



District 9 Committee Meeting dated 15 MARCH 2018 MINUTES

TIME: 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Chairperson: Derrick

Preamble: Derrick

A moment's silence was observed for all those yet to find the program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Tradition Two read by: Derrick

Declaration of Unity read by: Derrick

Members Present: Derrick S (Bribie Island & DCM District 9) Pania (Secretary dist 9/ Sat Night Noosa GSR), Brian F (Caloundra Early Birds & TFC coordinator dist 9), Wayne F (GSR Mooloolaba Beginners group), Bettina Winkler (SC Traditions & Concepts GSR), Glenn W (Bribie Island GSR), Anne-Maree W (Caloundra Early Birds GSR), David Cross (Mudjimba Wed Night GSR), Alan (Sat Night Noosa Observer), Kate P (Coolum Groups GSR/Alt DCM), Clare P (Cosmos Fri Group GSR), Stevo (Chapt 6 GSR/Phone Coordinator), Chris H (MGM Tuesday GSR), Adam (MGM Tuesday Alt GSR)

Apologies:

Jennie H (PI Coordinator), Kim (Outgoing Treasurer), Jarrah (Maleny ABSI Meeting GSR), Jennie D (Petrie Park Alt GSR), Ray E (Noosa Groups GSR), Di (Hospital Coordinator)

Minutes of the previous District 9 Committee meeting,

confirmed as a true & accurate account: **Accepted by:** Derrick, **Seconded by:** Glenn W

Business Arising from Previous Minutes: Update to be provided by Office however did not attend.

DCM's Report:

Welcome to the May 2018 District 9 Committee Meeting.

Thanks to Kate our Alternate DCM for running the March Committee Meeting for me as I was ill.

Sadly for us, Kim P has had to hand in the Treasurer position. I would like to thank Kim P for all her efforts in keeping us accountable and for her enthusiasm in trying to make positive improvements to the District finances. Thanks Kim.

The Professionals Luncheon sub-committee continues to progress with the arrangements. The list of Invitees is almost complete and then it's just a matter of sending out the invitations. Great work team!

Thanks to those who assisted at the Maleny Neighborhood Centre on the 8th of May with the Information Session. This was a great step in developing a valuable relationship with them.

I continue to get questions from various members regarding holding a Monthly DCM instead of the 2 Monthly DCM Meetings. This has been discussed and voted on late last year with the 2 Monthly Meetings preferred. As the incumbent Office Bearers undertook the role understanding that Meetings were every 2 Months, I will allow the incoming District Committee in November to decide on how often they would like to meet.

Thanks to all the Groups for their continued support in our unified District 9 NER.

Yours in Service,

Derrick Smith DCM District 9

Moved: Derrick Seconded: Wayne

Secretary's Report:

Thank you to all those GSR's who provided their reports as early as possible, this really helps me. Those that do arrive later will still be included however will be compiled on a first in first documented basis.

There are a few ways people are sending their reports to me, some in the body of the email and some in Word and others in PDF. Can I request you send to me as a Word Document or in the body of the email please? These are easier to copy and format into the minutes. Also, if you have any flyers that need to be printed, please ensure you get these to me the week before the meeting.

Just a reminder, that if any groups wish to add any business to the Agenda, to please email me a couple of weeks prior to the District meeting so it can be included before I email all groups the reminder with Agenda attached.

Correspondence received: 26th April - Email from Glenn Waller Area B NER secretary inviting all GSR's to the next area Assembly to be held in Maryborough Saturday 2nd June. Asking any reports to be tabled at the assembly are forwarded to him a week prior to the assembly. All other reports to be included in the minutes to be emailed up to 5 days after the meeting.

gldareab.secretary@gmail.com I will attach the Area B Assembly Agenda to the minutes for those wishing to attend.

On another note, there are flyers circulating for the Sunshine Coast AA Round Up in October where the dates are now incorrect. The dates are now 5-7 October and not 12-14 October as the flyers state. Please update your groups with this date change.

Thanks everyone for your continued support.

Yours in Service – Pania Secretary

Moved: Pania Seconded: Kate

Treasurer's Report:

District Treasurer's Report – May 15, 2018

Hi everyone, district account details for 21/03/2018 – 15/05/2018 are as per the attached spreadsheet and are as follows.

No rent has been paid for the District Office until the vacating date is determined. Rent is currently paid up until Tuesday the 11th September 2018. Rent is \$25 per week which covers the office and the meeting room for the Monday lunchtime Big Book meeting and the bi-monthly District meeting. The current office does not incur electricity costs.

Telstra charges appear to be on track with both monthly charges coming within the proposed amount.

Group donations are as per the attached spreadsheet. Thank you to those groups who have contributed for this period.

There is still no answer from the office regarding the literature invoices from the GSO for January and February totaling \$1800.

A summary of the spreadsheet is as follows:

Total incoming funds for the period were \$2,463.40. Total outgoing funds and costs were \$1,424.51. Committed funds outstanding are \$1,605.00 and are for the PI Professionals lunch in September. Available funds after allowing for a prudent reserve - \$3,577.17. (NB Prudent reserve is made up of 8 months' allowance for office phone/help line and 12 weeks rent.)

Below is the motion as it needs to be worded for the addition of a new treasurer as signatory on the Suncorp bank account. I'm happy to stay on as a signatory until the handover is complete and the new treasurer is set up and comfortable in the role.

Motion: Put forward by _____. Seconded by _____. That _____ be voted in by the District as the new Treasurer, the District approve for him/her to be added as a signatory to the Suncorp District 9 bank account. Vote: all in favour (unanimous). Motion carried.

Thank you very much to the District for allowing me to be in this role and I hope to get another opportunity again when the timing is right.

I move that my report be accepted.

Yours in service, Kim P, District Treasurer

Banking details are below:

PAYING BY DIRECT DEPOSIT

District 9 Account Details Bank: Suncorp BSB: 484 799 Account no.: 042248409

Pls send accompanying email to: scdist9.treasurer@gmail.com Stating your group and what the deposit is for. If for 60/30/10 also advise if you wish the split to be done and sent to Area and GSO on your behalf.

PAYING BY CHEQUE

Make cheque payable to: "Alcoholics Anonymous – District 9" (Please use exact wording or the cheque cannot be banked).

Post to: New incoming Treasurer Postal address TBA.

Please include accompanying note to advise of group and what the cheque is for. If for 60/30/10 also advise if you wish the split to be done and sent to Area and GSO on your behalf.

Moved: Derrick Seconded: Dave

Public Information Report:

I'm sorry I cannot attend the District meeting again, I am recovering from surgery again.

The Facebook ad did extremely well. It ran from March 28 to May 28. The ad reached 962 people with 148 post engagements including 3 link clicks and 9 shares. Considering that this only cost \$1.00 a day I think it was money well spent.

I have the receipt for the payment of \$30.00 for the Facebook ad which I will need to be reimbursed for, however I am not in a hurry for it, this can wait until we have a new Treasurer.

The Maleny Neighborhood Centre had made a request for speakers to come and give a talk about alcoholism. On the 11 May Brian and Di kindly gave up their time to do this. The talk was also attended by myself and Jarrah from the Maleny ABSI meeting. It was a very enjoyable and successful morning which enabled the Centre to understand what we are about and initiated building a relationship with them.

A big thank you to everyone who has provided me with contact details for the Professionals Luncheon. There has been a great response and your contribution ultimately helps carry the message to the still suffering Alcoholic.

Due to health issues, I am unable to provide service as a PI to its fullest capacity. I can only do a little bit from home as in sending emails and other computer tasks. With the Professionals Luncheon coming up, I would like to ask the District if there is anyone that can take an active role in assisting Brian and Di with organising this. I am currently putting together the list of contacts that I have and will email them to Brian when it is finished. So I think the only thing left to do is get the invitations sent out.

Yours in Loving Service - Jennie H

Moved: Pania Seconded: Anne-Marie

Time for Change Report:

The "Time for Change" program conducted by Community Solutions through the Caloundra and Maroochydore Courts and attended by AA members to their in-house sessions with clients continues to go well. Whereas originally, we were seen by TFC as opposition we are now in a very co-operative role with this service and this a great example of carrying the message outside the rooms.

As the result of AA developing a relationship with the "working staff" from the Murri Court some of the TFC members were invited to a morning tea on the 15th March. Because other agencies were also in attendance we could obtain names and contact details of those interested in attending the Professionals Luncheon to be held in October. Amongst these were Indigenous elders who have since contacted me again so this is a big breakthrough for AA on the Sunshine Coast in 2018.

Most of the members on the Time for Change roster are also on rosters for the Woodford Prison and the Hospital roster. Any members interested in being involved in these AA activities please contact me regards Time for Change on 0401 253 211 or email diferguson@bigpond.com for the other two roles I can assist you by putting you in touch with these roster co-ordinators.

Yours in Service

Brian F.

Moved: Brian Seconded: Stevo

Phone Co-ordinator's Report:

Dear District

Thank you for the opportunity to coordinate this vital lifeline for those interested in the Program of Recovery offered by Alcoholics Anonymous.

Since our last District I have been approached as coordinator about several issues with the phone and asked to bring them up at District and get your views on these.

Soooooo.... a member from Nambour suggested we are logging too much information about the situation of callers contacting the helpline. It has been suggested a training session of sorts could be set up to advise GSR about what should and shouldn't be logged from calls. I'm not sure what form this would take - perhaps a workshop? I think the feeling is less writing and more point form - with less personal details about the person's circumstances or "story" was what was flagged and caused concern. I'm not sure how this can be approached.

Another member from Nambour suggested a discussion be had about Skype meetings. It has been suggested a flyer of this be included in the folder and its referral information be provided to callers the same as a local meeting address and time is. My personal views on this aside - it's my job to bring it up and for it to be tabled. It is an important service and apparently, a flyer was in the folder but removed. And the Member would like to know why and most importantly if it can be added back in or a reasoning for its removal.

A member from Chevallum suggested printing a flyer to mention at announcements of various groups about the 12th Step Phone service and seeing if more members are interested in having their phone numbers included. A rallying of interest or campaign of sorts? A sample of this is attached to the present Report.

To this end I've printed and brought to tonight's meeting a small sample flyer I thought could be useful to this end - obligation free and certainly open to comment or changes. I just made it up last night. If approved I could maybe email them to the GSR's emails from the District Report if they would be so kind as to print a copy and include it in their group's announcements. Is posting it to the Pathfinder too much? What about the Sunny Coast Website?

Is anything ever too much when it comes to service to new members?

A member from Mooloolaba mentioned when the phone is rung sometimes the "reception", for want of a better term, is not as "professional" or coherent as one might come to expect from a sober member of Alcoholics Anonymous tasked with answering the 12th Step District phone. In other words, it's been suggested we could be a bit better than "hello" given it's an official and valuable tool. It's also in some instances the first approach someone makes to AA and first impressions do count.

Something along the lines of "Good morning/afternoon/evening (as the case might be) - this is Alcoholics Anonymous Sunshine Coast (with or without Hotline?) - my name is SUCH-AND-SUCH - how can I help you?"

A member from Bribie suggested the local mobile phone number for a close by region (Toowoomba) be included in the folder as well. I understand the nature of this request but it does beg the question - where does it then end? If tasked with hunting down every local phone for areas that have it I'll carry out the task as instructed but urge the District to consider if one is included then shouldn't they in principle all be included? Does that mean all Sth East Queensland? Or Australia-wide? That's a lot of phone numbers - perhaps with today's multimedia resources it might be simpler not to formalize this as much as leave it to the resourcefulness of the person answering the call to Google the number themselves for each caller's local area?

I don't know - I don't have the answers. My job is to coordinate and report so if any of this seems lengthy or superfluous please consider there's a lot more that's brought to my attention I don't generally bring to District but these four points I thought need to be taken up the chain as I'm unsure what to reply to the members involved and value both theirs and District's input and don't want anyone to think I disregard comments otherwise people stop making them!

I think it's important if a Member approaches me about something it's given the due attention no matter how trivial.

If they mentioned it to me in my capacity as Coordinator it's evidently important to them.

The above aside I would like to reiterate perhaps the importance of noting in the book how a caller found the number is still useful to the PI Chair to know how AA's advertising is performing. This is not done anywhere near as often as it could be and I feel it might be due to the fact the sheets themselves don't contain a column to note this - which is easily remedied by simply taking the old sheets out and binding in a new set.

This is because in the set of sheets I copied from this wasn't necessary - now it is its likely time to update the template?

On this point - what do I do with the 30-odd pages already in folder? Do I give these to the AA Office? Are they disposed of? I believe they should be destroyed, but I'm unsure if there is a procedure in place for this and if I'm just trusted with the task or if I'm supposed to hand them to someone for disposal or archiving - so I thought I'd ask!

The rotation calendar for the phone's journey through the groups of the Sunshine Coast is included in the folder as well contact details of the person to be contacted. This seems to be working very smoothly!

The phone was called some 40-odd times (an approx 15% decrease on the previous two months) and most were asked how they had heard about AA either when the call was taken or when they contacted back, and duly advised of their closest meeting, directed to other services or otherwise managed to the best of the Member answering the calls' ability.

The phone will remain with groups where it belongs and ringing until the end of July when I will touch base with the GSR of the group it is with to get a count of the number of calls, update any listings that need review, provide more sheets to log calls in if needed and get feedback from members if there is anything I can do to assist".

Thank you for the opportunity for service

Stevo von Divo - Sunshine Coast District 9 Phone Coordinator

Moved: Stevo Seconded: Anne-Marie

Schools' Report:

Hi everyone,

My Name is Linda and I am an Alcoholic and my home group is Coolum Alliance. Please accept my apologies for not being here this evening. I am unwell.

All email to schools Have been sent out from Bribie and Caboolture to Gympie. We have had only one response to date with a school being booked for June this year. This is a school we have spoken at for the last two years, so it is great to be invited back again. I intend to ring each of the schools before my next email run in June this year to find out if the contact names are still current. Also to see if there is any problems.

Regards

Linda Tannion - District 9 Schools Co-ordinator

Moved: Pania Seconded: Glenn

Office Manager's Report:

Not supplied

Moved: Seconded:

Sunshine Coast AA Website News:

Peter T has provided a handover of the function with full access enabled.

There are some minor backend adjustments to be finalised to ensure Peter is not being billed for any software or plugins but will note these as they arise, and bring those to district for approval.

Information that has been provided from members and groups have been posted as they have arrived, including the 12 Concepts for World Service workshops on the Gold Coast, Area B assembly notice, Traditions and Concepts flyers and Calendar, PI proposals and district information (report, minutes and agenda).

Most posts are freely available to view, with those that are restricted regarding meeting minutes/ agendas/ treasurer reports etc., in protected format where the Allergy password is required.

I will gather more notices to scan and post (including Sobriety Sisters one that I received so I could post but somehow managed to spill coffee on and I don't even drink coffee!).

If anyone has any flyers or notices, please feel free to send them through.

Please advise when sending items to post, if these are for public view or are to be restricted with password entry...I have been guessing so far and hopefully have done so appropriately but always open to further input.

Any suggestions to any other changes on the website are also welcome.

Enjoying the opportunity to be involved in service at some very odd hours of the night sometimes J

Regards, Wayne F

Moved: Wayne Seconded: Pania

Hospital Co-ordinator Report:

Sunshine Coast University Hospital – Still waiting for response to request from AA for indication that the hospital will support (in the way of a suitable room) an in-house meeting at the hospital on a weekly basis. Our contact at the hospital has kept in touch indicating that these requests do take considerable time to be processed. I got confirmation of another meeting with them on Tuesday 15 May so hopefully I will have positive news at the District Meeting that evening.

Caloundra Clinic – nothing really to report except to say that the Clinic really appreciates the input from AA at the information session every second Wednesday afternoon. Early Birds Group has co-ordinated a roster of one each Male/Female member to attend over the past 18 months since the Clinic requested our input after the Professional's Lunch in 2016. It is a wonderful opportunity for direct 12 step work appreciated by both AA Members and patients of the Clinic.

A local AA Group was willing to relocate to the Clinic at the Clinic's request but a suitable room on the night was not forthcoming. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights have a suitable room at the Clinic in Beerburum Street Caloundra should any existing group wish to relocate for very low rent. So far we have tried not to start yet another meeting in competition with other groups. Please contact me if your group would be interested.

Yours in loving service - Di F

Moved: Brian Seconded: Glenn

Group Reports:

Mudjimba Wednesday night steps & traditions report.

The group continues to get good numbers, with a good mixture of long term sober members & new comers from rehab. We would usually have 15 people at most meetings. Some members of the group travelled to the Petrie Park birthday meeting a few Sundays back which was great. There members were grateful for our visit. Working on the steps & traditions in a group environment is very beneficial for all people who visit our meeting. Regards David C

Bribie Island Recovery Group

- Group is Financially self supporting and Donates to the 60/30/10
- Bank Balance April 30 \$584.74
- Incoming contributions April \$354.25
- Rent \$195/quarter
- Monday's I.D Recovery meeting is well attended - average 8 members
- Thursday's 12x12/Living Sober meeting is well attended - average 8 members
- Sunday's Promises meeting is functioning on the beach – average 5 attendees
- Occasional newcomers and visitors attend the meetings
- Group members are active in Service in Area B, District 9 and H&I
- Steady advertising through local papers and community centers in Bribie and Caboolture
- Group Consciences are held regularly. Minutes distributed via email with a hardcopy kept on file
- The Group has 12 Active members with most service positions occupied
- Correspondence in/out. A question was asked by treasurer, is a cso a real cso if it does not have it's own bank account? So far I have not found an appropriate answer, can you help?

yours in service, Glenn Waller (Group Secretary/GSR)

email scdist9.bribieisland@gmail.com

Coolum Groups

The Tuesday night Coolum group is exploring the option of moving out from under the 'Coolum Groups' umbrella and standing alone as its own meeting. This is exciting times for Tuesday night! More news to follow in coming months as to the progress on this possible development.

We have had two recent changes in service positions within the groups. Toni has taken on the Secretary position for Saturday morning and David has taken on the Literature position. A big thank you to Toni and David for stepping into these vital service positions.

Our group has been encouraged to forward details of professionals that could be contenders to attend the upcoming Professionals Luncheon. We have also decided to pass the 'brown bag' for the literature fund around the Saturday morning meeting at the time of the seventh tradition in the hope of being able to contribute to this worthwhile fundraiser. Also, Coolum Groups are carpooling a load of group members up to the upcoming Area Assembly in Maryborough – which is sure to be a great day!

Thanks, and kind regards,

Kate - Coolum GSR

Maleney ABSI Meeting report

Hi all, my name is Jarrah and I'm a recovering alcoholic and GSR for our Maleney ABSI meeting.

Our Maleney group has been able to maintain keeping the doors open because of the remarkable commitment from some of our group members which is helping many newcomers and visitors and of course group members in our Sobriety Journey. Thank you all.

We have fairly low no.'s of people who can and will do service positions in the group, lots of meeting attendance though and 8 group members but not everyone willing or able to take on Service positions meaning that we don't really rotate off 6 monthly like we are supposed to... we juggle this really well though and support the group and each other and so far, have managed to keep our meeting going and the doors open.

At our last group conscience, we voted to have a Monday night ABSI meeting in Maleney instead of our Wednesday night one. Monday being the more convenient night for members able to do service and to help with regular attendance.

The Monday Maleney ABSI Meeting will commence in June and will be an hr meeting from 6 -7 pm.

We give a month's notice so people are aware of this change and so we have the time to change our details in all appropriate areas.

We are looking forward to the change and hope to see some new faces and old faces now on our existing Wednesday and in June on the Monday at 6-7 pm in The Down under Room at the Maleney Memorial Hospital. Directions are as follows... straight down the drive way which is on the left past the car park on your left, past the main hospital building which is on the right, next to The Blackall Range Care group building on the left We are in The Down under Room on the right. It sounds complicated but it really isn't. Thank you for your service everyone and Happy Birthday to anyone celebrating or have celebrated a Birthday since the last District Meeting. from The Maleney ABSI Group.

Yours in Service - Jarrah.

Saturday Night Noosa Group

The Saturday Night Noosa group remains strong with average attendance of 20 per meeting which is great at this time of year.

Service positions continue to rotate with group members continually stepping up when the need arises. Drew has taken on Treasurer, Ronnie stepped up to Secretary and Val has taken on the newest position of Alternate GSR.

Group members continue to pass the message by distributing pamphlets to local medical centers, bus lines and the meeting notification continues to go in the local paper when they have space.

The group is delighted new members feel welcomed enough to return each week and they are encouraged along with visitors to enjoy the meeting after the meeting when a few will go out to dinner together locally. Our group has been healthy enough to make regular contributions to the 60/30/10 plan and keep the rent up to date each month. A few of our members have committed to attending the Area B assembly in Maryborough.

YIS – Pania, GSR

Sunshine Coast Traditions and Concepts Group Report May 2018

Our group did well in the last two months with an average of 10-15 visitors from other groups including newcomers to our meetings. We had lively discussions about Traditions 4 and 5, the "Autonomy of Groups" and the "Primary purpose" of AA as well as the 4th Concept "Right of Participation" with many questions asked and answered. We thank our guest speakers and visitors coming from as far as Brisbane. In the fifth week, we went back to basics and refreshed our knowledge of the Group Handbook, an often-underestimated source of AA-knowledge.

We happily welcomed a newcomer to our group and hope to keep growing in the near future. We are planning to visit the next Area B Assembly in Maryborough with all our members to observe AA Service put into praxis on Area level and to encourage our members to grow into service positions.

In our monthly group conscience meeting we discussed the Area and District minutes as well as decisions made at Conference, e.g. the upcoming inventory of the service structure to be discussed at Area as well as our responsibility to contribute to the 10/30/60% plan.

Yours in Service - Bettina Winkler, GSR

Friday night Cosmos Group.

The AA meeting is changing times on the 8th June. The meeting will now begin at 7 o'clock and go for one and a quarter hours.

The B.B. study will change to before the men's meeting on Tuesday, starting the 5 of June at 6pm. The B.B. study continues to be well attended.

The Cosmos meeting has all service positions covered, rent has been paid and continues to be a strong meeting. New comers are welcome and there is always a cup of tea and refreshments for attendees. Members at this meeting have tickets, 30 dollars each, for the Sunshine Coast round up weekend. Only 200 seats, so get your tickets quick!

Yours in service Clare

Kawana Friday Group

Kawana Friday Group has enjoyed strong attendance numbers over the past 2 months, ranging from 12 to 25 members. Helping to ensure the continuation of our meetings. The Group has welcomed 2 new Home Group members bringing our total to 5, allowing rotation of all service positions. Financially all costs and contributions can be covered and our prudent reserve maintained. This month literature has been topped up totalling \$13.90 and \$40.00 deposited into the District account today.

Sad news - Mick (James Rooney) a member of Kawana Group for many years passed away 5am Saturday 28th April 2018. He was 43 years sober Anniversary Date 23rd May 1974. A private funeral was held 4th May 2018.

We look forward to seeing you at Kawana Friday ID meeting (Topic: Freedom) - 12noon to 1.00pm at the Girl Guides Hall, Iluka Ave, Buddina (opposite Talinga St).
YIS Lyn, Alternate GSR for Kawana Friday Group

Petrie Park Sunday Topic

Our group continues to meet in Price Street Nambour from 7 – 8:30pm Sundays.

On April 8 we celebrated our 5 year anniversary with 36 AA members in attendance.

Group members shared responsibility of the AA phone for the month of March.

Our group is financial and will hopefully make a 30/30/10 contribution at the next District meeting. We will be holding elections at our next group conscience on May 27 with several service positions being available.

Yours in Service

Jennie D.

Alternate GSR Petrie Park Topic Meeting

Noosa Topic / Spiritual Concept Groups

Monday Night Meeting - Meeting is going well. Having fairly good attendance and making enough to pay the rent.

Tuesday Spiritual Concepts Meeting - Meeting is doing well. Attendance is up and getting some visitors.

Thursday Night Topics Meeting - The meeting is going well. New Secretary is Stuart. Attendance is good.

Friday Night Steps Meeting - The meeting is a little bit slow at the moment. Have not been able to attend this meeting. I have not been informed of the new Secretary yet. Struggling to pay rent.

All meetings that I represent are doing well.

Yours in service, Ray E 0407 163 472

GSR RAY E. Monday night, Tuesday night, Thursday night, Friday night.

Chapter Six Sunshine Coast Motorcycle Group

Dear District

I was elected Treasurer of Sunshine Coast Motorcycle Group approx. 3 months ago but due to several bureaucratic delays I have been unable to gain access to the Group's treasury bank account until recently.

I am due to report we have almost \$1500 in our account and have fallen behind in our contributions. This is beyond the prudent reserve the group and I feel we should hold. This is not due to any malice or ill motive but simply because money was deposited week after week but nothing withdrawn. Rent was paid by Members and it all needed an overhauling and has now been sorted.

The Group's Conscience, comprising 8 members, have committed to subscribing to the Pathfinder to support that publication, pay our three months' rent ahead and a month's prudent reserve, and elected to donate our remaining funds to District 9 itself bar a reserve the Group's Conscience voted to set aside in the amount of \$10/week to fund a weekend gathering discussed at the Group's founding but which due to a change in membership didn't eventuate and is planned for ANZAC day next year at this stage, as well as the QYPAA fundraiser as opposed to the traditional 60/30/10 as we feel the District does a lot with promotion and advertising and literature and events in our local area and the Young People in AA events are an initiative Chapter Six has always supported directly in each State.

Other than our coffers being unusually healthy, which will be addressed over the coming weeks, the Group is blessed with a regular attendance of an average 15 members comprising a cadre of older sober members and a mix of newer faces alike. Visitors often drop in as well which is always nice, and later in the year when the weather improves we seek to return to organizing group rides all sober motorcycle riding members of AA are invited to with the aim of visiting meetings across the region and enjoying an afternoon in the Sunlight of the Spirit.

Our Friday morning open air meeting is open to all member of Alcoholics Anonymous and we invite you to visit any time and share your recovery story. It is an open meeting with the theme of recovery and over the last couple of years we have ridden and shared a meal along the way to meetings in Noosa, Gympie, Victoria Point, Ipswich, HADS clinic in Brisbane, Gold Coast and it's always a fun day out of happiness, joy and freedom on two wheels.

Thank you for the opportunity for service

Stevo von Divo

Sunshine Coast Chapter Six MG GSR

Bulcock Beach Early Birds Group

Membership now is 10 and regularly has a good attendance with 12/15 in attendance at the meeting a far cry from the original three members. The group contributes to the District with the 60/30/10 suggestion plan for contributions. We will be submitting a cheque next week to the District as the other signatory to the account is currently away. Surplus money from "Coffee change" is accounted separately from the group contributions and is always allocated to an AA project which this time will be the Sunshine Coast Round Up in October.

Yours in Service, Anne Marie - (Alternate GSR)

General Business:

1. Office Update

A Catholic Archdiocese policy review has led to the Tenancy for the Sunshine Coast District 9 AA Office to be terminated with a 3 month notice period given. Therefore, the Sunshine Coast District 9 AA Office at Buddina will be closing with AA needing to vacate the premises by the 8th of August 2018. The Monday Lunchtime Meeting is not affected and will still be held at the same venue.

Motion Proposed: Considering eviction notice from the Catholics Archdiocese, the District has chosen to wind up office on the basis that it would not be financially viable to relocate.

Voted: Unanimously

The Office will remain open for a time but will not be ordering books for Groups from 16/5/2018. The Office will be selling the stock they currently have so please check with the Office before going elsewhere. The 12th Step phone diversion system will not be affected and the only impact on groups by the closure will be how they obtain literature.

The new suggested Literature purchasing process will be as follows:

To purchase Literature via the Brisbane CSO you can order online via the following link:

<http://csobrisbane.org/shop-search/>

You can pay via:

- Direct deposit
- Cheque
- Paypal
- Cash on pickup

CSO Contact details:

Annerley City Library Annexe

[450 Ipswich Road](#)

[Annerley](#) Q 4103

P.O. Box 299, Annerley DC Q 4103

Ph 07 3255 9962

Fax 07 3392 6430

Email admin@csobrisbane.org

Opening Hours Monday – Friday 10am – 6pm

2. Election of new Treasurer

- Position not filled
- Brian & Glen have a couple of people that may be interested – to chat with them and get back to District
- Derrick to advise Kim of current situation

3. Assistance for PI Co-ordinator for the Professionals Luncheon.

- Brian advised all is under control and the moment and will request assistance if needed. Invitations are to be sent out in July – please send all potential contacts to them.

4. Bettina from GSR SC Traditions & Concepts Group Motioned for the following Questions to be taken back for discussion at your groups next Conscious meeting:

1. What processes had the District Office to follow to convert into a Central Service Office and what was the underlying information available?

Discussion: This problem no longer applies as the old office structure was not a CSO and should not be called as such.

2. Is it in accordance with Tradition 7 to suggest writing a letter to the venue for the “Professionals Luncheon” to request a venue hire waiver as this was the case last time (District Minutes 16.01.2018)

Discussion: The RSL send a Waiver Form saying they will not charge rent on the venue based on benefits to the Community & the RSL which is a process ensuring some criteria be met before waiving fees. There was never a letter written to the venue but a form was filled out.

3. Is it in accordance with Tradition 7 to accept that The Salvation Army waives the original fee for the Area B Assembly venue? (see treasurer report 20.03.2018)

Discussion: Making a donation allows AA to be fully self-supporting. If we give something, then that way no one owes us and we do not owe anyone and therefore stay out of any controversy by not being sponsored. It is suggested to always offer to pay which is what happened at the Assembly.

4. Do we feel that it is ok to spend “AA-Money” (\$280.00) contributed by District groups to provide free meals for the attending trusted servants at the Area B Assembly, who contributed \$ 32.00 in return to Area B (treasurer report 20.03.2018)?

Discussion: It was suggested the Area Assembly’s need to charge a cost/registration fee to pay for food/tea/morning tea to cover costs. Brian advises, “When bidding to hold an

area Assembly, the winner needs to be in a position to pay for holding the event. When attending assembly to represent your group, it is not unusual for groups to contribute for petrol money, costs etc in getting there and attending.”

Topic for agenda for June Assembly: “Is it fair to charge a Rally registration fee for Assembly Committee and GSR’s when attending an Area Assembly when there is also a rally on at the same time?”

5. Motion for District to provide to Sunshine Coast University Public Hospital, 4x Little Big Books & 1x Big Book

Voted - Unanimously

Next District Meeting: Tuesday 17th July 2018

Meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer at 8.40 pm