I am an alcoholic. I have the privilege of representing District #5 as their DCM. Our District covers Cumberland County and we hold 12 regular meetings each week in the towns of Amherst, Oxford, Pugwash, Springhill and Wentworth. We also hold 2 meetings per weeks at the All Saint's Hospital Detox Center in Springhill, one being held on Wednesday's and the other on Saturday's. There is also one other meeting held on Monday's which is at the Springhill Institution.

Our District has seen some fluctuating growth, and in some cases the lost of a meeting held in Parrsboro due to lack of members and one meeting in Springhill which has been temporarily closed, again for the same reason. Long time members are missed, many having regretfully passed on and some others not able to attend meetings due to health reasons, they are sorely missed. One of the challenge we face is to involve more of our members in service work thus ensuring that the message of Alcoholics Anonymous is passed on to the suffering alcoholic.

Unity and Service are necessary for our recovery and for us to maintain sobriety. I am happy to be here today, knowing that I am not alone and that I am part of.

I wish all of you a great weekend and would like to thank the panel and all of you for being here for me.

In Service,

Robert C

District #5 DCM, Amherst NS

Good Morning Friends,

My name is Ray E , I am presently the DMC for District 7 which consists of Eastern Nova Scotia and Port Hawksbury in Cape Breton.

District 7 has 13 groups and hold our monthly GSR meetings on the 3rd Sunday of each month followed by a workshop.

Public relations is busy with radio announcements, getting information into doctors offices and around the district. Weekly meetings are put on at the Local Detox Unit every Sunday at 2:30 pm in Pictou.

One group from Truro helps put meetings on at the detox and we would like to thank them for their help. We would also like to thank the Antigonish group for their help.

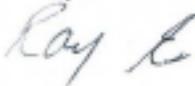
Since the opening of the Priestville Institution in Pictou Co., Hugh C had been the liaison between AA and the institution. We would like to thank Hugh for all of his help and for mentoring the current liaison Shaun McL. There is now AA meetings going on, they started September 2, 2015. They are currently being held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30. The meetings will continue to be held on Wednesdays, however the time may be changed. The clearance does take some time. After receiving clearance members need to go to the facility for a meeting with a security guard before attending AA meetings. The institution is very receptive to the idea of AA going in to help the inmates understand AA and how it can help them.

The Trenton 24 hour group sadly had to close their doors after 61 years of service. Many of their long term members are now attending the big meeting in the sky. Many years of sobriety were celebrated in their rooms and we wish to thank them for all their years of dedication and for my own sobriety.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for allowing me the honour as DCM in area 82

Thank You,

Ray E



District 9
DCM Report for Service Weekend

Good morning Friends. My name is Albert D.

I have the privilege of serving District 9 as DCM. District 9 covers the area of Industrial Cape Breton. Our monthly meetings are held on the third Sunday of the month 2pm, at the Friendship Hall, Charlotte Street, Sydney.

We host our Annual Midwinter Roundup, the first weekend of March Break. It was well attended this year by members of this area. We had 2,944 years, 3 months & 5 days of Sobriety at the end of our countdown. I would like to thank all of you who attended, making it such a success. I also want to thank the committee, for all their hard work, before and throughout the weekend.

CPC-PI: Our chairperson and his committee are doing a great job spreading the message throughout our communities in District 9, through Doctor's offices, hospitals and more.

Corrections: Our chairperson and his committee are also doing a great job carrying the message to the inmates at the Cape Breton Corrections Facility.

These committees have grown to be successful.

Yours in Service,

Al D.

Hello everyone, my name is Kathy S -C I am an alcoholic. It is my privilege to represent Dist. 10 as their DCM. To review what I said in my previous two reports – Dist. 10 consists of 8 active groups and 3 meetings – a Monday noon meeting, a Women’s Study meeting called the Set Aside Sisters, which has been well attended and doing very well now for the past 2 years and also a Men’s study meeting – although much smaller now in numbers, they continue to meet each week in a members home. Dist. 10 covers from the Chester area right through to the Shelburne area and we extend a warm welcome to anyone to attend any of our meetings and to check the website for times and places and contact numbers. - thank you Hal, our area webmaster.

Our Dist. Meetings are held on the last Sunday of every month and we usually have about 75% attendance from the GSR’s or their Alternates. I am extremely lucky in Dist. 10 to have a good mixture of longtimers, who understand the importance of service work and the newcomers coming into service work who are so eager to learn.

It is amazing how things grow and prosper in AA and with the two committees that I am going to report on now have done just that. Our PI committee – headed by Bill A. – has grown from what I reported at my first service weekend, as getting his toe in the water, to now what I would say is in well above the knees. As Bill puts it – it is all about the relationship and the communication you have with who you are working with. Bill has revised our meeting cards, making them more user friendly and he keeps an eye on the website to make sure everything is up to date and current. He has been working with probation and legal aid offices and also with the RCMP and the local police force, promoting this program and explaining how it worked for him and countless other alcoholics- including everyone of us in this room. Bill is also now working with our Wellness center, located in Lunenburg hospital, to open up the Bridging the Gap program. Bill is here with me today if anyone would like to share with him he would be glad to talk to you, Bill also serves as my Alternate DCM.

Our phone committee is headed up by Pat R., who is also with me here today and she is also wearing the hat as GSR of the One Day at a Time group. Our phone system has also grown over the past year and a half, from a land line attached to an answering machine in a members home , to a cell phone that is handed monthly to each group in the Dist. To a person who has volunteered to be on the phone committee. Pat has also established a 12 Step Call committee of people who are willing to assist in such calls coming into the phone. Pat reports that we receive 1 to 5 or 6 calls a month, but anticipate more to come in through the summer months. Again Pat is with me all weekend and if you should have any questions or suggestions for her – I am sure she would love to talk to you.

In my two previous reports I have been a miss about mentioning two very important parts of Dist. 10. One is that we have our own Dist. Newsletter done up by Bonnie A. She keeps us updated with all the birthdays and up coming events in our area. Secondly we have our own literature depot – The 49’ers Literature Depot – headed by Ed J. Ed supplies us with books and pamphlets and medallions and is a very valuable part of our Dist.

In keeping with Bill Wilson’s wish that we should not be a clum bunch and insisting we have laughter as a part of our recovery, so in Dist. 10 we hold events that bring us laughter and fond memories in the

days to come. The largest of these events is our May Day and this year it was a real winner – thanks to the May Day committee and all their hard work and , of course, to all those members who came to help and support such a wonderful day. This year was a record breaking day with 191 AA members, 32 Al-anon and 13 quests , with a total of 236 registered for the day. Rounded off by Bert M. – who did a wonderful job as our quest speaker. We also held our second annual bowling party this past April, what a blast!! And as usual we have our Christmas party with Santa and his helpers always in attendance and our Halloween dress up party, with our special nun, Sister Ignatia always there. We are all looking forward to the barbeques held throughout the summer months at members homes and cottages.

I would like to take a moment to pay a special tribute to Pierre A. – who passed away April 5 th of this year. Pierre was a big part of our AA community in Dist. 10, as well as through out the whole AA community, and he is surely missed here this weekend. He taught us all of gratitude and as he would politely put it – this program and the promises will work – IF YOU WORK FOR THEM . So I pray that I may continue to grow in humility and in service to this program and to do my best each and everyday to help others and especially the still suffering alcoholic.

Thank you for your time, respectfully submitted by

Kathy S C , DCM of Dist. 10

District seventeen report for the service meeting 2016

Good morning , my name is Jeffrey S and I am an alcoholic.Today I'm representing District 17 as their DCM. In our district we encompass areas such as West Hants &Wolfville, which make up of six registered groups and they include;Brooklyn which meet on Tuesday night;Three Mile Plains which meet on Wednesday night;Hantsport which meet on Monday and Friday night;St.Croix which meet on Thursday and Sunday night;Windsor-Brooklyn which meet on Saturday night;and Wolfville which meet on Thursday night. We are losing one of our meetings on Monday night which was the Twelve Promises meeting,this meeting was held in Hantsport but the spot was quickly grabbed by the Hantsport group.Monday,Wednesday,& Friday there are meetings in Windsor Downtown,&Tuesday morning there is a meeting in Wolfville at 10 a.m.

All our groups support each other in attendance,fellowship,service & unity, offering a warm welcome to all.Our groups work well together to make up a excellent round-up which will be held in August on the 20th & 21st,2016.

District Seventeen groups continue to work with District Three in putting on meetings at the two addictions treatment facilities;Crosbie House on Tuesday night, & Addiction services in Middleton on Wednesday evenings.

Our district offices and committee members are as follows:

John B Alt.Dcm.

Terri BC. Newsletter

Gary O Treasurer.

Paul B Institution Rep

Diane H Sect.

Monique M PI&CPC

Peter C Meeting List & Webmaster

Pete L Group Insurance

John S Telephone Answering chairman

Our cell phone number is 902-790-6066 .The phone is being passed from member to member, with ~~calls so far this year~~ we are also listing this on Canada 411 white and yellow pages.

We hold monthly district meetings and workshops every other month from September to June with a break over the summer.Our topics for workshops have included a visit from a representative of Crosbie House,PI&CPC,& sponsorship. Mostly our meetings have been taking up with insurance issue. We are hoping other groups from different districts will join us on our policy so we can lower the cost per group. Thank You.

Area 82 Financial Statement January 04, 2016 to May 18, 2016

Opening Balance **\$ 33,280.58**

INCOME

Group/District Contributions	\$ 5,601.00	
Proceeds from Area Assembly	\$ 2,500.00	
Proceeds from Return Budgets	\$ 1,770.60	
TOTAL		\$ 43,152.18

EXPENSES

Cheque #355 - GSD Advance	\$ 2,000.00	
Cheque #356 - Alt GSD Advance	\$ 1,500.00	
Cheque #357 - Area Chair Advance	\$ 1,800.00	
Cheque #358 - Area Secretary	\$ 1,500.00	
Cheque #359 - Area Treasurer	\$ 1,500.00	
Cheque #360 - GSO Contribution	\$ 3,000.00	
Cheque #361 - NS Archivist Expenses	\$ 128.11	
Cheque #362 - Dartmouth Sportsplex	\$ 506.00	
Cheque #363 - Regional Form Delegate Expense	\$ 1,500.00	
Cheque #364 - Remote Comm Conference Call	\$ 45.00	
Cheque #365 - Remote Comm Guest (Zonya C)	\$ 845.52	
Bank Charges	\$ 15.70	
TOTAL		\$ 14,340.33

Prudent Reserve Transfer	\$3,000.00
Closing Balance	\$ 25,811.85

Prudent Reserve **\$ 13,008.56**

Please note: Contributions to Area 82 should include the following:

- 1) Group name and sevice number
- 2) District number ****very important if you want a receipt****
- 3) Cheques payable to Area 82 NS/NL
- 4) Send to Tom R.

Any questions regarding finances please feel free to contact or email tomcatitf@hotmail.

Area 82 appreciates all contributions and support in keeping the doors opened for the still suffering alcc

Yours in service, Tom R.

Area 82 Financial Budget Statement 2016

	Approved		Approved	
	Budget 2015	Actuals 2015	Budget 2016	Actuals 2016
GSO Conf	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
GSD's Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$1,613.82	\$2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
GSD Office Supplies	\$500.00	\$130.69	\$300.00	\$ -
Alt.GSD's Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$1,707.33	\$1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Area Chair Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$909.34	\$1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
Secretary Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$1,853.52	\$1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Sec. Office Supplies	\$600.00	\$335.64	\$500.00	\$ -
Treasurer Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$1,730.90	\$1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Treasurer Office Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$ -
NL Archives Upkeep & Storage	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	
NL Archives Travel Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$587.08	\$1,000.00	\$ -
NS Archives Upkeep & Storage	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$ -
NS Travel Expenses	\$1,300.00	\$128.11	\$1,300.00	\$ 128.11
Web Host & Domain	\$118.00	\$118.00	\$0.00	\$ -
Web Assembly Travel	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$ -
NS & NL Area Active Comm.	\$3,500.00	\$3,308.36	\$5,000.00	\$ 845.52
GSO Guest	\$2,000.00	\$851.54	\$1,500.00	\$ -
Regional Forums/CERAASA	\$1,500.00	\$1,091.05	\$1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Assembly Seed Money	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$ 506.00
NL Service Weekend Coffee Bill		\$560.00		\$ -
International Hosp. Ste Contribution	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$20.47	\$250.00	\$ -
Additional GSO Contribution	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -
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Bank Charges	\$70.00	\$51.14	\$60.00	\$ 15.70
TOTALS	\$26,788.00	\$19,346.99	\$26,560.00	\$ 14,295.33
PRUDENT RESERVE	\$10,000.00	\$10,009.15		

66TH GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

DELEGATE'S REPORT – AREA 82 (NS/NL)

NL Service Weekend – May 20th-22nd, 2016
Corner Brook, NL

NS Service Weekend – June 3rd-5th, 2016
Bible Hill (Truro), NS

Good morning friends. My name is Boyd B and I'm an alcoholic. It is my privilege to serve as your General Service Delegate for our Area 82.

The 66th General Service Conference was held in New York city, April 16th to the 23rd, 2016 and I was there representing all the groups in Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador. Your Service Manuel defines "Delegate" as "The man or woman elected every other year to represent the area at the annual Conference meeting in New York and to bring back to the area the results of that meeting." Therefore, I will try to do this with my report.

Before we get started, I was asked to come a day early if I wanted to visit Stepping Stones, the home of Lois and Bill Wilson, and I did. (Normally this visit would take place at the end of the Conference, but due to unforeseen scheduling problems, it had to be changed.) The experience was interesting and thrilling as those of you who have been there will agree. I had the opportunity to sit behind Bill's desk at "Wits end", a name Lois put on the building for obvious reasons, where he wrote a lot of the literature that we are familiar with today. (I have the photo to prove it.)

Back to the Conference; I was chosen sit on the CPC Committee (Cooperation with the Professional Community). Again, it was quite interesting. Last year we had asked the trustees' CPC committee to review the pamphlet "Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W." They came back and suggested that the pamphlet be retired because the information in it was outdated and did not accurately or appropriately describe the AA program of recovery for CPC use, but agreed that it may have value to AA members as a marker of historic moments. In light of this, our committee suggested that the trustees' committee continue to discuss the value of keeping this pamphlet available to the Fellowship. In fact the committee's vote was split four and four and any tie that cannot be resolved results in no action taken. (Upon further investigation, after bringing in an Archives person, we were made to understand that if the pamphlet was retired, it would not be available in the literature booklet or on line and the only way someone could then get a copy was to request a single copy from the archives. It had already been removed from the CPC kit so we felt we should wait a year or two to see if the demand for this pamphlet decreased significantly before retiring it. Other recommendations put forth by the CPC Committee to do with improvements to other pamphlets, were either accepted unanimously or by substantial unanimity. Overall, quite an interesting process.

CPC is only one of twelve other committees that meet during the Conference and I'll highlight one or two other recommendations or considerations that I think may be of interest:

The Public Information Committee discussed a request to reconsider the 2011 Advisory Action regarding the "Policy on Actors Portraying AA Members or Potential AA Members in Videos Produced by the General Service Board or its Affiliates". The committee took no action noting that the current policy on the use of full-face videos is adequate. I was given the understanding that full-face videos would never be used again without the consensus of the General Service Conference. Nice to know.

The Conference Committee on Finance recommended that the maximum annual limit for individual contributions to the General Service Board from AA members be increased from \$3,000 to \$5,000. This recommendation was defeated so there will be no increase.

These are just a couple of examples of items debated on the floor of the Conference Assembly and it is worthy of note that a lot of time is spent considering all the recommendations and suggestions which are submitted by the groups to the extent that discussions go on morning afternoon and night, sometimes until nine or ten pm. I use to hear years ago that the delegate was off to a fun trip to New York but I can assure you we go there to work for our Fellowship. I treasured the experience and again I thank you for the opportunity to serve. Our voting Assembly is coming up in October, in Dartmouth and I would like to encourage all who are eligible to offer for any and all positions on your Area 82 Committee.

A couple of upcoming events to keep in mind:

There is an Eastern Canada Regional Forum being held this summer, July 8th – 10th in Thunder Bay, ON. There is no registration fee for regional forums and I would like to mention here that my attendance at the forum held in Truro, 2008, was the event which most influenced me to get further involved in service.

CERAASA will be held in Moncton, NB next year and I understand that Area 81's delegate, Michael Dunn, will be at the NS Service Weekend with information on that, following in the tradition of Past Delegate, Dave Allen. It's great to see the spirit of cooperation between both Atlantic Areas. Our Alternate Delegate, Tim Milligan, attended an organizational meeting on March 12th in Charlottetown, PEI and will have probably already have filled you in with more details on CERAASA. Thanks Tim.

I'll leave you with this quote I heard from one of the delegates at the Conference, "It takes a little bit of ego to get involved in service and a lot of humility to stay.

God bless you all, see you in Dartmouth.

Yours in Fellowship and Service,



Boyd B. , GSD, Panel 65, Area 82 (NS/NL)

May 2016

Alternate G.S.D. Report

Hi friends I am an alcoholic, my name is Tim M and I have the honor and privilege to serve you and Area 82 as your Alt Delegate. I belong to the Sunrise Group in Dartmouth NS.

I haven't received a lot of information from G.S.O. as of yet. Therefore, my report will be brief. I will report on M.C.Y.P.A.A., Grapevine, ~~Remote Communities~~ and give the website report. *KEN B to DO*

The M.C.Y.P.A.A. was held this year in Summerside PE along with their Spring Assembly. And up until now I haven't received any reports.

See attached reports:

The Assembly will be held in Halifax this fall at the Dartmouth Sportsplex. Registration \$25.00 at the door. This is right across the street from the Harbour side Holiday Inn. Special room rate of \$119.00 plus taxes per night, must be booked by Sept 7th block code A8A or book under Area 82 Assembly. transportation from the Airport will be provided. Hope to see you all there as it is an election year.

Once again thank you for allowing me to be of service and area 82

Tim M

Alt. G.S.D. Panel 65

GRAPEVINE News

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What's New in Print and Online

Grapevine

Current Issue Spotlight

This month's special section is "Fun in Sobriety." Read articles by members about the many ways they have learned to enjoy sober life.

Send Us Your Story

Go to www.aagrapevine.org/contribute to see our 2016 issue themes and writers' guidelines.

Upcoming Issues

We are now accepting articles for the following issues: "Remote Communities – How AAs stay sober in faraway places" (due July 5), as well as "Service during the Holidays" (also due July 5). Stay tuned for 2017 topics including diversity, home group, dating, and more!



La Viña

Current Issue Spotlight

This current issue's special section is "La Viña: 20 Years of Stories."

Upcoming issues

We are now accepting Spanish-language stories for our issue celebrating the winner of last year's Subscription Challenge. Delaware state members: please send your stories before June 6.

Visit www.aagrapevine.org/Calendario-de-Eventos to see upcoming events in the new online calendar.

Celebrating La Viña's 20th Anniversary

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Area Inventory Questions

Please use a separate sheet for your answers and comments.

Form completed by (Group/District/Individual) optional _____

1. What is the basic purpose of the Area? Area Committee? Area Assembly? Are we fulfilling these purposes?
2. What has the Area done lately to bring the A.A. message to the attention of physicians, judges, members of the clergy, and others who can be helpful in reaching those in need of A.A.?
3. Is Area service attracting only a certain kind of alcoholic, or are we getting a good cross section of A.A. members into service?
4. Are we forming into cliques and being indifferent to some Group Service Representatives and District Committee Members?
5. Is turnover in service positions excessive or do new DCMs and GSRs stay with us?
6. Has enough effort been made to explain the need and value of unity (12 Traditions) and service (12 Concepts)?
7. Is adequate opportunity given to all members to speak and participate in Assembly activities and arrive at the actual voice and effective conscience for our whole Area?
8. Are officers (Group, District, and Area) picked with care and consideration on the basis that officership is a great responsibility and opportunity for Twelfth-Step work, or are personalities put before principles?
9. Have we defined well the scope of authority and service responsibility of our Area Committee officers, by specific job descriptions or guidelines?
10. Are the issues brought to the Assembly made clear so all know what they are voting for or against?
11. Are all important decisions reached by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity?
12. How do we treat the "Right of Appeal", thus assuring that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered?
13. Are the assembly sites located fairly to give all A.A.'s a chance to see Area service in action? As well-planned assembly meetings has everything been done to provide for adequate facilities for space, climate control, and promptness?
14. Does the Area carry its fair share of the job of helping Districts? The Grapevine? G.S.O.? Groups in Correction and Treatment Centers? Loners?
15. Are we "self-supporting through our Area contributions" in covering expenses for service in the Area? Do we have sufficient operating funds and operate on a prudent financial principle?
16. Has our Area become the seat of perilous wealth and power, or do we have an effective system for accounting and reporting of funds?
17. What more can the Area do to carry the message?

Pre – Conference Service Assembly Proposal

Proposal: To replace the Service Weekends with a Pre Conference Service Assembly in each province. (late March early April).

Background: The A.A Group – the Final Voice of the Fellowship Alcoholics Anonymous has been called the upside – down organization because “the ultimate responsibility and the final authority for World Services resides with the groups – rather than the trustees of the General Service Board or the General Service Office in New York.

The Pre-Conference Service Assembly is intended to prepare the Delegate for the April General Service Conference. This Assembly would be open to all members in Area 82. The purpose of the Pre – Conference Assembly is to discuss key GSC agenda items and to make recommendations to the Delegate. Members will be divided into Subcommittees for the purpose of discussing the agenda items. The Delegate will review the Conference Final Agenda and identify the agenda items of most significance to the fellowship. The Delegate should also make every effort to review the GSC background material and identify the background material relevant to the selected agenda item. This material should be available at the Pre – Conference Assembly and every effort to get the material to the subcommittees facilitators prior to the Assembly.

How it would work: The Friday night portion of our Assembly would remain the same, with a workshop and Archive Meeting and the D.C.M. and Area Officer’s meeting.

On Saturday morning from 9 am to 12 pm we would break up into 5 or 6 groups each with a facilitator to discuss an agenda item. After lunch each group will report their finding to the Delegate. Then we would have the business portion of the Assembly, with D.C.M. report, area officer reports, and any business that needed to be discussed. This might carry over into Sunday. The facilitators would be area officers and/or past Delegates.

Thank you for considering this proposal,

Tim M

Alt. G.S.D. Area 82 Panel 65

CERASSA 2017 (MONCTON NB) - REGISTRATION

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What's This Thing About Our A.A. Group Needing Liability Insurance?

24 May 2016

Six years ago a pipe burst in the Parish Hall of the St Francis of Assisi RC Church in Wolfville where the Wolfville group had met for 40 years. There was serious damage in the walls and the basement partially flooded. What a mess! While the Wolfville group was not responsible for the problem it meant the group had to find another place to meet in a hurry. Fortunately we were able to make temporary arrangements to use the Lower Hall of the Wolfville Baptist Church.

Shortly after, Wolfville group received a letter from the St Francis Church administration saying that if we wished to move back into the Parish Hall we would have to provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance for the Wolfville A.A. group. It was explained that the church's insurance only covered activities directly related to the church and not outside community groups, individuals, or organizations. The letter went on to explain it was prepared to offset the cost of the insurance by accepting a reduced freewill rental contribution. That meant we would hardly be paying for the use of the space because the insurance premium cost was going to be about \$500 per year. Wolfville Group declined the offer and stayed at the Wolfville Baptist Church.

Along with the cost, our attitude was we don't need insurance; we're only a small group, any damage that might happen while we are at the church would be covered by the Wolfville Baptist Church policy. What would we need insurance for anyway? It seemed ridiculous! The insurance companies are only making "a money grab" and besides the Catholic Church is a special situation. So, with that attitude we brushed it all off which is reminiscent of the quote in the Big Book, page 568 which says, "There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all arguments ... contempt prior to investigation."

The Berwick Group, meeting at St Anthony's RC Church, also received a similar letter requiring the group to have liability insurance. They did investigate and decided to take the church up on the offer of paying what they could as a freewill rent contribution after paying their insurance premium. Clearly both RC congregations wanted the Wolfville and Berwick Groups to continue to meet in their respective facilities.

Four more years has passed and now the Wolfville Baptist Church has a policy where only church sponsored activities and programs are covered by their insurance policy. The reality is, this was the case all along for any group or organization. While the Wolfville Baptist Church suggests it would be advisable to have liability insurance, it does not require an outside group, organization or individual to have liability insurance. However, a representative of our group would have to sign the Facility Usage Agreement as follows.

I have read the attached Policy Regarding the use of facilities at Wolfville Baptist Church and agree to abide by the terms, conditions and requirements of this Policy. The church does not accept any responsibility for any activities held on the premises unless it is a church-sponsored event. All groups are strongly urged to secure their own liability insurance coverage. _____ (Initials).

(printed name of representative)

On behalf of _____

(printed name of organization)

So, this has had an impact upon the Wolfville group and the Wolfville Tuesday Morning meeting. We already knew the cost of insurance for one group could be \$500 for the annual premium. OUCH!!!

At about the same time, the Brooklyn group, meeting in the Newport United Church, also received a formal legal letter from the church. They were advised that they would have to sign an agreement to use the church facility and assume responsibility for any damages attributable to the A.A. group since the church's insurance policy did not cover outside groups and organizations using the church facility. This sounds familiar!

What does this all mean? This means the member signing the facility usage agreement on behalf of a group, could be responsible for any damages or injuries attributable to group activities while on the premises. It seems unfair to ask a member to take such personal responsibility. As we understand it, if there were to be a claim the person that signs the agreement is the person they may look to for recover of part or all damages. In this case it is hoped the member has adequate personal liability insurance. There is a way to handle this problem. If a group arranges to have liability insurance then it won't matter who signs the use of facility agreement on behalf of a group.

Recognizing these groups needed insurance, the District 17 committee decided to look into what could be done and contacted the Halifax & Dartmouth Central Service Committee (HDCSC) who had arranged for a liability insurance policy to cover up to 30 groups in Districts 1 & 2. Not all the groups signed on to this insurance policy but many did, which made it affordable for the individual groups who chose to sign on. District 17 contacted the HDCSC insurance agent and worked out a similar insurance program for up to 25 groups for a total annual premium of \$1,000 providing \$2,000,000 liability insurance with a \$1,000 deductible per incident. This also includes activities organized by District 17 including District meetings, workshops, and A.A. related gatherings.

The District 17 groups were asked to check with the church or facility owner where they meet to determine if they were actually covered under the churches or facility's insurance policy. Our investigation has revealed that the church and facility insurance policies may not actually cover non-church sponsored activities similar to the Brooklyn, Wolfville and Berwick groups' experience. There may be exceptions such as A.A. Club rooms and Centres whose purpose is to provide a meeting place for groups and other 12 Step programs.

After much discussion at our District 17 meetings, 5 of the groups plus the one meeting decided to sign up for the program. Knowing the Berwick group required insurance, we offered that they join our District 17 group insurance policy. So far, we have 6 groups and one meeting participating in the insurance plan for 2016. Each group was asked to contribute \$145 to pay their part of the premium plus a \$55 contribution towards building up a reserve for the \$1,000 deductible in case there is a claim. The funds were received from the groups as requested and the premium paid.

We are now reaching out in N.S., first to other groups in Districts 3, 4, and 10 interested in joining our liability insurance policy program. As best we can determine the number of groups (& meetings) in:

District 3	Groups	12	Meetings	3
District 4	"	10	"	0
District 10	"	10	"	3
Total groups		32	Meetings	6

A \$1,000 premium for 7 groups comes to \$145 per group. For 25 groups it is \$40. It makes sense to work together to get the biggest benefit at the least cost to each group.

We hope our experience is helpful to other Districts and Groups in South-Western Nova Scotia. While our original 7 groups will benefit in adding groups to our program by spreading the cost over more groups, it may also be a greater benefit and peace of mind to those members who sign leases, use of facilities or rental agreements on their group's behalf. The likelihood of anything happening is probably low but we do carry insurance for our cars, homes, businesses, health, flight, travel, the list goes on. We may never make a claim, but we carry insurance just in case. That, we feel, is managing our risk. It's something to think about.

While we aren't experts in insurance we know what we've experienced. If we can be of help let us know.

John B. 902-542-7286, Jim H. 902-757-3158, Bob M. 902-538-3099, Pete L. 902-542-9710
 District 17, Area 82, A.A. Inter-District Group Liability Insurance Program Committee

Remote Communities Report Spring 2016.

This is a brief report on the activity within the members who are participating in carrying the AA message and connecting with groups and members in the Labrador area which has been the primary focus of the Remote Communities Committee. Since my last trip over a year ago I have maintained contact and supported the groups I have had the pleasure of meeting.

We continue to support these groups with literature, medallions and various items that are not so accessible to them. These groups have now come to the stage where they are able to financially support their own needs.

Our contacts Abner t. and Mike Y. continue to hold the regular conference calls from either Newfoundland or the sunshine state of Florida over their escape from the Newfoundland winters. This is a vital part of reaching areas even more remote than the towns I was able to visit. My special thanks to those dedicated members

We are pleased to have had with us at the weekend in Newfoundland a lady from the Friendship Group in Happy Valley and I look forward to hearing of her experience over the weekend and suggestions she may have for how we can further carry the AA message.

I honestly believe there is more work to be done, with a downturn in the economy in the Labrador area we will no doubt see an increase in the need to be of support to those active in staying sober and helping those who want to.

We have made progress these last few years (baby steps) but we see some success happening and I encourage anyone willing to participate to do so either through financial or donations of literature or actively working with the committee

I plan to step aside as a member of this committee at the fall assembly. I would like to thank you all for your support to what I believe is a vital part of our Fifth Tradition.

God Bless Everyone.

Murdo.

Willing to respond to any questions.

Murdo.

**REMOTE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE
AREA 82 - NOVA SCOTIA, NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR
PROPOSED GUIDELINES**

The following is a suggested guideline for the operation of Area 82's Remote Communities Committee. It is intended for your perusal, suggested changes and/or additions and possible acceptance.

1. Four AA Members ; two from Nova Scotia & two from Newfoundland/Labrador sit on the Remote Communities Committee along with the Alt. General Service Delegate as Chairperson, as per recommendation-Assembly minutes Oct. 2001.
2. Committee members sit for two years - with election of members to take place at our respective Service Weekends, alternating in opposite years to the other Area Officers.
3. Committee members are not required to attend Service Weekends or Assemblies as each member gives a report to the Alternate General Service Delegate, who in turn prepares a report for the Service Weekend and Assembly.
4. Committee members are not required to report directly to the District Body in which they live, but may co-operate and share with the District Body.
5. District Committee Members should pass on any requests for help to the committee member that the district cannot accommodate.
6. The Secretary/Treasurer is to include a budget for each province in the proposed budget which is presented at Assembly.
7. Committee members are to submit receipts for expenses to the Secretary/Treasurer for reimbursement.

A Remote Community is any community to which it is difficult to carry the message because of language, culture or geography.

"Our Twelfth Step - carrying the message - is the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, A.A. is more than a set of principals; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die."

*Bill W.
The A.A. Service Manual,
2000-2001 edition
P. S-1*

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2016 Website Report

From: **Hal M** (webmaster@area82aa.org)
Sent: May-16-16 5:37:59 PM
To: tim m (tmill@eastlink.ca); kirk s

Tim

The site's domain name and hosting is provided by Jaguarpc.com.
The cost of the domain name, effective March 1, 2016 is \$14.95/year up from \$12.95 USD, due Oct 20 each year.
The invoice for the hosting fee is \$71.40 USD per year, due Nov 20 each year.
We are up to date, both invoices have been paid and we are good until due again in 2016.

Since the beginning of 2016, the website is visited an average of 7,790 times per month by an average of 4,400 unique visitors.

Over 900 emails have been sent and received through the webmaster inbox so far this year. Several support tickets have been opened with JaguarPC for various site related problems. I am very pleased with the response time and the quality of service from JaguarPC's support team.

District 3 has decided to shutdown their website and I have assisted in this at their request. They now share the Area website for Newsletters and Meetings.

In closing, the site is very active and stable, we added a Forum webpage that is getting many visits, and they seem to be increasing.

At the Assembly last year, it was agreed to prepay for both domain and hosting to 3 years for savings and convenience. If the Web hosting fees are prepaid for 3 years, the cost drops to \$59.64 USD per year, \$178.92 USD for 3 years, a savings of 16 percent. JaguarPC is a great host, with very good support.

I have requested invoices for both Domain and Hosting and will forward them to the Treasurer for payment.

thanks Hal,

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Easy Does It!

HAL M

Webmaster, Area 82

Draft of proposed Motion to eliminate provincial roundups:

1. As the cost of roundups and accommodations rise and the fact that almost every district in Area 82 Nova Scotia have their own district roundup, and that it is getting more difficult to get districts to host provincial roundups be it resolved;

District 6 on behalf of the New Freedom Group would like to make a motion that Area 82 change the guidelines to eliminate section XI Provincial Roundup in the Area Guidelines. This would free the districts of having to host a provincial roundup.

Draft of alternate motion:

As we are all aware the cost of roundups continue to rise and donations are down in most groups be it resolved

2. District 6 on behalf of the New Freedom Group would like to make a motion that Area Change the Guidelines in section XI change line 3: The host district is financially responsible for all expenses. To read: Area 82 will supply seed money in the form of a loan up to 1500.00 to help districts to host the roundup and the money shall be repaid in full at the conclusion of the event. In the event of a loss Area 82 will absorb the loss.