

# **Alcoholics Anonymous**

## **South Yorkshire and North East Derbyshire Intergroup**

Sunday, January 5th, 2025 10:30 AM

Meeting held over Zoom due to bad weather

### **AGM Minutes**

#### **1. Chair's Opening Remarks**

- Preamble Steve T
- Traditions Paul F
- Declaration of Unity Karen B
- Conduct Statement Hannah W
- Are we quorate? i.e. more than 15 Yes
- Introductions around the room

#### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Elaine L  
Emma J  
Julie R  
Bob W

#### **3. Minutes of Last Intergroup Meeting**

Proposed Michael John C  
Seconded Liam B

#### **4. Matters Arising - All from last meeting unless pre-fixed with a date**

None

#### **5. Steering Officers' Reports**

**Chair** – Lucy T (October 2023)  
Thanks to John B for being Secretary. The snow has demonstrated the continued usefulness of Zoom to this group.

**Vice Chair** - Nomination Received - See later

**Treasurer** - Liam B (March 2023)

Rolling Agenda item. Progress with Online Banking

Waiting for contact from Coop Bank

Liam, Thanks for your continued service.  
Vote in favour of £2,000 to be sent to region.

**Secretary** - John B (June 2021)

As ever, the service position has given me more than I could have expected, and has been great. Last year, we were delighted to be meeting face to face again, so it's a bit ironic that snow prevents us meeting in person again. It's great to see so many service positions now occupied.

## **6. Ratification of Standing Officers**

Support for the service from the work from the Standing Committee was widespread.

## **7. Trusted Servants Reviews / Reports**

- Prisons - Michael C (Jun. 2021)

MJC spoke to Circle and Group 4, waiting for security clearance to start meetings at Marshgate and Lindholme.

£160 open day was not all spent, so there are still 70 packages to be used at next opportunity.

Lee H. York, new prison, Mill Site, open this year. MJC . Not sure if it's in our area to deal with. Rachel G. New Hall Women's prison, Rachel and Jackie attend prison meetings. MJC had visited Derby prison as a guest. Expenses - There is travel allowance, but maybe Liam could shed some light on this.

**Action 5/1/25 Liam to advise on prison attendance expenses.**

Lynn C was enquiring about an online meeting, but this was not the case.

A number of people wish to contact MJC, details in attendee list at the end.

Josie - Thanks for the update. Sat 22nd Feb, Region has invited Prison/Probation officers.

**Action 5/1/25 JB to add GettingInvolved\_Works flyer from Jenny to this thread.**

- Electronic Comms - Karen B (Sep. 2023)

Not a lot for the last month, with the exception of the Festive WTF which has kept up busy. Updates seemed to come through late. We'd like to do it better next year so suggestions are welcome.

Maybe add it as an agenda item for October Intergroup, maybe even August.

Michelle - Festive WTF is really useful.

Jackie, wonders if final issue date could be published.

Lucy thanked Karen for the updates to the website. [Link here](#)

- Mini Convention - Lynne H (Jan 2024)

Lynne was in Hillsborough just before Christmas, and Scott £100 deposit. They now want £250 for the venue. £600 annual budget has been previous amount, but now would prefer to have £700 budget.

**Action 5/1/25 Liam - £700 to be sent to Lynne.**

Food available onsite, must be bought onsite.

Zoom link for convention on 8th June also would be helpful.

Flyers to be available for next Intergroup.

Karen - Conference Questions to be issued within the next 10 days in last years format.

**Action 5/1/25 Karen to forward Google form of CQ distribution by secretary**

- Public Information - Arthur B (March 2024),

Listen to the recording.

Apologised for missing previous Intergroup. Has had previous Intergroup engagements and suffered illness.

Ordinary people are passing along the message.

Josie - Home group has enthusiasm for PI, and so Nick was introduced online to Arthur.

Alex, YPLO, has some suggestions for Young Person PI.

- Region Representatives - Lee H (Jan 2022)  
- Chris W (June 2024)

Lee, no real report as its been quiet for a bit.

Chris W having a few problems with computer.

- Telephone Liaison Officer - Teresa S (January 2024)

It's been steady, but always willing to have new volunteers for the service.

Sandra - has someone interested.

Lynne - Might it be useful for responders if they could know who is on the rota, and this could build up relationships within the Telephone team.

- YPLO - Alex C (October 2024)

Alex - has just been trying to pass on details of her role, and would find it helpful to have contact details of those who got sober under age 30. Could GSRs please ask their groups to send such details to Alex.

**Action 5/1/25 GSRs to ask groups for details of members who joined AA pre-30**

- Archivist - Bob W (June 2024)

Has sent his report in.

## **8. Ratification of Trusted Servants.**

Lucy encouraged Trusted Servants to send in a report for distribution prior to each intergroup to give attendees a chance to be better informed.

Josie, wanted a contact list, so add a link to our Website. [Here is the link.](#)

## **9. Service Opportunities**

- Armed Services
- Employment
- Region Rep
- Alternate Region Rep
- Share and Literature
- Probation
- Health Liaison Officer

## **10. Nominations for Service Positions.**

Vice Chair - Lee H

Nominated, Geraldine from Penistone, seconded by Lynne.

Lee gave his AA Service History, starting as milkman, and covering a range of service positions. Became GSR for 3 years, then literature, Region Rep. Service is key to Lee's recovery.

Mark E - Lee is fully aware of the responsibilities for the role, and he follows the AA process well

Lee was successfully elected into the role.

## **11. Zoom**

Karen, Zoom usage statistics. Originally 4 accounts were held.

Conclusion that we could be rationalised down to one Zoom account.

There are now 7 Zoom groups, including hybrids. Some are very small, some very large.

Are these meetings self-supporting?

As today's poor weather has demonstrated, there is a place for Zoom. Costs in the region of £160 per year.

Liam - thanks to Karen. Down to one Zoom. Current costs to be reduced.

Suggestion is that all online meetings move to the online Intergroup.

MJC - Thanks for the figures, if Zoom meeting is not self-supporting, other groups can't attend.

Gordon - Attends other face to face meetings, and makes contributions in other locations also for the use of Zoom, and doesn't use online banking. We need to be a bit careful as Zoom has been a tremendous asset.

Steve - puts more money into f2f meeting to cater for the online Zoom meetings too.

Liam - we are not planning to kick anyone off our Zoom accounts, but we want groups to be represented at Intergroups, whether online or SYNED.

Jon - there is always going to be a need for Zoom, so meetings should put a reference showing where contribution comes from. Liam reiterated this !

Zoom Exploration Group to communicate to groups of the costs to users?

Gordon - Remember - There are no dues or fees for AA membership. We need to be careful in our statements.

Julie G - we thought we'd cancelled it down from 4 to 2 a while back, but are we really still using 4 licenses? Currently it seems good value for money.

## **12. Primary Purpose – Purposes and Procedures states:**

'Intergroup exists to help the constituent Groups in its area in their common purpose of carrying the AA message to the still-suffering alcoholic and, by using their combined strength and unity, to improve and maintain good relations with all organisations in the community.'

Are we fulfilling that commitment? More than last year.

Could we do more? Always

Lucy - from this time last year, its good to see that more service positions are filled.

John B - face to face AGM has helped with getting the service positions filled.

Lynne - Emphasised the need for Region Rep positions to be filled.

Chris W - Current Region Rep, and it would help to have more.

Lee H - echoed the amount to be learnt at Region level and the need to have our Intergroup's voice there.

## **13. Love and service – Purposes and Procedures states:**

'Intergroup is the vehicle by which all member Groups are able to share their experience, strength and hope in an atmosphere of 'love and service'.

Are we fulfilling that commitment?

Josie - As a new GSR , it was welcoming to be able to ask any question, and found herself to be welcomed and supported. There is much to learn and it is very useful.

Lynn C - Really helped moving from Zoom to face to face meetings, breaking down the barriers. It's good to see such a broad group and is a game changer.

Jon - Intergroup can be daunting, but its been good getting to know the other GSRs, etc. A useful reminder to recovery.

Karen - really useful to tackle difficult issues face to face. Better than Zoom and makes a good link. Helpful to be a part of this whole.

Could we do more? Always

#### **14.Review of Purposes and Procedures:**

**Action 5/1/25 Lucy, Liam, and MJC to review P&P**

#### **15.Intergroup Meetings - are we happy with:**

- Venue
- Frequency
- Day
- Length
- Agenda

#### **16. Conference Questions (CQ)**

Karen to send Google Form to the Secretary to be issued more broadly. These are then collated for Region Rep and Region. Responses by 23rd of February please.

Rachel - can we have a run through? How does it happen?

Karen - link to google form is sent to all GSRs. The GSR asks at Conscience meeting what the views are and enters them into the form on there form and hit submit. Not every question has to be answered, Not Applicable is a fine response. The questions need to be circulated but not the form.

Michelle - again, looking forward to the form coming out as AASN contains so much other stuff.

Chris W - where will the answers be? Karen will assist Chris with the task of collating answers.

Lee - assured Chris that it will be manageable.

Josie - once you hit submit, is that it? Answer is YES !

Rachel - Could there be an attachment, yes.

#### **17. Date of Next Intergroup Meeting and for the Coming Year, 2025/26**

Sunday 2nd March	Conference Questions, Responses from Groups to Region Reps
Sunday 22nd June	Following the Convention, CQ, Feedback to Groups from Region Reps
Sunday 17th August	Intergroup
Sunday 12th October	Intergroup
Sunday 11th January 2026	AGM - Usually a week before Region

#### **18. Region Dates; 2024/25**

12th January 2025	NERA
9th March 2025	Pre conference questions
(Conference dates	11th-13th April 2025)
6th July 2025	Post conference questions
19th October 2025	AGM

## **19. Any Other Business**

Julie - dates will be on the minutes. Check Julie is on it.

John to add bank detail to minutes - AGM reference

Arthur - Not receiving anything on his personal email. (Now in Intergroup distribution list)

Tradition 7 pot - For online contributions:

SOUTH YORKSHIRE INTERGROUP, SYNED/Alcoholics Anonymous  
TRADITION 7

Contributions By BACS  
Bank Details

Account Number: 14199452

Sort Code: 16 00 08

Email Treasurer to Inform them: treasurer.syned@aamail.org

## **20. Serenity Prayer and Close**

### **Action Items Carried forward.**

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Attendees
Lucy: Chair
Liam - Treasurer - Syned
Jason B
John B# Secretary (Syned Zoom4)
Alex C# YPLO (Alex Cook)
Andrew W alcoholic observer (Andrew Wood)
ARTHUR PIO (arti biggs)
chris w gsr rotherham tuesday
gordon. b# GSR# Thursday night Zoom (gordon. b)
Hannah (Monday Taplin) (Hannah Wood)
Jackie-GSR-Carmel Tues (Zoom user)
John B# GSR# Wickersley (SYNED)
Jon-GSR - Wickersley Weds- Rotherham (Jonathan Grisdale)
Josie M. Penistone Friday (Josie)
Julie G# GSR# Sunday Zoom# Doncaster (Julie G)
Karen B, ECLO
Lee H RR SYNED
Linda S Observer Ch/field Thur (Linda S)
Lynn C- GSR Saturday Night Chesterfield (Lynn C)
Lynne H# Mini Convention (Lynne Hague)
Mairi
Mark B, GSR Tuesday, Heeley
Mark E observer (Mark E)
Mel W# GSR Chesterfield Thurs (Mel W)
Michael. John. C. PRISON/PROBATION.+44 7818860750
Michelle # GSR# Tickhill (Michelle Van Toop)
Nick Atkinson-Penistone - Observer (Nick Atkinson)
Paul Frisby barnsley
Rachel G-GSR-Womens Living Sober - Sheff (Rachel Genn)
Sandra M Bawtry-GSR (Sandra Metcalf)
Steve T = GSR Tues Lunch Sheff (Steve Towers)
Susan K-GSR-Thurs Night BB Donc (Susan K)
Teresa S-TLO