



Area C Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

26/4/2014 2.00pm @ Turning Point Group Meeting Hall

READ TRADITION TWO: all

ATTENDANCE:, Andrew(Chair, Alt Del. & G.S.R-Scone), Ian M (D.C.M -P.S&LH), Paul F(D.C.M-Newcastle Dist.), Paul B. (G.S.R- F.O.T.S), Bernie (G.S.R-Turning Point) Cathy (Turning Point) Phil G (Area C Del., G.S.R Branxton) Cherie G.(Branxton)

APOLOGIES: Vince D (Freedom) Phoebe (S.W.I.R)

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Moved: Seconded: Vote:

BUSINESS ARISING:

Phil Mentioned that the Barefoot bowling night at Hamilton bowling club has been called off due to the closure of the Bowling Club and he will look for an alternate venue

REPORTS:

Delegate's Report:

A bit quite on the Delegates agenda this quarter but plenty going on with the HPC. I have been talking to John Star about their Area application at conference which was unsuccessful and he was not happy with my explanation of proceedings. As a member of the correctional committee at conference they have had two teleconferences lately to set up a information pack to take into goals, unfortunately I was at work and unable to participate I am suppling some shares from the tape library was going to catch up with them at the convention but didn't make it due to illness am going to attend a meeting in Sydney at the end of June and Lenny S is going to accompany me as he is the coordinator for this area.

Yours in service Phil Garland.

Moved: 2nd: Accepted

SECRETARY: nil

TREASURER: nil

DCM Reports:

Newcastle District AA:

Newcastle District Alcoholics Anonymous
2014
Report to Area Assembly April 2014

26th April

Since taking over the Helpline earlier this year we have had numerous issues with the phone being located with the St Andrew's Church.

To make life easier for all parties, I propose to contact Telstra and ask for a separate line be activated at my home address. This should not be too difficult as there is an existing spare phone socket in my home.

Also, in relation to the phone roster. At present we use a call forwarding service from Engine.com to divert calls to members mobile phones. This service caters for only five mobile numbers. I propose to enquire into expanding this service to allow more members on the phone roster to use a mobile phone to accept Helpline calls. At present only members land lines are able to serve on the roster, if not on the Engine service.

This action should bring our activities back wholly within the Fellowship and create service opportunities for members lacking home phone services.

The costs of the phone services are borne by the Districts. The split is 75% Port Stephens Lower Hunter District, 25% Newcastle District. At present the dedicated Bank account holds \$440. I propose to arrange phone bill payments and contact Districts when funds drop below \$100 and request top up to the bank account

Thank you

Paul F
DCM
Newcastle District

DCM

Port Stephens & Hunter District:

Port Stephens & Hunter District of Alcoholics Anonymous

District Committee Member Report

1...The district is once again having a stand at the Tocal Field days. It will be “manned & womanned” by volunteers.

The days are Friday 2nd, Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th May (next weekend).

Anyone wishing to help out please contact Ian M. Times are 9.00am – 5.00pm on Friday & Saturday & 9.00am – 4.00pm Sunday.

Volunteers are only asked to be there for 3-4 hours. The remaining time is yours to enjoy.

2 ...The District has \$1217.31 in available funds. This already includes such items as Tocal rental & donation to Area C.

3.... GND literature fund has \$1060.07in available funds.

There are three new books available for purchasing. “One to Another ” (early history of AA Australia). “No Matter What” (Dealing with Adversity in Sobriety). “ Alcoholics Anonymous” (reproduction of the original Big Book).

4...The Morisset / Newcastle Rally was positive & will be held at the same venue & the 1st w/end of February 2015.

5...Our district is hosting the Open mike/ Karaoke night next Saturday night from 6.00pm – 10.00pm @ the Truth group meeting room. Please come along & have a fun night. If you can play an instrument bring it along and have a go. If not, then try some Karaoke.

6....There are three new meetings in our district.

Fri night 7pm (Spiritual Awakenings) @ Community Centre Bruce St, East Maitland,
Tuesday night 8pm (ID) Uniting Church Hall High St, Morpeth. Mon lunch-time (ABSI)
Senior Citizens Hall Barton St, Kurri.

Yours in Service

Ian M

District Committee Member

Report for Area C on Adelaide Convention
26-04-2014

- I have been to five conventions now & this one was definitely the best for me.
- It ran smoothly because they had 47 “helpers” that rotated on 2-3hr shifts. They worked on the registration desk, the entry foyer & meeting chairpersons, timekeepers & tourist directors. These helpers were not only from Adelaide.
- All meetings started on time & finished on time.
- They had plenty of merchandise, such as, T-shirts, caps & cloth signs & bumper stickers. However they recommended we avoid white caps & T-shirts because people said they get dirty easily. They had 50 caps & 300 t-shirts.

- The dinner/ dance went well. They had 250 paid participants & an extra 50 who paid \$50.00 to get into the dance. The band was the same as in 2008. What a great night!
- There was a good array of meetings, however no “Adult Children”.
- It was suggested we compile a list of people willing to billet, we have a diagram of table seating for dinner/ dance, we find out government bus & train timetables, flights in & out of Williamstown & cost & availability of council car-parking, maybe even a company which hires out pushbikes.
- Something I thought may be a challenge for us is our lack of on-site accommodation. We had tremendous interest in Newcastle’s 2015 convention & it didn’t seem to phase people that they may have to walk 5 – 10 mins from quality local accommodation or 15-20mins from backpacker lodges.
- There was great interest in our main raffle prize.
- Before the final meeting they held an auction which raised some \$2400.00. eg, a 1st edition (Red covered) Australian Big Book sold for over \$500.00.
- The one thing that a lot of people did not like was the coffee supply wasn’t quick enough when people came out of meetings.
- Another thought was to have Hot cross buns on Sunday.
- All in all they got more than 1000 full & day registrations. It was a great success.

Ian M

Help Line Report:

Paul also requested permission to get a “live” phone line connected to his house so the help line phone can be run from his residence rather than the church and this will allow more Volunteers to be accessed.

The Committee has resolved to:

- a) Use the local helpline on a trial basis for six(6) months and if deemed unsuccessful to revert to the 1300 number
- b) To allow Paul F to approach Telstra to establish a “live” phone line at his home for the help –line at a one off cost of \$170.00 approx. with ongoing monthly cost of approx.\$60.00

All agreed and it was voted and past by all.

Literature Report: Incorporated into PS & LH district report.

PI Report: NIL

Ian M. presented a report about the Adelaide Convention and a lengthy discussion was held ending in a suggested call for any –one willing to help on the H.P.C committee or sub-committees. The upcoming 2015 Convention in Newcastle is a good time to showcase the Unity and fellowship of A.A. in Newcastle

.GENERAL BUSINESS:

1/ The Committee had been asked to discuss the nomination of Vince D for the position of Eastern Regional Trustee:

This generated some lively discussion but the Committee decided to support Vince with his nomination but only after a majority vote (5/2).

2/ we also called for any nominations for the secretary position which is being filled in by the Chair. This has been left unresolved

.Next Meeting: Saturday 19th, July at 11.00 A.M at S.W.I.R meeting room.

Meeting Closed at 4.00pm (With Serenity Prayer)