



DARWIN DISTRICT
AREA "A" NORTHERN REGION
Minutes of Meeting

Meeting Type: Monthly District Office Meeting
Meeting Location: Zoom
Meeting Date: 10th February 2021
Start Time: 7pm
Chaired By: Mick G: Acting Darwin District Committee Member (DCM)
Minutes Taken By: Susan B
Present:

Name	Group	GSR (Y/N)	District Position
Mick G	Big Book Recovery Tuesday	N	Acting District Committee Member (DCM)/Webmaster
Pat Mac	Nightcliff Saturday	Y	Treasurer
Susan B	Harbour View Tuesday Lunchtime	Y	Secretary/Editor Serenity Times
Doug W	Sunday Living Sober and Monday Daily Reflections	Y	Treatment and Corrections Facilities Co-ordinator
Dan T	Sunday Night Living Sober	N	Public Information Officer

Apologies:

Denis P	Big Book Recovery Tuesday	y	Registrar/acting Maintenance Officer
Caroline B	Big Book Recovery Tuesday	N	Literature Officer
Peter M	Casuarina Group Friday	y	

Traditions and Statement of Purpose

The long form of the 12 Traditions was shared by all.

Statement of purpose was read by Mick G.

Acceptance of previous minutes

Pat M moved the minutes of previous meeting be accepted.

Seconded by Mick G carried unanimously.



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Outstanding business action items

No.	Item	Who	When	Status
1	<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. <i>Moved Marg M Seconded Mike B Approved unanimously</i>	Dan T Trad 3	3 rd Mar 2021	10 Feb Susan B delivered talk on Tradition 2.
2	<u>6th Mar 19: Vacant position Roundup Co-ordinator</u> <u>Call for nominations</u>	All	9 th Dec 2020	10 th Feb No Nominations
3	<u>9th December 2020: Vacant Position-Darwin District Committee Member (DCM)</u> Call for nominations	All	1 st Mar 2021	10 th Feb 2021 Mick G will be rotating off from Acting DCM at next District Meeting 3 rd Mar 2021
4	<u>Vacant Position-Office Co-ordinator</u>	All	1 st Mar 2021	10 th Feb No Nominations
5	<u>4th November20: Vacant Position-Office Maintenance</u> Since Denis took up position of Registrar, he continues in this role until a replacement is found.	All	1 st Mar 2021	10 th Feb No Nominations

New Business Action Items

No.	Item	Who	When	Status
1	<u>Incoming calls to office</u> After a discussion on how many calls we are receiving for AA assistance, it was decided by all present that we will check phone records monthly.	Mick G/Denis p	1 st March 2021	All Agreed
2	<u>Cost of plastic holders for pamphlets and cards.</u>	Dan T	1 st Mar 2021	10 th Feb: The committee agreed to let Mick G go to Office works to



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	Also cost of advertising in NT News. How much to put an add on the television screens in Doctors surgeries.			purchase some plastic holders for PI work.
3	<p><u>10th Feb 2021 Additional Requirement- Office Volunteers:</u></p> <p>The District already has a policy that Office Volunteers require a minimum of 6 months sobriety. It is now proposed that the relevant GSR confirms that the volunteer has been a group member for at least 6 months and that the appointment is recommended by the group. This suggestion by Pat Mac is aimed at ensuring the volunteers can represent the fellowship properly and have the support of their group. It also relieves the committee members of having to decide who or who may not be suitable.</p>	Pat M	1 st Mar 2021	10 th Feb: The committee agreed that this should be discussed at next meeting. GSRs can read letter prior and consider their opinion.
4	<p><u>The Ipswich District Website Committee of Area C Queensland</u></p> <p>Have sent a letter requesting feedback and support from the Australian fellowship of AA for the newly created website:</p> <p>www.helpmestopdrinking.com</p> <p>A copy of this letter will be emailed out to all GSRs prior to next meeting so all can read in own time and then we will discuss at next meeting.</p>	Mick G	1 st Mar 2021	10 th Feb: The committee agreed that this should be discussed at next meeting. GSRs can read letter prior to meeting with time to consider their opinion.



REPORTS – OFFICE BEARERS

DCM – Mick G:

Acting Darwin Committee Member Report

Welcome Everyone and thank you very much for attending tonight's Darwin District Office Meeting.
Thank you to every coordinator for your continued service to the fellowship

WORKSHOPS

The year has commenced strongly with some great workshops:

- 1 Public Information
- 2 Twelve Steps
- 3 Twelve Traditions

It has been great to see some Darwin members attend these workshops.

TRUSTEE

The DDO supported Jane M in her application to become the "Trustee" for the Northern Region Area "A" which was then ratified at a "special" Area Assembly.

As the Area Delegate was away on leave, I have signed the application and lodged it with Valerie at the General Service Office.

BILL W CAMP

The Bill W Camp has had its first meeting for the year.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Public Information Coordinator has organised a PI committee meeting and now has other members contributing to organise and undertake a more effective and reliable Public Information Service.

So far, the above activities, have created very productive start to 2021.

POSITIONS VACANT

Darwin District Office

- District Committee Member
- Office coordinator
- Office maintenance
- Round up Coordinator.

AREA

Treasurer

The next Area Assembly is 9am Sunday 20th February.

MEETINGS

Darwin District has 18 meetings, 10 "face to face", 7 zoom and 1 hybrid (face to face and zoom).

PHONE ROSTER



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Denis P and I are operating the phone roster. Thanks Denis".

A REMINDER, THAT I WILL BE ROTATING OFF AS "ACTING DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER" AT THE NEXT DISTRICT MEETING IN MARCH.

WEBMASTER REPORT

NIL TO REPORT

Secretary – Susan B

I thought I was managing and had succeeded in getting my first minutes sent out, hopefully without to many mistakes. Ha Ha Susan B does not make mistakes. As I was organising things for tonight's meeting, there I am reading last month's minutes, it did not take me long to discover that I had been asked to find someone to discuss Tradition 2 as Denis was away. A little late to ask anyone now, so you guessed it, I have the honour of presenting Tradition 2.

Susan B.

Moved Pat M Seconded Dan T Accepted unanimously.

Treasurer- Pat Mac

Attached to Financial Report and read at meeting.

Moved Susan B Seconded Doug W Accepted unanimously.

Treatment & Corrections – Doug W

Institutions going well. Banyon now running strongly. Mission Australia needs volunteers.

No progress with Corrections.

All that are interested in assisting with Corrections will need to have Security Clearances.

I will be away. I return to Darwin in 3 Weeks.

Moved Mick G Seconded Dan T Accepted Unanimously.

Registrar – Denis P

Hello to all attending tonight! This month to memory without my notes I forwarded all group contacts an email reminder of this year's 1st Bill W camp committee meeting. Collected mail weekly for the DDO, letters for the treasurer Pat Mac letting him know and placing them in the folder and Friday night group. Helped update a GSR list on word document with Mick G and 24hr phone roster DDO committee list and Area A committee list. Read through letter from Ipswich District PI&CPC co-ordinator. I do not see the need as Darwin alcoholics anonymous has a frequently updated website, full 24hr phone roster & now a PI subcommittee has formed. 18th January updated Monday lunch time meeting with password required, Deb was contacted, and all was sorted. Thursday night there is a solution group to hybrid on the GSO website. Forwarded an outstanding invoice to Pat Mac from the GSO that has been dealt with. Also Forwarded an email from Darwin city council for Friday night Casuarina group to John S. Hope you all are well and have a great meeting.

Kind regards Denis P

Moved Pat M Seconded Mick G Accepted Unanimously.



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Office Co-Ordinator: Vacant

Office Maintenance – Denis P acting

G'day again this one can be shortened! Keeping the office clean and attractive each week filling spray bottles purchasing what is needed leaving all receipts in petty cash tin. Printed up revised meetings lists for office desk and front pigeon holder. Also regularly print up copies of the serenity times for the office desk.

Kind regards Denis.P

Moved Susan B Seconded Mick G Unanimously approved

Public Information- Dan T

February 2nd, 2021

The first PI committee meeting was held on Saturday Feb 6th with just 4 members in attendance. We established some areas of focus for PI activity for the month and assigned some activities for the members that were present and willing to contribute.

Other monthly activity to date that I know of.

- Susan B has delivered some posters to corrections.
- We are on the waiting list for Chanel 9 community notice board slot.
- Electronic copy of AA notice (male) power-point & JPEG formats made for Doctors Surgery TV's. Female one coming soon.

We will require some pamphlet holders and probably also some business card holders to be distributed at various locations, perhaps 10 of each for a start. Looking forward to discussing this at the upcoming DDO meeting.

Yours in service,

Dan T

Editor – Susan Burnside

Mistake no 2 for this month, I sent the Serenity Times out late as I was going to the Bill W Camp meeting on the 31st of Jan and thought I would get Bob to write something for me about the meeting, to put in the newsletter, Bob did his part, I received his email printed it out, then neglected to put it in the newsletter. I did not even realise when I was looking for an article to fill a space that was obviously there for Bobs article. I have apologised to Bob. Also, I am looking for members or groups to please provide some stories. This I only just learnt is included in service work. Thanks to those who read the newsletter, I am trying to provide up to date information and shared experiences, strengths and hopes.

The Serenity Prayer was read by all.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.30 PM

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting monthly DDO meeting will be held via Zoom at 7pm Wednesday 1st March 2021.