

## Peel District Meeting 11 April 2020

Minutes of the Peel District meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous:

**Location:** Held by Zoom

### 1. Open

Susan (DCM) opened the meeting at 1:30pm welcome extended to all in attendance

### 2. Present

Susan B Peel DCM; Don R Peel District Treasurer; Peter S Mundijong Monday; Dennis Doran Mandurah; Samson Armadale; Ruth Mandurah Serenity Group Observer; Kerry I Area Prisons; Marilyn Mundijong Women's meeting Wednesday.

### 3. Apologies

Nil

### 4. Reading of 12 Traditions by Kerry I; District Purpose by Susan B.

### 5. Minutes

*Moved Don, seconded Dennis: That the minutes of the Peel District Meeting held on 8 February 2020 be adopted as a true record without amendment.*

**Carried**

### 6. Business arising (review of action items list):

Item	Update/Outcome
18	Complete – pending Susan's release of instruction to District
23	Ongoing – pending receipt of goods and payment
31	Ongoing held over till face to face meetings are resumed
32	Ongoing held over till face to face meetings are resumed
37	Ongoing held over till face to face meetings are resumed
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*Action item list updated accordingly.*

### 7. Correspondence:

#### 7.1. Correspondence IN:

Date received	From	Content
12 March 2020	The General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia	General update about COVID-19 and protocols recommended for groups.
18 March 2020	Area B secretary	Coronavirus Update – Closure of General Service Office from Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> March
25 March 2020	General Service Board	IMPORTANT - LETTER FROM BOARD TO MEMBERS RE CORONAVIRUS Closing meetings
21 March 2020	Area B	Step by step guide for converting your face to face meetings to phone meetings

## 7.2. Correspondence OUT:

Date sent	To	Content
22 February 2020	Central Service Office	Final minutes Feb 2020 Peel District Meeting
24 February 2020	Central Service Office	Change of details for AA Perth Website – DCM and Secretary change

*Moved Don R, Seconded Marilyn: That the inward correspondence be received and that the outward correspondence be endorsed. **Carried***

## 8. Treasurers Report

The Treasurer's Report (at appendix a), as circulated, showed a balance of \$1224.14. A number of items are pending as per action list but these will be dealt with after face to face meetings resumed.

*Moved Pete, seconded Dennis: That the Treasurer's Report be received. **Carried.***

## 9. Special Agenda items:

All Special Agenda items held over – agreed that it was more appropriate to hold a general discussion about the current Pandemic and the effect on AA. Each attendee was given time to speak about current situation.

### Don Armadale

- Number of online meetings are becoming more associated with what were formally face to face meetings – not all are tied with previous face to face meetings.
- Good list on Perth website has 80 online meetings in Perth area with ID's and passwords
- Pete handling technical advice
- Newcomer? Don reflected on how newcomers are coming into meetings – Don was concerned about way into AA during Pandemic – could be confusing – Pete come up with suggestion – put in action for Mundijong. People can contact us via email and we can do a remote twelfth step call.

### Dennis

- Need something aligning with 12<sup>th</sup> step call – thought what is set up is absolutely great. Perhaps as time goes by might be a beginners meeting - perhaps Tuesday or Saturday

### Kerry I

- Been to lots and lots of meetings – have someone who asks them if they are an alcoholic and where they are from and a number someone can ring who will give them a contact to do a 12<sup>th</sup> step contacts and speak with someone new – can go to Central Service Office
- Ruth started new meeting down in Mandurah and it is going great
- People get a rousing welcome for newcomers

### Ruth

- In relation to how we are carrying message from District – started a facebook group for Mandurah people but now have 70 people from around Metro and share info about Zoom meetings – anything coming out of Subiaco comes into there
- Started a Zoom meeting for Mandurah Wednesday night – 16 people from Peel District and had a good meeting – including everyone in decisions about what we should do

### Pete

- Josh has formed Cyber Security Group
- Turned off the private chat function
- Turned off the ability for others share their screen
- Turn off the ability for people to remain themselves
- Turned on a feature which cloaks peoples phone numbers if they dial in
- Makes people muted when they enter the meeting
- Created a bank account for 7<sup>th</sup> tradition
- Created a power point slide which ticks over at start of the meeting
- Wanted to say that Matt and Sue from CSO have been fantastic in getting all the information online

### Marilyn

- Loving zoom but dropping out
- Main thing is newcomer contact – how I approach it – once I establish contact how I can direct her online – newcomers type pack for Zoom – suggest workshop for next weekend – basically same – Saturday afternoon – suggest online starter kit – Pete highlighted the link <https://aa.org.au/members/literature-audio-visual-material/> with all the starter information

### Susan

- Since meetings started online directed via Pete for help – nervous but reaching out and had nice comments about all being nervous and getting used to it all
- Thinking about District and how to prepare for it – thinking about upgrading plan
- Reached out to Josh and connected about how to connect best
- Align with 12 concepts and traditions
- Thanks to delegate Claire for email from GSO about social distancing
- Thanks to Sue B and her crew for collating digital formats
- Thanks to all for setting up local meetings on digital platforms to allow us not to be isolated during this pandemic

General statement from Peel District is that all face to face meetings should be postponed as per the advice of the General Service Board. Letter available through Area B. If groups are still having face to face meetings, the groups are going against Tradition 4 as they are affecting other groups and AA as a whole.

The above statement was passed unanimously by the meeting.

It was determined by the Committee that a workshop be arranged as described below:

WA Workshop Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 1:30pm – hosted by Peel District

1. How we can best serve and work with the Newcomer during the Pandemic?
2. How we host better Zoom meetings?
3. How we protect ourselves and AA as a whole during online meetings?

We will be asking people who have subject matter expertise or specific information to offer to contact [group\\_133@outlook.com](mailto:group_133@outlook.com) or Marilyn on 0404671767.

The workshop will run for 1 ½ hours.

Meeting ID 487-111-165

Password: 019685

**End of meeting**

Meeting closed at 1500hrs

Next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> June 2020

## Action item list

Action item No	Action item	Responsible person	First raised	Planned completion date	Status
23	District to purchase 200 book marks – AA structure – allowed for 200 – up to \$70 approved for District Packs and groups	Kerry I; Susan B	August 2019	April 2020	Ongoing
31	\$100 for Little Big Books for Melaleuca Prison (Kerry will provide cheque to Maria)	Kerry I to confirm if still required	October 2019	April 2020	Ongoing
32	Donate \$100 to Serenity Group Thursday night	Kerry I	December 2019	April 2020	Ongoing
37	15 additional District Packs be approved (to compliment current 9 in stock) to be provided to Mandurah for an information session/workshop – remainders not used to be returned to district.	Susan B	February 2020	April 2020	Ongoing
38	Invite the Area B Prison Rep to attend next district meeting to determine what is needed for literature	Susan B	February 2020	April 2020	Ongoing

## Appendix A:

Peel District Treasurer's Report April 2020								
Date	Item	Income	Expenditure	Balance	Bank Balance	Cash on Hand	Outstanding	Total
14/01/2018	Bank Statement			474.32	474.32			474.32
1/02/2018				522.92	474.32	48.60		522.92
3/02/2018	Armada Donation from Dec. 2017	50.00		572.92	474.32	98.60		572.92
	Cash from Tin etc	160.15		733.07	474.32	258.75		733.07
	Tradition 7	25.80		758.87	474.32	284.55		758.87
	Hall Rent		10.00	748.87	474.32	274.55		748.87
20/02/2018	Literature		200.00	548.87	274.32	274.55		548.87
Treasurer's Report August 2019								
31/12/2018	Western Power	50.00		905.40	834.45	70.95		905.40
1/01/2019	Interest Credit	0.02		905.42	834.47	70.95		905.42
10/01/2019	CSO Jul-Dec Split: Mundijong \$15 Rockingham People's Gp \$25 Rockingham People's ID Gp \$17	57.00		962.42	891.47	70.95		962.42
9/02/2019	Armada Donation Cash	50.00		1012.42	891.47	120.95		1012.42
14/02/2019	Donation to Area B Prisons		50.00	962.42	841.47	120.95		962.42
14/02/2019	District PI Literature		200.00	762.42	641.47	120.95		762.42
16/02/2019	Tradition 7	27.40		789.82	641.47	148.35		789.82
16/02/2019	Hall Rent		15.00	774.82	641.47	133.35		774.82
18/02/2019	Donation Cooper St	100.00		874.82	741.47	133.35		874.82
27/02/2019	Literature		150.00	724.82	591.47	133.35		724.82
28/02/2019	Donation Gps 72+103	200.00		924.82	791.47	133.35		924.82
16/03/2019	Workshop Tradition 7	59.70		984.52	791.47	193.05		984.52
16/03/2019	Hall Rent for Workshop		50.00	934.52	791.47	143.05		934.52
Peel District Treasurer's Report April 2020								
1/04/2019	interest Credit	0.02		934.54	791.49	143.05		934.54
4/04/2019	CSO Jan-Mar Split: Rockingham Peoples Gp \$20 Rockingham Peoples Promises \$30	50.00		984.54	841.49	143.05		984.54
6/04/2019	Tradition 7	\$29.00		1013.54	841.49	172.05		1013.54
6/04/2019	Hall Rent		15.00	998.54	841.49	157.05		998.54
8/06/2019	Tradition 7	42.00		1040.54	841.49	199.05		1040.54
	Hall Rent		15.00	1025.54	841.49	184.05		1025.54
8/06/2019	Sally K for Stationery & card holders		85.10	940.44	841.49	98.95		940.44
8/06/2019	Sally K advance for stationery		14.90	925.54	841.49	84.05		925.54
1/07/2019	interest Credit	0.02		925.56	841.51	84.05		925.56
24/07/2019	Rockingham Peoples	37.50		963.06	879.01	84.05		963.06
10/08/2019	Proceeds from Workshop Raffle	50.00		1013.06	879.01	134.05		1013.06
10/08/2019	District Pack items		127.34	885.72	751.67	134.05		885.72
10/08/2019	Donation for Hakea Little Big Books		50.00	835.72	751.67	84.05		835.72
10/08/2019	Tradition 7	18.70		854.42	751.67	102.75		854.42
10/08/2019	Hall Rent		15.00	839.42	751.67	87.75		839.42
1/10/2019	interest Credit	0.02		839.44	751.69	87.75		839.44
5/10/2019	Tradition 7	49.90		889.34	751.69	137.65		889.34
5/10/2019	Hall Rent		15.00	874.34	751.69	122.65		874.34
17/10/2019	Peoples Group Rockingham	41.50		915.84	793.19	122.65		915.84
20/10/2019	CSO Literature Account		100.00	815.84	693.19	122.65		815.84
25/11/2019	Proceeds from Workshop Raffle	50.00		865.84	743.19	122.65		865.84
12/12/2019	CSO Oct-Nov Split Mundijong \$10.00 Rockingham People's Group \$20.00 Rockingham Turning Point Gp \$143.15	173.15		1038.99	916.34	122.65		1038.99
14/12/2019	Tradition 7	30.10		1069.09	916.34	152.75		1069.09
14/12/2019	Hall Rent		15.00	1054.09	916.34	137.75		1054.09
31/12/2019	Mundijong GP	10.00		1064.09	926.34	137.75		1064.09
1/01/2020	interest Credit	0.02		1064.11	926.36	137.75		1064.11
12/02/2020	Mandurah Tue Fri	160.00		1224.11	1086.36	137.75		1224.11
1/04/2022	Interest Credit	0.03		1224.14	1086.39	137.75		1224.14
Provisional								
Approvals	Bookmarks for District Packs etc		70.00					