



DARWIN DISTRICT
AREA "A" NORTHERN REGION
Minutes of Meeting

Meeting Type: Quarterly District Meeting
Meeting Location: Zoom
Meeting Date: 03 March 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 District
Susan B	Harbour View Tuesday Lunchtime	Y	Secretary/Editor Serenity Times
Denis P	Big Book Recovery Tuesday	Y	Registrar/acting Office Maintenance
Doug W	Sunday Living Sober and Monday Daily Reflections	Y	Treatment and Corrections Facilities Co-ordinator
Caroline B	Big Book Recovery Tuesday	Alt GSR	Literature Officer
Dan T	Sunday Night Living Sober	N	Public Information Officer
Marg M	Bill W Camp	N	Secretary

Apologies:

Jane M	There is a solution Thursday	N	Area Trustee
Peter M	Casuarina Group Friday	y	

Mick G (ADCM)

All identified themselves and stated their positions.



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Traditions and Statement of Purpose

Statement of purpose was read by Mick G.

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

Acceptance of previous minutes

Pat M moved the minutes of previous meeting be accepted.

Seconded by Denis P carried unanimously.

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>	Denis P- Trad 4	7 th April 2021	3 rd Mar 2021 Dan T Delivered Tradition 3
2	<u>6th Mar 19: Vacant position Roundup Co-ordinator</u> <u>Call for nominations</u>	All	7 th April 2021	3 rd Mar 2021 No Nominations
3	<u>9th December 2020: Vacant Position-Darwin District Committee Member (DCM)</u> Call for nominations	All	7 th April 2021	3 rd Mar 2021 No Nominations Mick has agreed to act for another 3 Months
4	<u>Vacant Position-Office Co-ordinator</u>	All	7 th April 2021	3 rd March 2021 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	7 th April 2021	3 rd March 2021 No Nominations

New Business Action Items

No.	Item	Who	When	Status
0	0	0	0	0



REPORTS – OFFICE BEARERS

DCM – Mick G:

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Acting Darwin Committee Member Report to Darwin District Meeting WED 3/3/2021

NORTHERN REGION AREA "A" ASSEMBLY

AREA REPORT 21/2/2021

ACTING DARWIN COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT

It has been a busy start to the year for the Darwin Fellowship.

TRUSTEE

The Darwin District Office supported Jane M in her application to become the "Trustee" for the Northern Region Area "A".

This application was then ratified at a "special" Northern Region Area A Assembly.

Jane's position has since been ratified by the General Service Board and she will be attending her first Board meeting today, Sunday the 21/2/2021.

WORKSHOPS

The year has commenced strongly with some great workshops organised on ZOOM by the Darwin Service Group:

- 1 Public Information – presented by Jane H, Ex PI Coordinator Area A in Melbourne
- 2 Twelve Steps – presented Chris and David, Melbourne
- 3 Twelve Traditions – presented by Chris and David, Melbourne

If your district or group would like to have these workshops on Zoom, these presenters generously offer their service.

BILL W CAMP

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

Further meetings at the Daly are being organised to "scope" the camping area and have discussions with the new proprietors.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Public Information workshop inspired the formation of a PI committee of four members contributing to organise and undertake a more effective and reliable Public Information Service.

Ongoing TV advertising, potential Doctors Surgery TV advertising, and a more strategic effort directed at Health, Emergency Services, Government, and non-Government agencies is to be undertaken.

More member support will be greatly welcomed.

POSITIONS VACANT

Darwin District Office



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District Committee Member

Office coordinator

Office maintenance

Round up Coordinator.

Treasurer

Office volunteers 11am -2pm Thursday, Friday Saturday (6months sobriety required)

MEETINGS

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

PHONE ROSTER

The 24hr phone roster is operating well. Everyday has a volunteer. There have been 4 calls so far this month to the 24hr phone line.

WEBSITE; aadarwin.org.au

The Darwin Website has over 320 views since January 2021.

Regards

Mickg, acting District Committee Member

Moved Dan T Seconded Caroline B Accepted Unanimously

Secretary – Susan B:

I do not have anything to report.

All is going well.

Moved Pat M Seconded Denis P Accepted Unanimously

Acting Treasurer Pat Mac:

Attached to Financial Report and read at meeting.

Moved Susan B Seconded Denis P Accepted Unanimously

Registrar – Denis P:

Though I have been on holidays for 2 weeks I was able to still check the DDO mail app and cross-check for any updates with our local website. As of Monday the 22nd of February, have been taking care of the 24hr call diversions, thank you Mick G for helping out for the 2 weeks. Updated the 24hr phone diversion roster with a section for back up volunteers when someone steps off. Thank you to all the 24hr phone volunteers for your service. 1/3/21 reprinted meetings list office desk and pigeon-hole for members, emailing out copies to GSR's and group contacts. Printed up the new edition Serenity Times for the office desk and any members wishing hard copies. Checked DDO PO-Box with nothing to collect. Thank you to Pat Mac for helping there while I was away for helping one of the volunteers that day. Forwarded emails from the GSO on Topics for this year's conference and AA around Australia requests for articles to GSR's. Took some AA card holders with AA contact stickers and gave them to PI Dan T.



Moved Dan T Seconded Doug W Accepted Unanimously

Treatment & Corrections – Doug W

T and C

Currently visiting Banyan House and Stringybark on a fortnightly basis. Many thanks to Peter and Darren who have built a strong rapport with the clients and staff at Banyan.

Slowly people are coming forward for Stringybark and all those who have come report the visits are well received. Please note clients with alcohol issues from the nearby detox facility are also offered the chance to attend these presentations at Stringybark.

Nothing new to report on organisation for prison visit. However, I heard two inspirational stories of the success of such programs at a recent meeting.

Moved DanT Seconded Denis P Accepted Unanimously

Office Co-ordinator Vacant

Office Maintenance – Denis P acting

Keeping up with supplies for the Darwin District Office, cleaning, and vacuuming. All is going well.

Please could GSR's or members announce this position is still available for nominations.

Moved Susan B Seconded Caroline B Accepted Unanimously

Literature Officer - Caroline B

6th February sold literature for there is a solution group of \$96.95 and sold language of the heart to a member total \$25.00. Paid electronically and sent Pat a copy of the bank receipt number, also banked that money and sent Pat a copy of bank receipt. While I was away Pat picked up an order for DDO office being for 10 little big books. Thanks, Pat, for minding the fort while I was away.

I have a literature announcement due to the successful online national convention from Toowoomba, a souvenir special edition booklet entitled "A vision for you" was published. The 76-page book celebrates the 75th anniversary of the birth of AA in Australia. This book can be ordered for groups and members sale price is \$20.

Can GSR's and members please pass this info onto your groups and anyone wishing to order contact myself, or through the DDO office. Many thanks.

Moved Susan B Seconded Pat M Accepted Unanimously

Public Information Officer – Dan T

Greetings all,

PI Report for Feb 2021.

- PI Sub-Committee established, with next meeting set for March 13th at 7.00PM. **Zoom ID 899 5077 2600. Password 616503**



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- Susan and Bob looking at doctor's surgeries literature placement. Dennis looking at hospitals (other than the PI work already done by Monday night group?) long story.
- Brochure and card holders have been distributed and stocked ready for placement.
- Chanel 9 Community service announcement airing throughout 6PM news slot for March and ongoing permanently wherever there is a time slot going forward. (pretty good for free)
- Chanel 10 yet to reply to email but will be on board eventually.
- We need to discuss refills of literature for these holders and budget etc tomorrow.
- Looking at Facebook, it would cost some money, budget can be capped, 10c a click on add to open. More info at next meeting.

Regards Dan T

Moved Pat M Seconded Denis P Accepted Unanimously

Editors Report – Susan B

The Serenity Times, is still going out, just made the end of the month this time, as per usual. I made mistakes on the page numbers, just learning how to do them. Hopefully, it was successful. I thought it needed a bit more to brighten it up. I made my first box, for the PI advert so, I am learning as I go along. I am glad Carolyn is back from holidays, we will have a book of the month in April's edition.

Moved Doug W Seconded Pat M Accepted Unanimously

Bill W Camp 2021- Marg M – Secretary

A planning meeting was held on 31st Jan 2021. It was unanimously agreed to hold the camp. Contact was made with new owners Leanne and Tony. Some members went to check out the camp to see if it was going to be suitable for all, AA and new owners. The new owners were very receptive, and it was decided to keep the camp at Douglas Daly. Camp will be the Darwin Show long weekend 23-25 July. As it will be a busy weekend it is suggested those who want cabins should book in early. There is a flyer on the AA site with all the information.

GSR Reports

Big Book Recovery Group – Denis P

We have continued to get regular numbers on zoom ranging from 12 to 24 attendees each week with 5 active group members. In the past week we have trial tested Hybrid zoom outside regular meeting times with great success. On that note Tues Big Book Recovery Group will be reopening on the 23rd of March in the new venue as a Hybrid group meeting in the Harbor View room at Christ Church cathedral 2 Smith street Darwin city. We continue to follow the 60/30/10 plan and due to the GSO to members of alcoholics anonymous "A call to Action " through our group conscience we have switched who gets 60/30/10 to help out the GSO. And a great letter from Chris S from the GSO on a call for articles for AA around Australia shared with the group. Announcing at each group meeting the DDO in need of members for service being, DCM, office coordinator, office maintenance officer, round up coordinator with Thursday, Friday, and Saturdays available for office volunteers with at least 6 months of sobriety. Many thanks

Regards

Denis P

Nightcliff Saturday Group – Pat M

The group is held via Zoom with no plans to return to face to face, attendance averages 6 to 10 with some regular attendees from interstate and overseas, some with long-term sobriety as well as



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newcomers, making it an interesting meeting. Only disadvantage is lack of financial contributions, not a problem for the group but effects our ability to support District, Area and GSO. We need to keep providing Bank Account details and reminding attendees to contribute. Meetings are scheduled for an hour, but we tend to let it expand if necessary, so that all members can share.

Regards

Pat

Monday Night Daily Reflections Group – Doug W

The meeting has now moved back into the school library and attendance is strong. Several group members also go to The Foreshore cafe after the meeting, and everyone is invited to come along.

Regards

Doug

Harbour View Tuesday Lunchtime Group – Susan B

We are getting about 10 regularly at meetings, we follow the 60/30/10 plan. We get regular visits from interstate members when they are visiting. Sadly, I missed this week's meeting due to lack of transport, so could not discuss with group the letter from GSO. This will be on the floor next week at a Group Conscience meeting. We have 6 active members, with 2 members joining the committee of the PI group, they are actively placing AA information.

Kind Regards

Susan B

Closed with Serenity Prayer at 8.48pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 07/04/2021 7PM on Zoom.