



DARWIN DISTRICT
AREA "A" NORTHERN REGION
Minutes of Meeting

Meeting Type: Monthly District Office Meeting
Meeting Location: Zoom
Meeting Date: 7th April 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 and Wednesday Service Group	Y	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/ acting Office Co-Ordinator
Caroline B	Big Book Recovery Tuesday	Alt GSR	Literature Officer
Dan T	Sunday Night Living Sober	Y	Public Information Officer

All identified themselves and stated their positions.

Traditions and Statement of Purpose

Traditions read in turn by all present

Statement of purpose was read by Mick G.

Apologies:

Doug W	Sunday Living Sober and Monday Daily Reflections	Y	Treatment and Corrections Officer
Peter M	Casuarina Group Friday	y	



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Acceptance of previous minutes

Note: - due to an omission dated 10th Feb 2021 re (3) The Additional Requirement-Office Volunteer, The committee agreed that this should be discussed at the next meeting. The GSRs were sent the information prior to the quarterly District meeting 3rd March 2021, to be voted on there. The item was discussed at that meeting and agreed on. Accepted Pat M seconded Susan B carried unanimously.
Item Closed.

Acceptance of previous minutes

Denis P moved the minutes of previous meeting be accepted,
Seconded by Dan T 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>	Dan T. Trad 5	5 th May 2021	7 th April 2021 Denis P delivered talk on Tradition 4
2	<u>6th Mar 19: Vacant position Roundup Co-ordinator</u> <u>Call for nominations</u>	All	5 th May 2021	7 th April 2021 No Nominations
3	<u>9th December 2020: Vacant Position-Darwin District Committee Member (DCM)</u> Call for nominations	All	5 th May 2021	7 th April 2021 Mick G will be rotating off as soon as someone nominates and is elected for this position.
4	<u>Vacant Position-Office Co-ordinator</u>	All	5 th May 2021	7 th April 2021 No Nominations
5	<u>4th November 20: Vacant Position-Office Maintenance</u> Since Denis took up position of Registrar, he continues in this role until a replacement is found.	All	5 th May 2021	7 th April 2021 No Nominations



Discussion:

A discussion was held regarding how to motivate some activity in filling our vacant positions, advertising them in the Serenity Times.

We also created a roster for submissions to Serenity Times from Committee members on How Service Made Me Sober.

Dan T. May Susan B. August
Denis P. June Caroline B. September
Mick G. July Pat M. October

As Melbourne also has same issues comparing the ratio to population in both Darwin and Melbourne.

We all agreed it would be interesting to compare these statistics.

New Business Action Items

No.	Item	Who	When	Status
0	0	0	0	0

REPORTS – OFFICE BEARERS

ADCM – Mick G:

ACTING DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT

DARWIN DISTRICT OFFICE MEETING 7/4/2021

Welcome everyone and thank you for attending.

Once again, I would like to thank you all for your ongoing commitment to the Darwin District Office and the valuable work that you do to further carry the message and in supporting the Darwin groups to do so.

PI is very active, and Alice Springs has shown interest in our resources and joining the PI committee, great work Dan and your small but active committee.

I have purchased an AA self-inking stamp, as requested at the previous District Meeting. The stamp is in the Office and is to be used on AA literature.

I am also working through the files on MS Office, arranging them in some order and have downloaded much of the DDO information from 2013 onwards into these files and created backups on two mini drives which are now in the safe.

Darwin AA History Archives have previously been downloaded and backed up on these two drives and the computer.

Denis P and I will meet later this week to finalize some files and to update Denis on their future organization and use.

As far as I am aware, there have been no nominations for any of the positions currently vacant on the DDO Committee, with a few of us now working in several positions for which we have not been nominated by the District to fulfill and which will be an unsustainable workload for some of us into the future.



I am calling on all members to seriously consider their debt to the AA fellowship, that the fellowship was there when we needed it, and it was there because people did service work to keep the fellowship operational for the newcomer and to carry the message to the newcomer. It was therefore me and you, but without active service work on the DDO, District and Area, will it be there for the next person?

Support and training are available in all/any of the positions that are currently vacant.

On behalf of the Darwin Fellowship, I extend our great thanks to the office and phone volunteers, who are on the "frontline" for the newcomer, 24/7.

Regards

Mickg

Moved Denis P. Seconded Dan T. Unanimously Accepted.

WEBMASTER REPORT

April 6, 2021, 10:47 pm

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Months and Years

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2019		187	109	115	173	144	149	107	140	73	83	75
2020	115	138	200	1,038	946	879	985	819	861	692	699	622
2021	555	577	654	81								

Average per Day

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2019		12	4	4	6	5	5	3	5	2	3	2
2020	4	5	6	35	31	29	32	26	29	22	23	20
2021	18	21	21	12								

Recent Weeks



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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Mar 1	Mar 2	Mar 3	Mar 4	Mar 5	Mar 6	Mar 7
32	27	41	37	15	20	40
Mar 8	Mar 9	Mar 10	Mar 11	Mar 12	Mar 13	Mar 14
33	20	33	27	17	21	20
Mar 15	Mar 16	Mar 17	Mar 18	Mar 19	Mar 20	Mar 21
14	20	18	20	11	5	9
Mar 22	Mar 23	Mar 24	Mar 25	Mar 26	Mar 27	Mar 28
18	32	14	7	13	8	21
Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31	Apr 1	Apr 2	Apr 3	Apr 4
10	30	21	18	7	7	8
Apr 5	Apr 6					
19	22					

The website continues to provide much needed access to information for existing members and hopefully newcomers.

7 days into April and 81 views already

The website is not only an information service. It is an extension of "fellowship" to all.

Regards

Mickg

Webmaster

Moved Dan T. Seconded Denis P. Accepted Unanimously.

Secretary – Susan B

It seems I messed up last report, will have to do better this time.

Regards

Susan B. Moved Caroline B. Seconded Pat M. Accepted Unanimously.

Treasurer- Pat Mac

Attached to Financial Report and read at meeting.

Moved Susan B. Seconded Caroline B. Accepted Unanimously.

Treatment & Corrections – Doug W

Visits are continuing on a fortnightly basis to Banyan House and Stringybark. Both are well received. We have recently seen several people regularly attending meetings since leaving Banyan. On Monday 4 clients from Stringybark came to the Daily Reflections Meeting along with two case workers. It



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was good that they saw one of the members who had been out to visit previously and heard one of the members who is going out tonight.

I am hoping to get moving on trying to get members clearance for the prison later this month.

Regards

Doug W Moved Susan B. Seconded Caroline B. Accepted Unanimously.

Registrar – Denis P

Hello to all. This month I have updated the Wednesday night rapid creek meeting with the correct address so that google maps pick it up, and the correct address for the Monday night group. Updated Darwin service group and Saturday Nightcliff group contact details. Updated Tuesday Night Big Book Recovery Group as in person and online at the starting time of 7:30pm. Also forwarded on an email notes emotional sobriety to women GSR and women group contacts as specified. Checked the casuarina post office box for the DDO each week collecting a letter for po box renewal scanning and emailing to Pat. M and a letter from the Darwin city council rental Bill . Printed up meetings list keeping the office desk stocked for anyone and the pigeonhole at the door. Printed copies of the serenity times placed on the DDO desk for anyone to grab. Several letters for Friday night casuarina group letting John. S know for picking up. One South Australian "message of hope" magazine, Victorian newsletter and Western Australian serenity times. Updated the 24hr phone roster and printed the updated diversion for office volunteers putting in the office volunteer's manual. Forwarded a member's email address requesting to be added for the serenity times to Susan B also adding the members email to GSR, group contacts list. Let Mick G know that the forward meeting is open, needing to update the local website. Forwarded on an invitation "Archives Breakfast Area 87...zoom event Visiting Stepping Stones home of Bill and Lois to GSR's, group contacts and committee members. Emailed out the updated meetings lists. Wow service keeps you busy and helps immensely in thinking of how I can be of helpfulness and usefulness to others. Thank you to all in love and service Denis. P.

Moved Pat M. Seconded Mick G. Accepted Unanimously.

Acting Office Co-Ordinator

Again, it has been a real pleasure working with everyone. An enjoyable easily worked position. Diverting the 24hr phone each day with my phone alarm set for 2pm 7 days of the week, helps greatly in thinking of others. Sometimes giving a call to let the volunteer know it has been diverted or a simple text message and thanking them for their service. Regularly updating the 24hr phone volunteer roster. Currently we have 2 office volunteers on Tuesday and Wednesday who without skipping a beat let me know if they cannot make it or need to leave early. Huge thanks to Tony F and Darren H and all the 24hr phone volunteers, many thanks for without all your ongoing commitments we would not be there for the still sick and suffering alcoholic. With myself in the office on the

Mondays. Still having Thursday, Friday, and Saturday to fill from 11am till 2pm manning the office keeping it open for any members or newcomers looking for information.

Yours in service Denis P.

Moved Pat M. Seconded Mick G. Accepted Unanimously.



Office Maintenance – Dens P acting

Everything is going well, this month picked up DDO mini-Drives and gave them to Mick G. Mick gave them back to me later after he had done some work with the mini drive then I returned them to the office safe on the 27/3/21. Restocked Big brother with copy paper when needed. Vacuumed office floor checking on supplies. Thursday 1/4/21 dropped into the office noticing an issue with the air conditioning "not working" so I called around and John S directed me to the office volunteer manual where I learnt the Darwin city council pays for and puts the order in to be fixed. Left me phone number and office number with the council to pass on to the air condition guys. No internet as well so I called Kim our computer tech man which he helped in getting the computer back up and running. Kim did let me know he is no longer living in Darwin and had moved south a couple of weeks ago.

Kind regards Denis P

Moved Caroline B. Seconded Dan T.

Public Information- Dan T

April 3rd, 2021

Thanks to the help of a few members keen to carry the message, literature is up at handful of Doctor's surgeries now which is excellent.

It turns out that most of the electronic billboards (TV's) in surgeries are owned by 3rd party businesses who charge fees for advertising. It is on my *to do list* to chase up pricing for this and I should have more information there by next District meeting (May).

Our electronic billboard notice should at least be up at Pandanus Medical in the Jape home-maker village by now though and I will be checking on this next week.

We are on the waiting list again for AA announcements on the Community noticeboard segments with channel 9 and channel 10 now as well hopefully.

Literature has been placed at Mission Australia in both the public foyer and the meeting room for inmates. Speaking of literature, a big thanks to Caroline. B for re-stocking literature for us so promptly.

I have been in contact with a couple of members from Alice Springs and shared what PI resources I have (electronic billboard stuff, National contacts etc) and I am looking forward to working with Alice to help them to get some good PI initiatives in place down there as well. For starters, we would like to approach the CSO and present a case for our National AA campaign to be aired on Imparja TV. Imparja TV reaches over 1 million viewers in regional Australia (all states except WA) many of these small towns and communities do not have access to the mainstream TV and media services that we enjoy.

The Alice members will be joining us on our next [sub-committee meeting](#) which will be held on [7:00PM Saturday April 13th](#). And I know that we will make them welcome.

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That is about it for me and now I'm off for a couple of days R&R camping and fishing after a hectic month. See you all Wednesday.

Yours in service,

Dan T

Moved Susan B. Seconded Denis P. Accepted Unanimously

Literature Officer – Caroline B

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Same day ordered 13 Big Books

12 little big books

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Put together pamphlets for Dan PI

And sold a 12x12.

Checked the literature tin it remains as \$50 for the float

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Editor – Susan Burnside

Serenity Times,

It is like trying to Milk a Bull getting info to put in newsletter, thanks to Alice Springs and some of my own ingenuity, I had something to put in Serenity Times.

Regards

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Moved Pat M. Seconded Dan T. Accepted Unanimously.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.30 PM

The Serenity Prayer was read by all.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting monthly DDO meeting will be held via Zoom at 7pm Wednesday 5th May 2021.