

Area 74 Area Committee Meeting
Saturday August 7th, 2021
Minutes

Meeting opened at 10:03am with prayer and housekeeping.

Roll call; **Area Officers:** Area Chair, Delegate, Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer,

Committee Chairs: CPC, Finance, Grapevine Chair, Now & Then, Public Information, Structures & Guideline, Treatment

DCM's: 1 2 4 5 6 8 10 13 20 23

Minutes approved from 5/16/21 ACM.

Reports:

- DCM Reports – see appendix 1
- Delegates Report – no written report

Unfinished Business:

Further discussion on “where we go from here” as it relates to our meeting format. (see page 2 and 3 of the draft ACM Minutes from 5-16-2021)

- Secretary shared that with the uncertainty going forward hybrid seems to be the best option.
- DCM shared that would prefer to be hybrid as he is Covid positive and would not be able to attend due to quarantine and safety.
- Another comment for hybrid.
- DCM shared that hybrid is an option we should follow.
- Chair shared that we will be hybrid (if orders/ordinances allow) and continue to discuss as we go forward.

New Business:

Approve Agenda Election Assembly 9-18-21

- There was a question of if reports are given at the election assembly or not – should the reports be after?
 - o Motion made to have area officer reports be after election if time allows – motion was seconded.
 - Suggestion that written reports be given to be included in minutes.
 - Motion passed 15 – 1
 - Minority stated that reports are not necessary, and the election should just be the election.
 - Vote to reconsider
 - o Do we need to be voting on this? Seems like an oversight for the chair.
 - o Chair stated we will move forward with the process
 - o Vote to reconsider passes 16 – 0
- Motion withdrawn
- Chair put forth a new agenda
 - Agenda passed 17 – 0

- Question on ECR Trustee participating in our election
 - o She is not traveling and may appear virtually.

Review timeline response to a letter sent from District 18

- Chair shared a written response based on the minutes.
- Question on did we answer the question put forward.
 - o Chair stated that many answers are in the minutes.
 - o Comment about excess money in our funds may have led to the motion being put forward.
 - o Comment in favor of Brian's response and that the answer may not satisfy them, and we decided to send them money.
 - o Right of participation and they could have participated in the discussion.
 - o Response will be sent with vote totals added.

Discussion points from District 07

Will masks be required at election assembly in three lakes?

- o Chair stated he is unsure of what policies will be at the time of the election.

Will there be Covid testing?

- o Chair stated this is outside the scope of the committee.

Will there be vaccination validation checks?

- o Chair stated this is outside the scope of the committee.
- o Statement made that our obligation is to comply with any local laws and ordinances.

Next ACM meeting on 9-19-2021. Live or Zoom?

- Motion made to have ACM meeting on 9/19/21 to be Zoom
 - o 2nded
 - Motion passed 20 – 0

Inventory Committee sent a report and raw data which can be freely distributed to GSRs, members, etc. Please distribute so when time to discuss it occurs, members are informed.

Structures and Guideline update: changes from Finance Committee

- A change in the finance committee needs to be brought to the Assembly to vote. INSERT change!!!!

Now and Then Co-Chair

- Request to put Recovery on the River Flyer in the Now & Then
 - o Question on if it is appropriate to print in the Now & Then
 - o Question on what is a round-up?
 - Chair shared what his experience with roundups are.
 - o Question on is it an AA event?
 - o Put this is on for discussion for AA assembly.
 - o Comment made that this should be included already from previous discussions.
 - o Comment made regarding the Guidelines on our Area website in what should be posted or not.

- Will be put on new business for upcoming Assembly.

Chair brought forward idea on how to begin to study the 12 Concepts as a workshop or presentation

- DCM commented that they have been going over the concepts on the DCM call

Finance Chair mentioned it is budget season

Meeting closed with responsibility statement at 12:21pm

FINAL

Appendix 1

District 1

DCM 01 report Area 74 ACM meeting 8-7-2021

Our last district meeting was held on 7-8-2021 on the district zoom meeting platform we had 14 committee chairs and GSRs in attendance to give reports these reports can be found on our website greenbayaa.org. At this time, we will continue to meet on zoom till September.

As of now we are not allowed into the county or city correctional facility's not sure when that will change. All our meeting halls are currently open and back in pre pandemic operations. Meetings are well attended, and masks are optional.

We do have several zoom meetings that will continue indefinitely and one in particular has twice a week attendance by the Jackie Nickie treatment center clients.

We held annual District picnic on July 4th at Bayshore park it was well attended approx. 80 people.

I am sorry to report that the central office will close at the end of September due to lack of volunteers and funding .

In service

Bill D. DCM 01

District 2

DCM report for the ACM on Aug 7th:

District 02 covers three counties Calumet, Outagamie and Winnebago. It also covers parts of Brown ,Waupaca and Shawano.

Since our last ACM more meetings have gone back to in person meetings. Our August District meeting will be a hybrid meeting. It is also our election meeting for the next two year rotation.

Bob H. DCM 02

District 4

DCM Report - District 04 - Area 74

District 04 is in central Wisconsin Portage and Waupaca counties. We have meetings in Stevens Point, Waupaca, Amherst, Plover, and Iola. Our District Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month in Amherst. We have just recently started meeting in-person again.

We are sitting pretty well financially, and we have some upcoming events to help spend some of our excess money. August 14th we have our annual summer picnic. The Wednesday night "Third Legacy Group" is holding their annual Turkey feed September 11th 2021. The Thursday night "Primary Purpose Group" is planning on holding a Traditions Workshop. More details to come.

Our CPC/PI committee put a AA ad in our local buyers guide for the summer months. Also, they just made and printed new meeting lists. First ones since before COVID.

We are active in our local treatment center, it is still at half capacity. We are allowed to have 1 member go into chair 2 AA's meetings with the residents a week. We also do an "Intro to AA" on the first Saturday of every month.

Unfortunately we still do not have any activity with Waupaca or Portage county jail. Some members are doing "Bridge the Gap" on an online platform.

We have our upcoming elections for the upcoming rotation 9/2/21.

Thank you,

Greg Geeslin - DCM - District 04

District 5

Dear Area 74,

Greetings From District 05! We hope all is well with you and your families. Our monthly GSR is held the second Wednesday via zoom and starts at 6:45 pm. We welcome you to attend our meeting which typically have about 15 to 20 people in attendance. As of July 13, our checking account balance is \$2095.00 and our savings is \$605.00.

We are planning a fall picnic to be held on September 25 and it will be hosted by District 05. A flyer is being developed to help promote the event. There will be yard games and we will also be providing the main dish. This will be held from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Mount Simon Park in Eau Claire. This will be a great opportunity for fun and fellowship; all are welcome to join us that day!

What's going on in our district? Lots!

- Our annual "Recovery on the River Jamboree III" will be held October 1-3. Registration will be \$15 and \$25 for the banquet. Please visit www.recoveryontheriver.org to register.
- There has been discussion with the GSRs about District 05 starting a Venmo account. This has been taken back to the homegroups and will be discussed and voted on at the August meeting.
- We are preparing to rotate out of our two-year service position commitments and are seeking nominations for district level positions. Nominations will occur in August and September with voting to take place at the September meeting. Anyone elected would begin their service in January 2022.

- Our webmaster has renewed the website domain for five years. We are looking at options for updating our website.

As a reminder, there is a monthly DCM Zoom meeting held on the last Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. CST. Participation has been lacking lately. The next meeting will be held on August 31 and we hope to see you then.

In love and service,

District 05

District 6

1. Northern Wisconsin State Fair information booth was successful event. Lots of participants from both district 05 & 06.
2. 1st annual district 06 picnic held on July 31st in Bloomer was a success (had a new comer in attendance).
3. In person meetings are now happening at CVCTF (Chippewa Valley Corrections Treatment Facility) on Wednesday nights @ 6:30pm, and also at SCI (Stanley Correctional Institute) on the 1st & 3rd Thursday mornings @ 8:30am
4. Le Phillips treatment center MTGs are being held on Monday afternoons at 3pm via zoom.
5. Club 76 open for in person mtgs (mask's optional).
6. Stanley Sunday Night meeting is officially (finally) on the AA MTG app.

For more info or questions I can be contacted at bowenbrazell@yahoo.com

Respectfully, in love and service,
John BowenBrazell

District 10

Area 74 Committee Meeting August 7, 2021 Good morning. My name is Terri and I'm an alcoholic & the DCM of District 10. The District has the largest land base of all the Districts in Area 74. We have 40 meetings throughout District 10 that are either in person, Zoom or hybrid of both. We are still looking to fill Committee vacancies for: Secretary, PI/CPC, Phone, and Archives. We have a Corrections Committee that is actively pursuing getting back into the jails in several of the counties in our District. We currently have jail meetings in Vilas County because of a grant that is being used. Our District Accessibility Committee is helping those who will use Zoom to attend AA meetings. We are not yet able to get back into facilities for the elderly and disabled so this has helped immensely. The treatment center in the District, Koininia, has opened back up to the AA meetings formerly held there before Covid. We renewed our subscription to Zoom for another year and are allowing district meetings to use the account for their Zoom & hybrid meetings if they so choose. We went back to in-person meetings in May and also offer Zoom. We are still experiencing low attendance for the in-

person meeting but moreso for the Zoom, with only one or two people attending. We will have elections this fall and the District voted to elect a Zoom Committee to oversee the use of the Zoom account that the district uses. The committee will conduct the monthly meetings. We have decided to redo the format of our District meeting list because of the gross inaccuracies since Covid. I have been contacting all the groups & visiting groups throughout the district to help get the correct information for the District 10 Website, northwoodsaa.org, and for the AA Meeting App. This has been a successful endeavor. Our Webmaster will present the new format at our next District meeting on August 14th . Thank you, Terri B

District 12

My name is Pamela Osborne and I am an alcoholic. I presently serve as the District Committee Member of District 12. Currently our District has 22 meetings that are held in Birchwood, Cable, Hayward, Ladysmith, Minong, Stone Lake, and Winter along with our two virtual meetings.

Because of CDC lifting many restrictions, on July 31st, our District along with District 23 and 13 held an informal Meet and Greet outside on the side yard of the Serenity Club in Hayward, Wisconsin. There were a total of 18 people who attended the event with many people bringing food to share. Our Area 74 delegate, Char and Bryan, our Area Chairperson shared their story of sobriety, as well as shared Area business. Questions were asked about what Char, as a Delegate, had experienced participating in the virtual meetings of the General Service Conference and about some of decisions that were made during the Conference. Marty, a past delegate and current District 13 servant spoke about the upcoming spring assembly in Ashland in 2022, where District 12 will be helping to host the hospitality room, as well as addressed the need to get more people involved in the Area.

After the Meet and Greet, the District 12 held their first Recovery Dinner in the club. There were about 20 people for the Recovery Dinner and the Brats and hot dogs provided by the Club were delicious. Many brought deserts and salads for all to enjoy. Medallions were given out right after the meeting. As part of the dinner, two memorials were held to remember two District 12 A.A. members who had died during the year. The memorials for both Al and Jane were done very well. A member from Winter, Wisconsin, spoke about Al, giving some history of his involvement with A.A. there in Winter. Other A.A. members spoke personally regarding how Jane had helped them. During her many years of sobriety, Jane had helped many women to achieve sobriety and she was also the catalyst for starting the Women's A.A. meeting in Hayward that is well attended now. She was very excited to see the rebirth of the District and was very beneficial to me in providing advice in initiating activities for A.A. members that could help the District to take part in 12th step work and other outreach service to the community. Both of these A.A. members will be missed in the District. I know I will personally miss Jane because of her guidance and our Higher Power, we were able to bring District 12 back to serving the still suffering Alcoholics in the community and in the rooms.

We were set to begin our outreach to the Sawyer County Jail, but unfortunately a resident was ill with COVID 19 so we are just waiting until they notify our District Corrections servant. As mentioned earlier, we will also be helping to host the hospitality room during the Spring 2022

Conference in Ashland with District 13 so organization is beginning around that activity. Most meetings are in person now and meeting attendance is increasing as the "Snow Birds" return

Prior to the quarantine, we created a web page that also links us to the Area and the Meeting App. Our new address is: www.haywardwiareaaa.org.

District 13

District 13 is located in Ashland and Bayfield Counties of North Wisconsin. We have a committee meeting and is usually held on the 1st Monday of each month at 5:00 pm at the Partners In Recovery Club, 410 Lakeshore Drive West in Ashland WI. There are 24 Monday thru Sunday meetings. 1 seasonal meeting that meets in the warm season. Since March 2020 some groups and meetings were in-active and a couple groups were meeting online using zoom.com. Groups and Meetings are continuing to get active again and hold face to face meetings as well as zoom meetings.

The District maintains a hotline phone number at (715) 682-4460. There are calls about what days meetings are held, meeting times and where the meetings are located and also 12 step welfare checks.

There are two County jails that are inactive meetings since March 2020 because of the Covid 19 pandemic.

District 13 co-hosted a Three District Meet and Sharing Session with our Panel 70 Delegate and Alternate Delegate/Area Chairperson Saturday July 31 at the Hayward Serenity Club, 10339 Florida Avenue, Hayward WI. The co-hosts are Districts 23, 12 and 13.

The District 13 District Committee Member and Alternate District Committee Member and a Group Service Representative has been actively travelling to Three Lakes WI for Area 74 AA Organizations' service work meetings. The travelling is to attend Area 74 Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings throughout the year according to the Area 74 Organizations' yearly Calendar schedule. Also included was and will be again are Area 74's Spring and Fall Conferences.

District 13 has been active for a few years and has hosted Area 74 Conferences three times with the last being in May 2016. District 13 was scheduled to host the Spring 2020 Area 74 Conference in May 2020 but was cancelled because of the pandemic of the Covid-19 virus. The District put in a Conference Bid to Area 74 Organization at an Assembly Meeting and received approval to Host the Area 74 Spring Conference in May 2022 at Americinn located at Ashland WI. The conference registration flyer can be downloaded at the Area 74 Organization's website address area74.org.

District 20

My name is Rich and I am an alcoholic. I am filling in for Kathy P. for the time being as she recovers from a couple recent procedures. District 20 covers the Central Upper Peninsula of Michigan, five counties, and around 3,000 square miles. Our District meetings are usually held on the first Saturday of the month, and we will meet a week from today. We are looking into purchasing Big Books and Grapevine subscriptions to send into the local jails. We are also

looking at a potluck/speaker meeting with an emphasis on Tradition 5 to be held sometime in the fall. Flyers will be sent out once plans are finalized. We have one meeting on Friday nights that meets on ZOOM, all other meetings are back in-person. Attendance at most meetings is still down, but we have had some newcomers. Our website is up-to-date with the current meeting schedules and links to the District and Area. Thank you for the opportunity to serve my District and Area, and I think I'll keep coming back.

Rich M. Alt DCM - District 20

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