



DARWIN DISTRICT
AREA "A" NORTHERN REGION
Minutes of Meeting

Meeting Type: Monthly District Meeting
Meeting Location: Via Zoom Conference Call
Meeting Date: 6th May 2020
Start Time: 7pm
Chaired By: Mick G: Darwin District Committee Member (DCM)
Minutes Taken By: Pat Mac

Present:

Name	Group	GSR (Y/N)	District Position
Mick G	Big Book Recovery Tuesday	N	District Committee Member (DCM)/Webmaster
Pat Mac	Nightcliff Saturday	Y	Treasurer/Acting Secretary
John S	Friday Casuarina	Y	Registrar
Caroline B	Big Book Recovery Tuesday	N	Literature Officer
Deb H	Parap Friday	Y	Treatment Facilities Coordinator
Denis P	Big Book Recovery Tuesday	Y	Office Maintenance
Susan B	Big Book Recovery Tuesday	N	Observer

Apologies:

Sam H	Palmerston Thursday There is a Solution	N	Office Co-ordinator
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Traditions and Statement of Purpose

Statement of purpose was read by Mick G, Traditions read in turn by all present.

Acceptance of previous minutes

Pat Mac pointed out error in the meeting type – should read Monthly District Meeting, not Quarterly – this has been fixed on the original.

Denis P moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted, seconded John S carried unanimously.



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Outstanding business action items

No.	Item	Who	When	Status
1	<p><u>6 Feb: Brief talks on Traditions –</u> At each meeting more experienced committee members will deliver brief talk on the tradition that matches the month number, starting with John S Tradition 3 for March meeting</p> <p><i>Moved Marg M Seconded Mike B Approved unanimously</i></p>	Mick G – Tradition 6	3 Jun 2020	6 May: Deb H delivered talk on Tradition 5
2	<p><u>6 Mar: Vacant position – Editor Serenity Times</u> Call for nominations</p>	All	3 Jun 2020	<p>5 Jun: No nominations</p> <p>8 Apr: Liza still willing to produce temporarily in light of the current disruptions which is greatly appreciated, however members are encouraged to step up and Liza will provide her template.</p> <p>6 May: Susan B has nominated for the position, to be submitted to quarterly meeting 3 Jun. Liza will assist Susan if successful in taking over the role (provision of templates and basic initial assistance).</p>



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3	<p><u>6 Mar: Vacant position – Roundup Coordinator</u> Call for nominations</p>	All	3 Jun 2020	<p>6 May: See previous minutes for complete history (removed to save space). Latest status from Bob W - Bill W Camp committee meets Sunday, May 17 to come up with a plan. One possibility is to put on a camp for locals only if borders are not likely to be open by Show weekend (July 24). However, the committee will consider all issues and advise the DDO committee of the outcome.</p>
4	<p><u>6 Nov: Vacant position – Correctional Facilities Co-ordinator</u> Call for nominations</p>	All	3 Jun 2020	6 May: No nominations
5	<p><u>4 Dec: Set up digital storage of Darwin District records for archive.</u> This is necessary to preserve our records in an accessible format. First step would be to scan existing paper records and then think about a permanent storage solution for archived records – Dan T suggested a solid-state drive. This will require some thought as to design, indexing, retrieval etc. First step would be to scan</p>	Mick G	6 May 2020	<p>4 Mar: Ollie has taken on the task of digitising the archives – Mick will enquire re status</p> <p>6 May: Mick contacted Ollie who is unable to complete the task and will return the documents to the office. John S</p>



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	<p>existing paper files currently held in arch folders.</p> <p><i>Moved John S seconded Pat Mac approved unanimously</i></p>			<p>and Denis P will start scanning in the documents and see if we can avoid using an outside service.</p>
6	<p><u>4 Dec: Vacant Position – Secretary Darwin District</u> following withdrawal of previous nomination this position is now vacant, Pat Mac acting temporarily</p>	All	3 Jun 2020	6 May: No nominations. Pat advised he will definitely step down from the District Committee in September.
7	<p><u>5 Feb: Prison and Stringybark Rosters</u></p> <p>Currently we don't have a Correctional Services coordinator. However, the DDO continues to do the groundwork so that if groups decide to take up this service opportunity it can be implemented quickly.</p>	Mick G	4 Mar 2020	<p>5 Feb: Mick to contact Leon and advise no ability to set up a Stringybark roster right now. Also, we will encourage interested members to obtain security clearances while negotiations with Corrections continue. Mick will make up a flyer inviting interested group members to a "sign on" day 22nd Feb to get the security clearance process started. Mick will also advise Leon of outcomes from this meeting.</p> <p>6 May: See report below from Mick G</p>



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8	<p><u>4 Mar: Computer Upgrade</u></p> <p>Agreed that it would be useful to have Skype operational for meetings by conference both for Area meetings held at the office and the ability for members to attend District meetings remotely – especially considering the Corona Virus impact. It will be necessary to install a conferencing-capable camera for this purpose and this may or may not involve upgrading the existing PC.</p>	John S	8 April 2020	<p>4 Mar: John S will contact Kym our IT support person and find out what is involved and the likely cost.</p> <p>8 Apr: No longer any urgency however John will arrange for Kym to come in and sort it out so will leave this item open.</p> <p>6 May: After discussion it was agreed that the current PC is outdated, lacks USB ports and needs replacement, cost would be around \$900. We rely on good technology these days – examples include the scanning project, having a reliable camera for remote meetings etc. Approval to replace will be sought at June quarterly meeting with GSRs.</p>

New Business Action Items

Nil



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REPORTS – OFFICE BEARERS

DCM – Mick G:

I would like to thank all committee members for their continuous work and contact during this period.

ZOOM meetings have been filling the “gaps” of regular meetings in a most spectacular way. AA Darwin now has four “hosts”. Thank you to those groups and individuals who have been willing to take this on.

It shows the great strength and fellowship of our Darwin AA.

As things return to “normal” please stay updated through our website, aadarwin.org.au.

Sunday 2pm Humpty Doo has returned to being open, alongside, Tues 12 noon Christchurch Cathedral, Darwin, City.

More groups will be opening over the next few weeks, so please stay updated via the website.

It will be imperative that as groups open, “social distancing” rules are maintained as required.

I have contacted the Darwin City Council concerning the reopening of the AA office in Nightcliff. DCC have responded that at present it is to remain closed, however, a reopening date should be announced later this week.

Moved that report be accepted John S seconded Caroline B accepted unanimously.

Secretary – Pat Mac acting:

Checking PO Box regularly - only two new items since last meeting – “Message of Hope” magazine from SA CSO which I will place in office, and a credit note from DCC for April rental of office.

Moved that report be accepted Deb H seconded John S accepted unanimously.

Literature – Caroline B:

John S was a great help to meet me at the door to let me in to get literature at 22 April at 2pm. I sold a big book to a member. I took home with me 5 daily reflections, 5 12x12s, 4 As Bill sees it, 5 living sober, 5 big books and 1 spiritual awakening book. I took the literature tin and price folder and receipt book. I sent off 12x12 and living sober books and posted them off to Mike in WA. He let me know that he has sent payment to DDO. I sold 2 As Bill sees it to Marg. 23rd April - counted \$231.70. Left in float \$59.40, banked \$172.30 in NAB DDO account. I sent Pat a copy of the bank receipt.

Moved that report be accepted Denis P seconded Deb H accepted unanimously.

Treatment Facilities – Deb H - (Mission Australia Rehab/Banyan House)

Nothing to report. I have not done anything about the zoom meetings with either of the Rehabs yet. I am thinking we might start going into them again soon.

Moved that report be accepted Pat Mac seconded Mick G accepted unanimously.

Correctional Facilities – Mick G

No further correspondence or planning has taken place this month due to Covid19 .

No need for acceptance as this is an informal report



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Registrar – John S

Visited the Office a few times and forwarded any emails that could be acted on to the appropriate people. No action on lists and rosters yet.

Moved that report be accepted Pat Mac seconded Caroline B accepted unanimously.

Office Co-Ordinator – Sam H

The Nightcliff Community Centre is in lock down therefore no Office Volunteers required. I believe the Darwin City Council will be meeting later in the week to decide on reopening the building. 24hr AA phone roster: Phone is temporary diverted to Marg M on Monday nights, anyone wishing to contribute to their sobriety and would like to volunteer to answer calls Monday nights please let me know. Roster is as follows:

Monday - Marg M (temporarily)
Tuesday - Caroline B
Wednesday - Katherine T
Thursday - Di G
Friday - Peter L
Saturday - KittyKat
Sunday - Susan B

I am currently diverting phone each day to volunteers while the DDO is closed. Apologies to all phone volunteers as I am not always able to divert phone on time due to work commitments.

Moved that report be accepted Pat Mac seconded Deb H accepted unanimously.

Office Maintenance – Dennis P

Nothing to report other than if the office does not open over the next week does the committee want me to gain permission from Tania at Darwin city council to go in and clean out the fridge.

Moved that report be accepted John S seconded Deb H accepted unanimously.

Treasurer – Pat Mac

Attached.

Moved that report be accepted John S seconded Denis P accepted unanimously.

Webmaster – Mick G

Only a few hiccups this month, but all issues have been resolved with the help of "Bluehost" our Web page host. Only one minor issue to be resolved over the next week. Hopefully, as the entry to ZOOM meetings, more members have introduced themselves to our website.

Moved that report be accepted Pat Mac seconded John S accepted unanimously.

PI Coordinator – Dan T

Nothing to report.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8:05 PM

The Serenity Prayer was read by all.



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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be a quarterly meeting for committee members and GSRs at 7pm Wednesday 3rd June 2020 via Zoom Conference call.