

Minutes Northern Region Area A
(NRAA)
Assembly: 22/11/2020 09:00 am Via Zoom Conference

1. Present:

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| Mick G | Darwin DCM/Tuesday Big Book Recovery Group/Acting Chair |
| Caroline B | Alternate GSR/Tuesday Big Book Recovery Group |
| Sam P | GSR/Alice Springs Group |
| Susan B | Tuesday Lunchtime |
| Denis P | GSR/Tuesday Big Book Recovery Group |
| Kate S | GSR/Alice Springs Women's Group |
| Pat | GSR/Nightcliff Saturday |
| Carolyn G | Area Delegate |
| Peter | GSR/Casuarina Friday |

2. Apologies:

Katharine T (Secretary)

3. Welcome:

By Darwin DCM

4. Reading Role of Area Assembly and Area Committee from "Inside AA Australia" p.10.

Read by Chair (Mick).

5. Reading Traditions:

Long form read by individual group members.

6. Minutes from the previous meeting:

Motion to accept: Moved Carolyn, Seconded Peter. Accepted unanimously.

7. Business arising from previous minutes:

Vacant positions – Area Chairperson, Secretary – Katharine has resigned, Treasurer.
Indigenous language version of Big Book – no action to date, Kate waiting for response from GSO, will hand over to Sam P who is now the Alice Springs Group GSR. Sam will follow up.

8. Committee Reports including vacant positions:

Area Chair:

Position is vacant. Mick self-nominated for two years, seconded Pat, elected unanimously.

Area Treasurer (Pat):

Pat will continue to act in role. Finances are in good shape with a balance of \$3,893.02. Group contributions have dropped off with only \$590.29 received year to

date. Normally this would be a problem as quarterly levy payments due to the General Service Office are around \$820 per quarter. However, these payments have been suspended due to Conference being held on-line rather than face to face. The last report stated that we owed \$1640 for the first two quarters of 2020 however these payments are not required due to the decision to hold conference on-line.

| AREA A NORTHERN REGION - ACCOUNTS 1 JULY 2020 TO 30 JUNE 2021 | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Date | Description | Income | Expense | Balance |
| 1/07/2020 | Bank Account Balance as per statement | | | 3,302.73 |
| 7/07/2020 | Tuesday Big Book Recovery | 79.63 | | 3,382.36 |
| 13/07/2020 | Womens Group | 20.00 | | 3,402.36 |
| 29/07/2020 | Tuesday Big Book Recovery | 15.90 | | 3,418.26 |
| 10/08/2020 | Harbour View Tuesday | 44.10 | | 3,462.36 |
| 11/08/2020 | Zoom Meetings | 91.00 | | 3,553.36 |
| 17/09/2020 | Womens Group | 40.00 | | 3,593.36 |
| 22/09/2020 | Monday Daily Reflections | 60.00 | | 3,653.36 |
| 4/10/2020 | Humpty Doo Sunday | 20.00 | | 3,673.36 |
| 5/10/2020 | Tuesday Big Book Recovery | 22.16 | | 3,695.52 |
| 23/10/2020 | Zoom Meetings | 99.00 | | 3,794.52 |
| 26/10/2020 | Bill W Camp | 33.00 | | 3,827.52 |
| 5/11/2020 | Saturday Nightcliff | 32.95 | | 3,860.47 |
| 12/11/2020 | Wednesday Rapid Creek | 14.55 | | 3,875.02 |
| 19/11/2020 | Harbour View Tuesday | 18.00 | | 3,893.02 |
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| | | 590.29 | 0.00 | |
| BANK RECONCILIATION | | | | |
| 19/11/2020 | Balance as per statement | 3,893.02 | | |
| SUMMARY OF INCOME | | | | |
| | Group | Contributions | | |
| | Bill W Camp | 33.00 | | |
| | Harbour View Tuesday | 62.10 | | |
| | Humpty Doo Sunday | 20.00 | | |
| | Monday Daily Reflections | 60.00 | | |
| | Saturday Nightcliff | 32.95 | | |
| | Tuesday Big Book Recovery | 117.69 | | |
| | Wednesday Rapid Creek | 14.55 | | |
| | Womens Group | 60.00 | | |
| | Zoom Meetings | 190.00 | | |
| | Grand Total | 590.29 | | |

Motion to accept report moved Denis, seconded Kate accepted unanimously.

Area Secretary:

Katharine has resigned. Susan B self-nominated for two years, seconded Pat, elected unanimously.

Area Delegate (Carolyn):

Conference Contributions:

As there was no option to carry over the extra contribution, I arranged for it to be given as a donation to the GSO as voted at the 25/10/20 Topic Feedback Area Assembly.

2021 Conference Theme:

“How service strengthens recovery”

2020 Conference Topics Voting Results:

TOPIC 9- Setting up a “virtual area”

NO vote- The Conference did see great merit in this topic but felt it needed more structure/guidelines. The Policies and Admissions Committee will further look into it in 2021 with possibly a mail poll.

TOPIC 12-Zoom meetings for Conferences etc

NO vote- Every AA group is autonomous and therefore cannot be dictated to. Conference Committee meetings are already done by Zoom and will continue this way. 2021 Conference will be face-to-face but there will be a backup virtual Conference plan.

TOPIC 23-Creating a new Area (Central Coast from the Newcastle Area)

NO vote-Additional information provided by this Area’s delegate suggested there was some conflict around this topic in the Area. The Conference requested this Area resolve its issues before resubmitting the topic.

TOPIC 24- Returning Jobkeeper Allowance

NO vote- The allowance will not be returned.

Motion to accept report moved Denis, seconded Kate accepted unanimously.

Darwin District Committee Member (Mick):

Welcome, and thank you everyone for attending.

Thank you to the groups who attended the recent Area Meeting to express their group view to the Area on the Topics that the Area Delegate has now taken to the General Service Conference this month.

The Darwin District Office currently has Volunteers on Mon, Tues Wed, Fri leaving only Sat to be filled.

The Darwin phone roster is currently being operated by Dennis P and both he and I will share that duty until an Office Coordinator is elected.

Thank you to Marg, Sam H and Ollie in supporting the phone roster system for the week while Dennis and I were connecting to the system.

Dennis has also been instrumental in acquiring volunteers for the office and updating lists, thank you Denis.

NT Corrections has again been in contact asking for a possible return of AA to Holtze Prison. At present it will be for the male inmates only and will be on a Saturday.

Thanks to Doug W who has now taken on the position as Corrections Coordinator which has also resumed coordination of Treatment facilities.

Meetings continue as per normal with approx. 50/50 split between ZOOM meetings and “face to face” meetings.

The Darwin District Committee Member (DCM) position will become available at the December District Meeting, as I will be rotating off from this position at that time. I have emailed all GSR's that the following positions are available:

- 1 Darwin District Committee Member (DCM)
2. Office Coordinator
3. Roundup Coordinator
4. Office Maintenance

Public Information continues to carry the message, through Television advertising, and AA material in St Johns ambulances.

AA spread into the Tiwi Islands this month with support from a new member working there and the support of AA Darwin in supplying banners and literature.

Unfortunately, this was short lived as the member left his employment.

Thank you to Katharine for facilitating the role of Area Secretary but has now resigned from that position.

Motion to accept report moved Denis, seconded Pat accepted unanimously.

9. Group Reports

Alice Springs Women's Group (Kate S)

Meetings are held on Saturday mornings at the hospital at 9:00AM in person with Zoom participation. All Alice Springs AA meetings are held at the same venue at the hospital and due to Covid precautions all attendees need to sign in, sanitise hands and wear a mask as well as maintaining social distance. The Zoom participation is a great success and many members connect from interstate and overseas, including a member from the USA who has formally joined the group – this raises the question of whether she can vote at the group conscience. Carolyn advised that there are no guidelines, however GSO recognise this as an emerging issue and hopefully can be resolved by the relevant Conference committee. Kate was previously the GSR for the Alice Springs Group, but with the commencement of the Women's Group Sam P has taken over as GSR for the Alice Springs Group and Kate for the Women's Group. (note Kate is still nominally District Committee Member or DCM for Alice Springs District).

Alice Springs Group (Sam P)

Following the group conscience decision to end the Saturday meeting due to low attendance the group now holds four meetings on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Sam has taken on the role as GSR for the group (which is a separate group from the Women's Group).

Friday Casuarina (Peter)

Face to face meeting, good attendance often to full capacity permitted by Covid restrictions.

Tuesday Big book Recovery (Denis)

Currently a Zoom meeting, situation reviewed each month by the Group Conscience. Four group members. Members from interstate and overseas regularly join the meeting. Contribute to 60/30/10 plan.

Saturday Nightcliff (Pat)– 2 members, Zoom meeting not planned to return to face to face at this stage, have quite good attendance with some regular interstate members joining – one member with 54 years often joins in. Members from overseas often join in making it an interesting meeting.

10. New Business:

Nil.

11. Ask it basket

None.

12. What's on your mind:

Not recorded.

13. Finishing Time:

10.00 am

14. Next Meeting:

Sunday 21 February 2020 at 9.00 am via Zoom