

MINUTES NOTHERN REGION AREA AA

(NRAA)

Assembly 23rd May 2021 9am via Zoom Conference

1. WELCOME:

Area Chair- Mick G welcomed all.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mick G. Chairperson, Acting Darwin Chairperson, Webmaster, Big Book Recovery Group

Carolyn G. Area Delegate, Living Sober Group

Jane M. Northern Territory Regional Trustee. There is a Solution Group

Susan B. Secretary Area and District, Editor Serenity Times, GSR Harbour view Lunchtime Group

Pat M. Acting Area Treasurer, District Treasurer, GSR Saturday Night Group

Denis P. Registrar, Acting Office Maintenance, Acting Office Co-Ordinator, GSR BBR Group

Peter M. GSR Friday Night Group

3. APOLOGIES:

Dan T. PI

Alice Springs

4. READING OF LONG FORM OF TRADITIONS:

Long Form of Traditions shared by all present.

5. READING OF "ROLE OF AREA ASSEMBLY AND AREA COMMITEE" (from "Inside Australia" p10)

6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion to accept: Moved Pat M, Seconded Denis P. Accepted unanimously.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

None

8. NORTHERN REGION TRUSTEE REPORT:

Jane M.

Thank you for sharing your Faith Strength and Hope

Email address if you need to contact me- threelegacies99@gmail.com

Tony Combs has resigned.

Meet the board was discussed and was enjoyed by those who attended.

Q. Mick G. asked Jane to expand on Class A trustees and what they are looking for.

Have they considered anyone in Darwin?

Denis P. asked if maybe a Doctor, GP etc could be considered.

9. DELEGATES REPORT:

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_Carolyn G

No decision has been made yet as to how (face to face or virtual) or when the 2021 Conference will take place, but it will most probably be a full Conference addressing topics carried over from 2020 and all 2021 topics.

Please submit topics as usual by the end of June.

Topics for Conference voting will be ready for group perusal by end of August.

Can we organise a Topic Area Meeting for group feedback by the end of October?

Thanks

Carolyn Gray (Area Delegate)

10. GROUP REPORTS: NORTHERN AREA ASSEMBLY "AREA A"

MAY 2021

ACTING DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT

Welcome everyone and thank you for giving your time to this Area Assembly.

Darwin continues to operate 18 meetings per week, 10 "face to face", two "hybrid" meetings and 6 meetings on zoom.

There are a number of "newcomers" attending meetings which is great to see.

Public Information

PI in Darwin is investigating many new areas of Public Information and consolidating the old favourites, ie: Doctors, Public notice Boards etc..

It is great to have Hannah from Alice Springs taking on the challenge of joining the PI Committee, thank you and welcome.

Roundups

It would appear that at present there will be no Darwin Roundup this year, however the Bill W Camp at the Douglas Daly July 23-25 will be held, thank you to the very hard working Bill W Committee, while at present there is no suggestion of any group/s prepared to organise the Darwin Unity Weekend at the beginning of August.

Darwin District Office

The Darwin District Office currently has 3 days vacant for volunteer Office Service, the phone roster is full, with extra members available.

Roundup Coordinator, Office Maintenance, Office Coordinator and District Committee Member positions are still vacant, however existing position holders are operating these positions in an "acting" capacity.

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Treatment and Corrections

While our Treatment and Corrections Coordinator is busy with the two treatment centres attended each week in Darwin, communications and action within Corrections still proves to be difficult.

Serenity Times

The Serenity Times continues to keep AA members, Territory, National and International up to date with current events in Darwin. Its recent focus is on mobilising more members for Service Work. Each issue is "action packed".

Darwin Website

Aadarwin.org.au website continues to keep members up to date with all local, and selected national and international AA news, conferences, workshops and other resources. While also receiving a heavy stream of "hits" on meeting information.

I would once again, like to express my gratitude to all who have attended this morning and Service Work that is done, which is admirable in a very small population.

Regards

Mickg

Acting DCM, Darwin

Moton to Accept. Moved Pat M. Seconded Susan B Accepted unanimously.

Peter M. Casuarina Group

Friday Night group is getting larger, nearly outgrowing the area provided.

Peter M. GSR

Denis P. BBRG

Currently we have 8 group members, 5 service positions and 2 of our members are from interstate being that we are running a zoom Hybrid meeting. In person and online. Its ging really well from 8 to 9 people in person and give or take the same amount online. We contribute on a monthly basis 60/30/10. We had a great privilege of having a local doctor sit in as an observer a couple of weeks ago.

Kind Regards

Denis P. GSR

Mick G. Darwin Service Group Steering Committee

Zoom meeting 7pm Wednesday nights.

The Darwin Service Group aims to carry its message of Service Work as a necessary function of "being recovered".

That recovery is an equal balance of Recovery, Unity and Service.

The Group is about to finish its "NEXT PHASE" workshops, which have worked through 12 topics from the AA Service Guidelines.

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Each week has had a guest speaker on each guideline, and we thank those members who have given us their time, experience, and strength on these matters.

We have had ex Trustees, Delegates, International Delegates, and local/national presenters speak on these topics and then take further questions.

Topics have ranged from "suggestions for leading a beginners meeting" "armed services", "members visiting treatment facilities" and many more, with our final workshop on wed June 2nd "AA members employed in the Alcoholism field" with guest speaker Brian S, AA's International Delegate.

The Group structure is that of a steering committee, as all members have a home group and do SERVICE WORK for their Group, Area, and National AA. Some bring their sponsee's along as an introduction to SERVICE WORK.

The Group 7th tradition is 100% to the Darwin District Office

The Group attempts to make these meetings light-hearted and SERVICE WORK, fun, and easily achievable to and for all, by attempting to DEMYSTIFY how SERVICE WORK, WORKS.

Regards

Mickg

Darwin Service Group

Pat M. GSR Nightcliff Saturday Group.

Our group is a Zoom meeting, no plans to return to face to face. We have only two members, me and Peter L who hosts the call each week. Attendance varies from 2 or 3 to 6 or 7 often with interesting speakers, some with particularly long-term sobriety, and a few regular interstate and overseas participants. Last night we had only three, but great sharing. Often attendance includes members from other countries including Indonesia, USA, UK - often because of the timing difference where a local meeting might not be available. Unfortunately, our group is not contributing 60/30/10 since cash collection not possible, and despite publishing bank account details on the chat no transfers received so far!

Regards

Pat

Susan B. Harborview

We currently have 6 active members. This is an As Bill Sees It meeting. We generally have around 10-12 members at our meeting. A lot of travellers tend to come to our lunchtime meeting. We subscribe to the 60:30:10 plan.

Regards

Susan B. GSR

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Area Chair- Mick G.

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AREA CHAIR REPORT:

Welcome everyone and thank you for giving your time to this Area Assembly.

It was another wonderful "meet the Board" meeting last Sunday with over 50 attendees at the time that I could attend.

It would appear that Service Work is also an issue in all the other Regions, and I consider that we are very fortunate in a small population to have you all attend today and to be seeking to fill only one position, that of Treasurer on the Area Committee. Thank you again.

As PI enters a new and exciting period may I suggest that the Area Committee begins to investigate how we may better serve the PI Committee and welcome to Alice Springs on that committee.

Regards

Mickg

Area Chair

Motion to Accept. Moved Pat M. Seconded Denis P. Accepted Unanimously

ACTING TRASURER REPORT:

Attached to minutes.

Motion to Accept. Moved Carolyn G. Seconded Susan B. Accepted Unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Most did not send reports as requested via email from the Chair prior to meeting. Can this be done from now on as I cannot write shorthand and meeting is not recorded. This assists with getting an accurate draft copy out to all within a couple of days after meeting. The draft is for your perusal and the option to correct mistakes.

Regards

Susan B (Secretary)

Motion to Accept. Moved Denis P. Seconded Pat M. Accepted Unanimously

11. NEW BUSINESS-AGENDA ITEMS

1. Proposal that area meetings be recorded and arch. With copies being sent to Alice Springs.

Outcome Other committee meetings are verbally recorded for accuracy in minutes.

Printed copy of minutes is all that needs to be archived.

Mick G. to do some research in WS Guidelines.

12. NEXT ASSEMBLY

SUNDAY 9AM via Zoom Conference "15th August 2021"

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“SPECIAL AREA ASSEMBLY”

Meeting for Topics and to give group feedback to Delegate.

24h October 2021

9am via Zoom Conference.

“addendum”

A copy of an email sent by Jane M. to Mick G. Chair.

At Sunday’s Assembly, I reported the 2021 General Service Conference would be held and this would be a virtual event.

I was mistaken and reported this inaccurately.

Please accept my humble apology for reporting this special event in the AA calendar incorrectly.

It is not clear how the Conference will be progressed this year and the Area Delegate shared on this correctly in her report.

What has been confirmed, is the Topics for Conference will be progressed this year, and how this will be done is yet to be decided.

I have personally apologised to the Area Delegate for my mistake and will be working with her and the Area Chair closely to avoid confusion and grow in unity going forward.

Your humble servant

Jane M
Serving as
NT Regional Trustee
General Service Board Australia