

Report from the C.E.R. Meeting March 2nd . & 3rd . at Düsseldorf

Saturday:

The meeting opened at 11:00 a.m. by the new Chairperson Jerome from the Netherlands. The Intergroup Reps & C.E.R. officers introduced themselves, there were 12 Intergroups represented.

We then heard reports from the C.E.R. Officers reports to follow when I receive them from the Secretary. The Chair invited questions & discussion when the Intergroup Reps. reported which was a very useful exchange. After a very short break for lunch this took us to the discussion of the responses to the conference questions with each Delegate to Conference reading the question & then going around the room hearing the responses from the various Intergroup Reps.. Again, this was a very useful discussion & much better than just handing them over or e-mailing them.

We closed just after 5 p.m. (17:00)

Sunday:

The meeting opened at 9 a.m.

Old Business:

The advert in the U.S. military news paper “The Stars & Stripes” paid for by C.E.R. was up for review in December but because of lack of time it was deferred to this meeting. After a discussion, it was decided to continue with another review next December & the budget was amended to allow for this.

Review of Prudent Reserve:

The budget for 2013 was presented by the C.E.R. Treasurer, Kate, & the prudent reserve of 12 months expenses (€12,000) was approved by 24 votes with one abstention.

A short discussion followed about the originators of expenses, i.e. the person, Trusted Servant, who books the meeting place etc. to avoid personal liability for what can be a hefty bill. The Treasurer assured the assembly that all bills received are paid in full within 24 hours & that this was facilitated by C.E.R. having appointed an alternate treasurer.

The budget was approved by all with one abstention.

New Business:

Will C.E.R. appoint a Telephone Liaison Officer (Background, There is a telephone service run by an Intergroup in Germany, for which, C.E.R. has picked up responsibility for as it in the number quoted in the “Stars & Stripes” ad. This phone service appears patchy at best)

A very deep discussion followed, a temporary fix was made to the problem of lack of “live” responders, by two members volunteering to take the calls for 3 months while C.E.R. decided what to do. Our (South of France) experience & the experience of the retiring Trustee was that, phone services work best at an Intergroup level so that “live” responders & 12 steppers can be available all the time & that C.E.R should only help & encourage the Intergroups to set up the system perhaps using our experience here in the South of France.

The idea of a Europe wide universal phone number was floated but it appears the technology for doing that isn't available & the logistics of running it would be untenable. Even large corporations stick to national telecom boundaries.

After some time, discussion & reconsideration, the Idea of a Telephone Liaison Officer was defeated.

An internet forum to discuss this problem before the next C.E.R. meeting will be set up on the C.E.R. website (<http://www.aa-europe.net/>)in the near future by the webmaster.

Changes to the “Welcome to Region Handbook” were approved

Elections:

Sister City Committee Chair: There is no Committee to chair & there were no candidates, a job description will be ready before the next C.E.R. meeting.

ArenA editor: no candidates

Conference delegates: 2 required, usually drawn from Intergroup reps to C.E.R. but as we are allowed 3 to attend there is scope for us to fill at least one of these positions, the travel is reimbursed by C.E.R.

Location of the next C.E.R. meetings: June will be in Düsseldorf on the 1st. & 2nd. June, it was decided to revert to the previous starting time of 12:00 noon on Saturday & continue into the evening, to allow time for folk to travel to the meeting that day, to save expense. Berlin was given a month to confirm the September venue, the default location for C.E.R. meetings remains Düsseldorf.

The meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer at 1:30 p.m. (13:30)

EUROPEAN GROUP REGISTRATION/AMENDMENT FORM

DATE:

Please return completed form to:

GSO AA, PO Box 1, 10 Toft Green, York YO1 7NJ England

FIRST REGISTRATION: YES/NO Date of 1st Mtg:

AMENDMENT TO REGISTERED GROUP: YES/NO

SECTION A - Information for GSO Records & Where to Find

1. Group Reference number if known:

2. Country:

3. Town or City of meeting venue:

4. Name of Meeting:

5. Full Address of meeting venue:

6. Meeting on: **Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun**

7. Time meeting starts:

8. Smoking OR Non-Smoking:

9. Is meeting English Speaking: **YES/NO**

Contacts for publication in Where to Find Directory (2 people maximum)

Name: Tel No: **(incl code)**

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**SECTION B – For GSO CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS ONLY.
PLEASE GIVE FULL NAMES & ADDRESSES FOR MAILING
PURPOSES.**

ALL GROUP CORRESPONDENCE TO BE SENT TO:

Tel No (incl code):

Group contact E-mail address:

SECRETARY: Name/Address/Tel No:

Tel No (incl code):

TREASURER: Name/Address/Tel No:

Tel No (incl code):

GSR: Name/Address/Tel No:

Tel no. (incl code):

To which European Intergroup does your group belong?

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MINUTES OF THE INTERGROUP MEETING
Held on 23rd February 2013
At: Anglican Church, Buffa, NICE,

A. OPENING:

The Chair opened the meeting at 13h30 with the serenity prayer and the reading of the TWELVE TRADITIONS and TWELVE CONCEPTS.

1. Introduction from those present and Group Roll Call

Simon (IG Chair)	Mike (PI/GSR Nice)	Elizabeth (Nice)
Anthony (Vice-Chair/Lorgues)	Nikki (TLO)	Anna (Lorgues)
Peter (CER Representative)	Maria (Archives, Literature Committee)	Phil (Valbonne)
Laura (Treasurer/GSR Nice)	Andy (Literature Secretary)	Francis (GSR Nice)
Pamela (GSR Aix en Provence)	Gabriela (GSR Monaco)	Allen (GSR Nice)
David (GSR Montpellier)	Jean-Luke (Nice)	Tim (WSO Trustee)
		Marc(FrenchAA Cannes)

Apologies were received from Gillian who was unable to attend.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held in Lorgues on 24th November 2012 were tabled and were unanimously approved and adopted.

Report from the Chair

The Chair had nothing to report this time.

3. VACANT POSITIONS (Please see Minutes 24/11/12 for previous particulars)**

The following positions are available, for information concerning a position, please contact the secretary (address below):

Treasurer & Vice-Treasurer

Telephone Liaison Officer

French Liaison Officer

Alternate CER Officer

Requires access to a computer and accessible by telephone but

Regular attendee of French AA meetings

Requires consistent attendance at IG as a serving member

GSR's are asked to take these back to Groups

- ****Job Descriptions to be taken from AA Manual ([Guidelines www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk/downloadfile.cfm?DocumentID=412](http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk/downloadfile.cfm?DocumentID=412))**
- ****PI Chair will put a list of IG officers and their contact telephone numbers on AA-Events**
- ****GSR's can contact IG Secretary (secretary@aa-riviera.org) or pertinent Officer regarding positions.**

B. REPORTS

1. Public Information – PI Committee (pi@aa-riviera.org)

The PI Chairperson gave a brief rundown (hereunder) on what has been happening in PI in the last quarter (a written report will not be submitted for this quarter):

- No meeting has been held this quarter but will be in the near future
- Website continually updated (a printed version of the meeting lists is done when there are several changes and not too often, because of the cost). Favourable feedback has been received as to the ease of using this site
- PI gives out Big Books to hospitals, libraries (etc), always on the lookout for new ideas. If you know of anywhere in your area where a BB could be given, please inform PI.
- The new advertisement in the (Aix) AAGP (Magazine) has enabled a newcomer to find us
- If ANYONE knows of any English publication where an ad could be placed, please advise us as we cannot know of every publication and need your help. You find the publication – we will place the ad. A list of English speaking Doctors, Dentists and Therapists is being compiled so that PI can reach out to them and talk to them about alcoholism. If anyone knows of an English speaking medical person please advise the PI Committee
- Advertisements and Radio Ads are constantly reviewed
- We do need your enthusiasm (e.g., hotels were visited a few years ago so that they could help guests find us)– GIVE US YOUR IDEAS
- “Events” will publish any event as soon as they have been advised of an event BY E-MAIL

This is a fun way to carry the message

Telephone Helpline:

Telephone Liaison report attached (reflects individual Responder’s reports).

- The responders had the general impression that it was quite a quiet quarter but there were NINE (9) newcomers who made a call.
- Our responders need a rest – anyone interested needs one year of sobriety, a telephone and a read through of the Manual with the Telephone Liaison Officer... (Contact Nikki if you are interested 06.22.56.85.21).
- When necessary, calls are referred to a 12th Step Member (Groups can communicate to the TLO names and numbers of people who could be put on the 12th Step List).
- This is not an onerous service nor is it difficult but it is rewarding

H&I

No report from H&I however hospital visits are going on as usual.

2. Literature Report

- Three (3) orders have been put through these last 12 months, one per quarter
- Literature sent out as needed and appears Members are content with the way things are being run.
- **Chips:** Now have a stock of up to and including 55years. If anyone requires a Chip please contact us (andymacirish@gmail.com) with a 2-week notice and it can be sent through the mail.

3. French/English Liaison Report

No report this time (no Liaison officer at the moment). Pamela will contact the Cannes French members to see if there is an interest there and report back.

4. CER Report

- Delegate Peter finds it difficult to attend IG meetings as they are at the same time as CER meetings. He asked that we change our meeting times to not coincide with his CER meetings. There was some discussion about the fact that this had been put in place some time ago and it wasn't clear why this hadn't happened. More care will be taken in future when setting the time for the next IG to make sure it doesn't coincide with CER.
- The next CER meeting is scheduled for 1-2 June (Düsseldorf) and the following one in the first week of September (Berlin) so can we schedule our IG Meetings to not conflict with those dates
- The CER representative made a suggestion that we reduce the South of France participation to twice a year as it is very expensive to send a delegate. One member felt very strongly that the number of trips of the CER rep should not be reduced at all – rather that the radio ads should be stopped. His personal opinion was that these ads are a waste of money and that they have never brought one person into the fellowship. It was pointed out that nobody (except the CER rep himself) was suggesting cutting down participation for reasons of economy therefore it was not a choice between CER participation and radio ads. After further discussion, it was decided to maintain participation at 4 times a year.
- Peter advises that the primary reason for attendance at CER meetings is to be the line of communication between Region and IG concerning the “Questions for Conference” – these are to be looked at by delegates at next CER meeting (June) following which CER will send off replies to GSO
- We did not have any replies ready to be sent. (Questions were available directly from GSO's newsletter as of November 2012; unless a Group receives this by post they are not aware of their existence and therefore have not responded.) *Please see point 4 under Any Other Business.* Peter advised we could send responses directly to him by email, (jerseypete81@gmail.com) no later than Thursday, 27th February 2013. Mike informed that he had already initiated a Round Robin email.
- We were reminded by Tim (the Board Trustee) that it is imperative that we all share our experiences with new IG starting-up groups (eg how we started an IG here, what we did, the service structure to be sustained, insurance, etc;) all to share the message of recovery.
- In response to the query regarding the history of CER and what it does, we were directed to their website (aa-europe.net)

5. Intergroup Accounts and Treasury Report

Attached for perusal are the Treasury Reports post-IG and the Treasurer's Notes. Groups can send their contributions directly by post; however because there is a **CHANGE OF POSTAL ADDRESS** please first contact the Treasurer at treasurer@aa-riviera.org or call 04 93 26 98 89 to get the new mailing address.

- As of 23/02/2013 and after group contributions, we have approximately 4400€ in the bank plus our prudent reserve. We have approximately 2200€ upcoming expenditure thus leaving a cash surplus of about €2200.

A motion to send 1000€ contribution (7th Tradition) to CER was tabled and voted as acceptable.

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. **CER Meeting in PACA region:** Monaco venue not possible so a new place must be found. A CER meeting requires a meeting room for about 60 people with kitchen facilities from a Saturday 11am until Sunday noon close to accommodation (we are not in fact responsible for finding accommodation, only a meeting room). It is preferable to have a meeting in the PACA region during the off season. David (Lorgues) is coordinating (absent and V-Chair to contact him and report back); Elizabeth (Nice) has made a report concerning travelling costs.

2. **Nice Convention 2013:** Still enthusiastic, Mike has an appointment scheduled to meet with CUM, a sea front convention centre, as it is now open for business and can be booked in advance. Funds are available for payment upfront.

3. **H&I WORKSHOPS :** Still regularly meeting with hospitals and Monaco schools visited February 2013. Peter has been asked to teach us how to “visit the schools” and younger members of our fellowship would be encouraged to attend the workshop as it would be great to have some young faces with less grey hair going into schools! There are some videos available (PI committee) to use as an aid when presenting AA to young people.

D. NEW BUSINESS

- We were reminded that AA NICE is celebrating 25years this year (2013); the history can be read at : <http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk/members/index.cfm?PageID=98&DocumentTypeID=10>
- IG itself will have 20 years in 2014. It is important that we keep these anniversaries in mind.
- Anyone interested in finding out more about the Service Structure of AA, please contact Tim (timothy.murphy@orange.fr).
- PI is still looking for suggestions about an end of spring picnic so please send in your suggestions by email (pi@aa-riviera.org). One suggestion put forward was a park in Nice, Parc Vaugrenier (lots of picnic tables and space); let's have your ideas.

SECRETARIES AND GSR's SHOULD REPORT BACK TO EITHER PI (pi@aa-riviera.org). OR THE IG SECRETARY (secretary@aa-riviera.org) SHOULD THEY HAVE ANY VOLUNTEERS FOR THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE OR FOR THE ORGANISING OF A POSSIBLE CER MEETING IN THE PACA REGION

E. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. St. Tropez meeting presently (temporarily) closed. The person usually there is now too often away.
2. The Languedoc-Roussillon 6th Regional FRENCH AA Convention, being held in Agde on 5-6-7 April, is looking for English participation for their Saturday, 6th April English speaking meetings. GSR's and/or representatives of Groups are asked to take this reminder back to their respective Groups. Any details required can be viewed at EVENTS : events@aa-riviera.org
3. There is to be a French AA Convention in Ste. Maxime on 18-19 May and follow up details will be sent out as soon as possible by Pamela.

4. **GSO YORK** Groups can register and are encouraged to do so with York through their web page :

<http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk/downloadfile.cfm?DocumentID=342>.

Many groups do not renew their registration with York every year. It is imperative to re-register the group every year if it wishes to receive the service news (therein the Questions for Conference) as well as other publications from York and especially to be included in the **Where to Find !!** This can now be done easily via the CER website :

<http://www.aa-europe.org/meetingupdate.php>.

and/or directly with York by sending in the attached EUROGROUP FORM which please download, fill in and send off by mail to the York address (noted therein).

GSR's and/or representatives of the Groups are encouraged to take this information back to their meetings.

5. Please note that there is a **CHANGE OF POSTAL ADDRESS** for Groups who send in their contributions to IG by mail. Please first contact the Treasurer at treasurer@aa-riviera.org or call 04 93 26 98 89 to get the new mailing address.

CLOSING

The next meeting will be held in Valbonne (**Phil to confirm**) on 25th May 2013.
Meeting to start at 13h30 with pot luck lunch before from 12h30 onwards.

After the 7th Tradition, the meeting was closed at 15h45 with the Serenity Prayer.

GROUP	GSR / Rep	7th (€)	Lit (€)	COMMENTS
SUNDAY				
11h00 Nice (Durante)	Nikki (Treasurer)	100		Strong meeting, well attended
11h30 Lorgues	Rosalind GSR represented by Anthony	100		Strong meeting, well attended
17h00 Vence	Tim GSR	0		Small but steady, not growing, financially breaking even
18h00 Nice (Durante)	Nikki (Member)	0		Maintenance meeting, 6-12 people, well attended, pays rent
19h00 Antibes	Absent			
MONDAY				
11H30 Montpellier	David C. GSR	275		Had shut down temporarily but has now grown significantly (12); a separate meeting opened on Thursdays (18h30) and a new meeting in Uzès to open March 6, Wed. from 15h to 16h
17h30 Cannes	Phil (Member)	250		
18h00 Nice (Buffa)	Nikki (Member)	150		A large Big Book meeting
19h00 Cannes	Peter (Member)	100		
19h00 Monaco St. Paul's	Gabriela GSR	250		15-25, Speaker meeting with 4 newcomers
20h00 St. Tropez	Anthony (St. Trop visitor)			Not opening, presently in trouble
TUESDAY				
12h30 Monaco Reformée	Maria (Secretary)	100		Jogs along with 5-10 people, high rent
17h30 Nice (Buffa)	Allen GSR	350		8-12
18h00 Aix-en-Provence	Pamela GSR	33	43.90	Average 4, quiet meeting, 1 newcomer (shares finances with Friday meeting)
19h00 Nice (Durante)	Laura GSR	50		Strong meeting, BB/Step workshops/tapes, solid core of 6-8
WEDNESDAY				
12h00 Nice (Buffa)	Jean-Luke GSR	170		Well attended, 10-12
19h00 Nice (Durante)	Mike (Secretary)	50		Well attended with newcomers in early days
19h00 Valbonne	Helen GSR represented by Phil	50		6-8 regulars

	(Secretary)			
THURSDAY				
17h30 Cannes				
18h00 Nice (Buffa)	Nikki (Member)	150		11 th Step Meditation, well attended and popular
19h30 Nice (Buffa)	Mike GSR	100		No sniveling, well attended with up to 10, Solutions sought, not problems
19h00 Monaco (Reformée)	Maria (Member)	Promise		8-12
FRIDAY				
12h00 Nice (Buffa)	Elizabeth (Treasurer)	70		New meeting, Step 3, 6-8 people
12h30 Monaco (St. Paul's)	Maria (Member)			Not well attended sometimes not open, in abeyance, change end time to 12h30
18h30 Aix-en-Provence	Pamela GSR	See Tues.		4 regulars, 1 newcomer, shares finances with Tuesday's meeting
18h30 Montpellier	See Monday			Suspended, considered closed and see Thursday (replacement)
19h00 Nice (Buffa)	Francis GSR	150		Doing well, all positions filled, celebrating 25 yrs (1988) As Bill Sees It Meeting. We read Declaration of Unity which is well received

Contributing Groups	2012 Year	2012 24 Nov	Feb 28 '13
Sunday Nice 11h00	918.00	235.50	100.00
Lorgues 11h30	642.00	100.00	100.00
Vence 17h00	0.00	0	0
Goult 18h00	0.00	0	0
Nice 1800		new mtg	0
Antibes 19h00	0.00	0	0
Monday MPL 11h30	450.00	0	475.00
Cannes 17h30	520.00	120.00	250.00
Nice 18h00	880.00	200.00	150.00
Cannes 19h00	100.00	0	100.00
Monaco 19h00	1,150.00	250.00	250.00
St Tropez 20h00	324.90	0	0
Tuesday Monaco 12h30	550.00	100.00	100.00
Nice 17h30	50.00	0	350.00
Aix-en-Provence 18h00	144.60	32.60	33.00
Nice 19h00	300.00	50.00	50.00
Wednesday Nice 12h00	300.00	0	170.00
Ganges 18h30	0.00	0	0
Nice 19h00	569.80	172.30	50.00
Valbonne 19h00	180.00	50.00	100.00
Thursday Cannes 17h30	430.00	50.00	0
Nice 18h00	350.00	100.00	150.00
Nice 19h30	760.50	184.50	100.00
Monaco 19h00	180.00	0	0
Friday Nice 1200		new mtg	70.00
Monaco 1230		new mtg	
Aix 1830	124.00	9.00	43.90
Nice 19h00	900.00	250.00	150.00
Valbonne 19h00	100.00	see Wed	
Saturday Nice 11h00	350.00	100.00	50.00
Nice 19h00	800.00	170.00	150.00
Antibes 19h30	484.00	150.00	120.00
Other Donations*			10.00
IG 7th Tradition	130.10	49.90	38.49
Cannes Film Festival			
*€10 for card withdrawal			
Total Contributions	11,687.90	2,373.80	3,160.39
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**IG Income Expenditure Report
28 February 2013**

INCOME REPORT	09 Dec '12	2012 Year	28 Feb '13
Total Group Contributions	2,373.80	11,687.90	3,160.39
Literature Donations	142.80	401.50	43.90
Meeting List Donations	33.00	83.00	27.00
Interest on Prudent Reserve		168.59	
Total Income	2,406.80	11,939.49	3,187.39
Convention Insurance Donation		161.04	167.33
EXPENDITURE REPORT			
Bank charges	-23.92	-131.56	-35.88
Insurance Civile IG		-651.05	-677.24
Insurance Civile Convention		-161.04	-167.33
Assurance Juridique IG		-201.36	
CER Delegate Expenses		-1,221.20	-411.03
Literature orders	-734.25	-1,446.69	-624.17
PI	-1,815.00	-4,665.00	
PI Radio Spots	-700.00	-2,800.00	-700.00
IG expenses		-102.40	-6.90
Literature Expenses			
CER Contribution		-1,815.00	-1,000.00
Total Expenditure	-3,273.17	-13,046.22	-3,455.22
Cleared Transfers/Cheques			
Bank charges	-23.92	-143.52	-35.88
Insurance Civile IG/Conv		-651.05	-844.57
Assurance Juridique IG		-201.36	
CER Delegate Expenses		-1,560.00	-411.03
Literature orders	-734.25	-2,013.69	-624.17
PI		-2,850.00	-1,815.00
PI Radio Spots	-700.00	-2,100.00	-700.00
IG expenses		-102.40	-76.90
CER Contributions + chgs		-2,226.40	
	-1,458.17	-11,848.42	-4,507.55
CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	5,798.61		4,645.78
Transfer to Prudent Reserve	0.00		0.00
Balance Prudent Reserve	0.00		0.00
Prudent Reserve Livret A	8,259.80		8,259.80
BALANCE ALL ACCOUNTS	14,058.41		12,905.58
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AA SOUTH OF France HELPLINE - 0820 200 257
SUMMARY AND EVOLUTION OF CALLS
from 1st March 2007 to 28th February 2013

	A	B	C	D	E	F	Total for
	<u>Newcomer</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>AlAnon</u>	<u>PI</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>French</u>	<u>Quarter</u>
		<u>Members</u>					
<u>2007</u>							
1 March - 28 June	3	26	7	5	10	32	83
29 Jun - 14 Sept	3	42	6	5	4	49	109
15 Sept to 5 Dec	8	24	5	0	9	58	104
<u>2008</u>							
5 Dec to 26th March	8	30	5	1	7	45	96
27 March to 18 June	17	42	2	0	2	6	69
19 June to 19 Sept	10	41	9	2	6	21	89
20th Sept to 11 Dec	5	31	5	2	3	20	66
<u>2009</u>							
12 Dec 08 to 7 Mar	5	9	5	2	12	11	44
8th March to 7th June	4	21	8	2	3	11	49
8th June to 8th Sept	4	44	1	1	11	15	76
9th Sept to 8th Dec	10	19	2	1	7	20	59
<u>2010</u>							
9th Dec to 8th March	6	15	2	1	0	9	33
9th Mar to 30 May	9	21	5	0	4	9	48
1st June to 29 Aug	17	34	8	0	7	16	82
29 Aug to 27 Nov	4	23	3	0	12	2	44
<u>2011</u>							
28 Nov to 8th March	13	16	2	1	1	16	49
9th March to 4th June	10	15	5	0	6	8	44
5th June to 10th Sept	24	51	8	0	5	10	98
11th Sept to 26th Nov	9	10	10	0	12	15	56
<u>2012</u>							
27th Nov to 18th Feb	6	11	1	0	8	4	30
19th Feb to 26th May							
27th May to 1st Sept	4	24	3	1	6	11	49
2nd Sept to 17 Nov	3	13	2	1	1	9	29
<u>2013</u>							
18 Nov to 16 Feb	9	15	4	2	3	4	37

IG Treasurer's Notes 28 Feb 2013 (period 9 Dec 2012 – 28 Feb 2013)
 What we were like, what happened, and what we are like now, financially.

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1. 2012 interest on Prudent Reserve still unknown.
2. Total insurance payment was € 844.57, €677.24 for Intergroup and €167.33 for the Convention Committee.
3. Includes €200 December contribution from Montpellier groups. Includes €10 donation by credit card holder against €10 withdrawal to activate the card.
4. Figures based on 2013 budget approved at IG.

MINUTES OF THE INTERGROUP MEETING
Held on 25th May, 2013
At: La Salle Paroissiale, 2 Rue Presbytère, Valbonne 06560

A. OPENING:

The Chair opened the meeting at 13h30 with the serenity prayer and the reading of the TWELVE CONCEPTS and the TWELVE TRADITIONS.

1. Introduction from those present and Group Roll Call

Simon (IG Chair)	Nikki (TLO)	Brian (GSR Cannes)
Mike (PI/GSR Nice)	Maria (Archives, Literature Committee)	Richard (GSR Uzes)
Peter (CER Representative)	Helen (GSR Valbonne)	Gabriela (GSR Monaco)
Laura (Treasurer/GSR Nice)	Francis (GSR Nice)	
Pamela (GSR Aix en Provence and Vice-Secretary)		

Apologies were received from Gillian, our Secretary and from David in Montpellier who was unable to attend.

Thank you to the Valbonne Group for hosting our meeting and to Helen who kindly set up and closed up the rooms for us.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held in Nice on 23rd February 2013 were tabled. Two points must have changes made as per the following :

Montpellier meetings :

- Monday 11h30 - thriving meeting growing significantly with 8-12 people
- Thursday 18h30 - newly opened, replaces the Friday 18h30
- Friday 18h30 - meeting suspended, replaced by the Thursday, 18h30 meeting

LITERATURE: We have chips up to and including **50 years** and not the 55 previously recorded

With the noted changes the above mentioned Minutes were unanimously approved and adopted

3. VACANT POSITIONS**

Treasurer & Vice-Treasurer

Telephone Liaison Officer

French Liaison Officer
Alternate CER Officer

Our Treasurer agreed to remain in position until such time as a new person could be voted in at which time she will rotate out
 Our TLO Nikki, has stressed that she has held this position since its inception in March 2007 and it is now time to move on. She pointed out that this is not an onerous position and offers a wonderful opportunity of keeping in touch with a lot of AA members, if you want to. It does require computer and telephone accessibility. Any interested person please contact Nikki direct.
(Cell : 06.22.56.85.21)
 Must be a regular attendee of French AA meetings
 Requires consistent attendance at IG as a serving member

GSR's are asked to take these back to Groups where applicable

- ****Job Descriptions to be taken from AA Manual**
(Guidelines www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk/downloadfile.cfm?DocumentID=412)
- ****PI Chair will put a list of IG officers and their contact telephone numbers on AA-Events**
- ****GSR's can contact IG Secretary (secretary@aa-riviera.org) or pertinent Officer regarding positions**
Treasurer: treasurer@ig-riviera.org or Cell 06.64.88.59.45,
Telephone Liaison : Cell : 06.22.56.85.21 and
CER : jerseypete81@gmail.com

B. REPORTS

1. Public Information – PI Committee (pi@aa-riviera.org)

The PI Spokesperson gave a brief rundown (hereunder) on what has been happening in PI in the last quarter

- The Committee recently convened and there was an extremely good and enthusiastic turnout
- A list of English speaking Medical professionals has been drawn up and the next step will be to contact them by mail in order to bring their attention to the disease of alcoholism
- A list of English speaking or Bilingual Schools is being compiled so that we might take alcoholism and AA into schools
- AA Business Cards are being printed
- Website running efficiently, a lot of requests from visitors go through this communication line to find meetings

Telephone Helpline:

Report (Summary Classification) is attached showing the activity on the helpline.

At 27 calls this quarter, the number of calls is low. Particularly low were the number of existing AA members (who are often visitors looking for meetings). It has been suggested that people use the website more and more to look up meetings, rather than calling. However, there were still 5 newcomers in this 27 – so the percentage of newcomers calling is high.

- For details concerning the Telephone Liaison Officer position please see Vacant Positions above.
- It was pointed out, in particular, that we still get quite a number of calls regarding French AA and it was considered that it is important that we carry the AA message to everyone, English or French in any way we can.
- In March, our TLO was contacted by the CER Chair (Jeroen) requesting input concerning a Helpline Survey being conducted throughout Europe. South of France's Helpline works particularly well and the questionnaire was submitted, with some extra detail of how we run our service.
- In an attempt to try and find the results of the survey and join the forum about telephone service, our TLO enrolled on CER website. It was pointed out to our CER representative (present) that the CER website proved particularly difficult to navigate and the whole exercise was very frustrating – which does not seem to encourage members to 'join in'.

- The TLO has now obtained a copy of the survey results (although CER did not send one to her). She has asked our CER representative to enquire how it came about that our service as been reported in the survey as going to an answerphone when we have a usually very efficient 24 hour/7 day a week service.

H&I No written report at this time but Hospital visits do continue

2. **Literature Report**

- The Literature Officer has had to step down. The Archivist, Maria, who is also on the Literature Committee reported to us. Anyone interested in that position, please contact her ([Cell 06.18.87.34.80](tel:06.18.87.34.80)) – the position would require being able to collect/carry literature from the Nice Post Office (a car) and having sufficient dry storage available for stock. In any and all cases, Maria remains available for assistance.
- Little movement in literature this quarter. Groups are encouraged to keep pamphlets available as the information therein does answer those questions often posed by new (and older) members. (NB at roll call, one Group advised that they were studying Pamphlets and finding it/them extremely interesting/useful)
- She brought in a good stock of literature, pamphlets and a sign for the new Group which started up in Uzès (near Montpellier)
- A yearly inventory shows few sales but literature is being requested for use within meetings
- In future, and until further notice, please direct your literature request to Maria ([Cell 06.18.87.34.80](tel:06.18.87.34.80))

3. **French/English Liaison Report** (None – we are presently without a Liaison Officer)

4. **CER Report** (attached are the Delegate's Report, CER Minutes, CER PI Report and CER Telephone Committee Report and the CER Proposal for Review of Travel Advances)

- Delegate Peter attended the last Meeting (March) in Dusseldorf and will attend the next one (early June). He advised that he would be unable to attend the September meeting.
- An article from the CER PI has been submitted to the English online magazine (The Local) (see corresponding report for details); we approved albeit did ask that the use of American acronyms be dropped
- A Committee has been set up to carry out a survey to determine the value of the various Telephone Helplines throughout Europe with the possible aim of having a central European Helpline (see corresponding report for details). Our TLO was contacted for our participation
- CER delegates have raised the point concerning travel advances to ensure that each representative be able to attend CER meetings (see corresponding report for details)
- We are reminded that if anyone has any questions that they would like to address to our Delegate, he can be reached by email at jerseypete81@mail.com

5. **Intergroup Accounts and Treasury Report** (Attached for perusal are the Treasury Reports post-IG and the Treasurer's notes

- As of 27th May and after group contributions of 3351.70€, we have 5816.91€ in the bank plus our prudent reserve (8445.65€). We have approximately 4769.00€ upcoming expenditure thus leaving an expected cash surplus of about 1047.00€ for the end of August. See IG Treasurer's Notes; Group Contributions List, and the Income/Expenditure Report attached.

In consideration of the small amount available after budget, a motion to not send a contribution (7th Tradition) to CER was tabled and voted as acceptable.

- Credit card: Presently we are allowed :
Payments on credit: 5000€ per 30days (France and abroad)
Cash withdrawals: 500€ each 7 days
It was agreed to reduce/adjust the Credit amount to such sum as the Treasurer deems appropriate to our use and that she would contact the Bank accordingly

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. English AA participation at the Ste. Maxime French Convention (Pentecostal weekends). The French AA are quite open to our participation; we need to liaise with them as soon as they begin their discussions. With the help of a Liaison Officer in position, we trust this will take place in 2014.
2. French Liaison position – Vice-Chair Anthony has been in touch with a possible promising candidate and shall report on that point. Two other Members also thought they might have candidates and they too will report. In this regard, please contact Anthony at vicechair@aa-riviera.org
3. CER Meeting in PACA Region (no report, David absent)
4. Nice Convention 2013 – Still looking for early September, but now looking at **2014**. Having difficulty in getting replies from Convention locale possibilities, if anyone does have ideas as to a locale, or any Convention ideas, **please** contact Mike at pi@aa-riviera.org
5. H&I Workshops - Schools, Peter is quite prepared to lead one off and will get back to us rapidly to give us a couple of dates for scheduling sometime during the autumn of 2013. There was some discussion around having a Workshop 2hours before an IG Meeting but it was agreed that the time factor might dissuade people either from attending the Workshop or from attending IG itself.
6. Picnic : topic was approached again (where and when), nothing settled. Please contact Mike at pi@aa-riviera.org in order to help and/or give ideas

E. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Maria brought up the points concerning the fact that our “Association” Statutes need to be changed to reflect our present day Board Officers’ situation. We have a President, Maria and a Secretary, Birgitta but do not have a Treasurer.
Mike put forward his candidature for this position.
Seconded by Helen and Simon **Voted:** passed unanimously
Maria will ensure that the Prefecture be advised accordingly.
2. Francis pointed out that a number of Groups are having or will be having long term Anniversaries. Perhaps Groups might consider taking the opportunity to celebrate these occasions in some meaningful way. The subject of Groups writing their history was encouraged and our Archivist, Maria suggested she be sent these for filing for the good of AA as a whole (please call her at [Cell 06.18.87.34.80](tel:06.18.87.34.80)) in this regard.
3. Maria and Gabriela have put forward their names as representatives of South of France instead of Peter at the September CER meeting (expected to be held in Berlin) NB post IG Meeting, Maria will not be able to attend the CER meeting.

4. The question was raised concerning whether or not it was appropriate to hand out French Meeting Lists at our meeting and the general consensus was that it was appropriate. Pass the Message.

CLOSING

The next meeting will be held in Cannes (Brian : to be confirmed) on 31 August, 2013.
Meeting to start at 13h30 with a pot luck lunch before from 12h30 onwards.

After the 7th Tradition, the meeting was closed at 16h30 with the Serenity Prayer.

**Group Contributions to
27 May 2013**

Contributing Groups	2012 Year	2012 24 Nov	Feb 28 '13	May 27 '13
Sunday Nice 11h00	918.00	235.50	100.00	205.60
Lorgues 11h30	642.00	100.00	100.00	0
Vence 17h00	0.00	0	0	0
Goult 18h00	0.00	0	0	0
Nice 1800		new mtg	0	0
Antibes 19h00	0.00	0	0	0
Monday MPL 11h30	450.00	0	475.00	0
Cannes 17h30	520.00	120.00	250.00	200.00
Nice 18h00	880.00	200.00	150.00	200.00
Cannes 19h00	100.00	0	100.00	150.00
Monaco 19h00	1,150.00	250.00	250.00	200.00
St Tropez 20h00	324.90	0	0	409.10
Tuesday Monaco 12h30	550.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Nice 17h30	50.00	0	350.00	0.00
Aix-en-Provence 18h00	144.60	32.60	33.00	80.00
Nice 19h00	300.00	50.00	50.00	75.00
Wednesday Nice12h00	300.00	0	170.00	170.00
Ganges 18h30	0.00	0	0	0
Nice 19h00	569.80	172.30	50.00	162.50
Valbonne 19h00	180.00	50.00	100.00	150.00
Thursday Cannes17h30	430.00	50.00	0	0
Nice 18h00	350.00	100.00	150.00	0.00
Nice 19h30	760.50	184.50	100.00	142.50
Monaco 19h00	180.00	0	0	150.00
Friday Nice 1200		new mtg	70.00	40.00
Monaco 1230		new mtg		100.00
Aix 1830	124.00	9.00	43.90	80.00
Nice 19h00	900.00	250.00	150.00	300.00
Valbonne 19h00	100.00	see Wed		see Wed
Saturday Nice 11h00	350.00	100.00	50.00	50.00
Nice 19h00	800.00	170.00	150.00	200.00
Antibes 19h30	484.00	150.00	120.00	145.00
Other Donations*			10.00	
IG 7th Tradition	130.10	49.90	38.49	42.00
Cannes Film Festival				
*€10 for card withdrawal				
Total Contributions	11,687.90	2,373.80	3,160.39	3,351.70
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IG Income Expenditure Report
27 May 2013

INCOME REPORT	09 Dec '12	2012 Year	28 Feb '13	27 May '13
Total Group Contributions	2373.80	11687.90	3160.39	3351.70
Literature Donations	142.80	401.50	43.90	40.60
Meeting List Donations	33.00	83.00	27.00	
Interest on Prudent Reserve		168.59		185.85
Total Income	2406.80	11939.49	3187.39	3537.55
Convention Insurance Donation		161.04	167.33	
EXPENDITURE REPORT				
Bank charges	-23.92	-131.56	-35.88	-35.88
Insurance Civile IG		-651.05	-677.24	
Insurance Civile Convention		-161.04	-167.33	
Assurance Juridique IG		-201.36		
CER Delegate Expenses		-1221.20	-411.03	-369.00
Literature orders	-734.25	-1446.69	-624.17	
PI	-1815.00	-4665.00		-2615.00
PI Radio Spots	-700.00	-2800.00	-700.00	-700.00
IG expenses		-102.40	-76.90	-71.84
Literature Expenses				
CER Contribution		-1815.00	-1000.00	
Total Expenditure	-3273.17	-13046.22	-3525.22	-3791.72
Cleared Transfers/Cheques				
Bank charges	-23.92	-143.52	-35.88	-35.88
Insurance Civile IG/Conv		-651.05	-844.57	
Assurance Juridique IG		-201.36		
CER Delegate Expenses		-1560.00	-411.03	-369.00
Literature orders	-734.25	-2013.69	-624.17	
PI		-2850.00	-1815.00	
PI Radio Spots	-700.00	-2100.00	-700.00	-700.00
IG expenses		-102.40	-76.90	-71.84
CER Contributions + chgs		-2226.40		-1003.85
	-1458.17	-11848.42	-4507.55	-2180.57
CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	5798.61		4645.78	5816.91
Transfer to Prudent Reserve	0.00		0.00	
Balance Prudent Reserve	0.00		185.85	
Prudent Reserve Livret A	8259.80		8259.80	8445.65
BALANCE ALL ACCOUNTS	14058.41		12905.58	14262.56
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INTERGROUP ROLL CALL Valbonne 25 May 2013

GROUP	GSR / Rep	7th (€)	Lit (€)	COMMENTS
SUNDAY				
11h00 Nice (Durante)	Nikki (Treasurer)	200.00	5.60	Living Sober chapter read every week with about 15 people, well supported, coffee and fellowship follows
11h30 Lorgues	Rosalind GSR (absent)			Absent
17h00 Vence	Tim GSR (absent)			Absent
18h00 Nice (Durante)	Nikki			No 7 th this time, strong but needs support, visitors expected
19h00 Antibes				
MONDAY				
11H30 Montpellier	David C. GSR (absent)			Good lively attendance varying from 4 to 12 with only 50% overlap with other meetings (received by email)
17h30 Cannes		200.00		Still running, 7 th went directly to Treasurer
18h00 Nice (Buffa)		200.00		
19h00 Cannes	Brian GSR	150.00		Primary Purpose with healthy attendance of 6-7, service support, Film Festival recently brought in visitors
19h00 Monaco St. Paul's	Gabriela GSR	200.00		15 to 25 people
20h00 St. Tropez	Bela GSR (absent)	409.10		7 th went directly to Treasurer, meeting appears to be doing well
TUESDAY				
12h30 Monaco Reformée	Maria (Secretary)	100.00		Rent increase to 210E/quarter. Good meeting although very young sobriety, well attended with anywhere from 8 to 15 people
17h30 Nice (Buffa)	Allen GSR (absent)			
18h00 Aix-en-Provence	Pamela GSR	75.00	5.00	Averaging 8 people, newcomers well supported
19h00 Nice (Durante)	Laura GSR	75.00		Good meeting, well attended with about 8 people, rotation in service positions, recorded BB studies (Joe H & Mark H)

WEDNESDAY				
12h00 Nice (Buffa)	Jean-Luke GSR (absent)	170.00		Treasurer received contribution directly
15h00 Uzès	Richard GSR			New group as of March 6 th , getting organized with 2 regulars and sometimes 4 attendees. Unfortunately will be closed during all public holidays as housed within the Mairie (Town Hall)
19h00 Nice (Durante)	Nikki (Treasurer)	150.00	12.50	No GSR, more or less 10 people, strong meeting and getting stronger with some newcomers
19h00 Valbonne	Helen GSR	150.00	See Fri.	12x12 Group, doing very well, 5 participating newcomers with about 7 regulars, will increase in summer. Had a change of Officers
THURSDAY				
17h30 Cannes	Francis (participant)			Stays on format
18h00 Nice (Buffa)				
19h30 Nice (Buffa)	Mike GSR	130.00	12.50	Also Secretary of this No Sniveling Group, normally BB but recently doing some pamphlets ("Do you think you are different" and "Members view of AA")
19h00 Monaco (Reformée)	Gabriela (participant)	150.00		7 th went directly to Treasurer, 12x12 Group with 12-15 participants and some newcomers
FRIDAY				
12h00 Nice (Buffa)	Nikki (Participant)	40.00		4-8 people, 3 rd step meeting, surviving
12h30 Monaco (St. Paul's)	Maria (participant)	100.00		Recently no longer a Women's Only group, Acceptance meeting, 12-20 people
18h30 Aix-en-Provence	Pamela GSR	75.00	5.00	Average of 5 people, numbers are down, BB meeting
19h00 Nice (Buffa)	Francis GSR	300.00		Strong As Bill Sees It meeting, 25 th year, reading of Declaration of Unity
19h00 Valbonne	Helen GSR	See Wed		BB group, relatively new sobriety, strong focus although fewer than Wednesday
SATURDAY				
11h00 Nice (Durante)	Nikki (Treasurer)	50.00		8-12 people, strong meeting
19h00 Nice (Buffa)	Maria (ex Treasurer)	200.00		15-20 participants, now that there is a speaker organized in advance, more regular members in attendance
19h30 Antibes	Peter GSR	145.00		6-10 people, one of the original meetings growing back up; meeting room sometimes closed down without notice but meetings do move over to somewhere else

AA SOUTH OF France HELPLINE - 0820 200 257
SUMMARY AND EVOLUTION OF CALLS
from 1st March 2007 to 18th May 2013

	A	B	C	D	E	F	Total for
	Newcomer	Existing Members	AlAnon	PI	Other	French	Quarter
2007							
1 March - 28 June	3	26	7	5	10	32	83
29 Jun - 14 Sept	3	42	6	5	4	49	109
15 Sept to 5 Dec	8	24	5	0	9	58	104
2008							
5 Dec to 26th March	8	30	5	1	7	45	96
27 March to 18 June	17	42	2	0	2	6	69
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Intergroup Meeting, Cannes.

30 September 2013

All literature orders have all been filled this quarter, with several requests for extra chips coming in.

One group who has started a 12x12 meeting was supplied with group books, which were sent through to them by post.

Any group who changes their meeting format is invited to return old stock in good enough condition for recycling to other groups for their meetings, rather than supplying new copies. Such was the case for the above group where I was able to use a previous 'group copy' amongst the books sent.

I will be putting in a new order for more stock to GSR York as I am now down to a bare minimum, with no copies of certain books left.

I have found that it has not been necessary to make an order every quarter this year as there was a lot of stock available. However, it is difficult to judge what is needed. It only takes 2 or 3 groups to put in large orders at the last minute and wipe out the entire stock.

In the last quarter the books ordered by only 3 groups have been;

Big Books; 12 Steps & Traditions; 14 Living sober; 10

This pretty much wiped out the stock of these books; however, they had been sitting in my cupboard since the last order about 6 months ago.

Therefore I would like to encourage groups to put in regular smaller orders so that I can replace the books on a more consistent basis.

The weight of a large order of books arriving from the UK is enormous (I noted the other day that one of the boxes I still have in my cellar was labelled as 'weight 20 lbs = 9.07kilos' and there are usually 2-3 boxes per order!

CHIPS

I have been requested by one French AA group to supply anniversary chips (5 in the last three months). Our IG agreed some time ago that in the interest of t 'l'entante cordiale' we could give the French 6-8 chips per year. I raise the question again to refresh our memories and ensure that this is still the thinking of IG.

In service

Maria

MINUTES OF THE INTERGROUP MEETING
Held on 31 August 2013
At: Holy Trinity Church, CANNES

A. OPENING:

The Chair opened the meeting at 13h40 with the serenity prayer and the reading of the TWELVE TRADITIONS and TWELVE CONCEPTS.

1. Introduction from those present and Group Roll Call

Anthony (Vice-Chair/Lorgues) Standing in for Chair, Simon	David (GSR Montpellier)	Elizabeth (Nice)
Laura (Treasurer/GSR Nice)	Gabriela (GSR Monaco)	John (Cannes)
Maria (Archives, Literature Committee)	Helen (GSR Valbonne)	Marie-Claire (Cannes)
Mike (PI/GSR Nice)	Francis (GSR Nice)	Debbie (Monaco)
Nikki (TLO)		
Pamela (V.Secretary & GSR Aix en Provence)	Steven (Events)	Mike (Cannes)

Apologies were received from Simon, Peter, Brian and Bela, who were unable to attend. Apologies were also received from Gillian (Secretary) who has had to step down from her position as Secretary as is momentarily unable to fulfil that roll. Her efforts on our behalf have been most appreciated.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held in Valbonne on 25th May, 2013 were tabled and were unanimously approved and adopted (with the following changes):

1. page 2, Treasurer's email address should read treasurer@aa-riviera.org
2. page 3. Literature Report, point 3, Uzès is near Nimes (not Montpellier)

Report from the Chair The Chair had nothing to report at this time.

3. VACANT POSITIONS (Please note that all contact numbers can be found at the end of these Minutes)**

Treasurer & Vice-Treasurer	Treasurer nominated Elizabeth as Vice-Treasurer, motion seconded and voted unanimously – Welcome to Elizabeth
Telephone Liaison Officer	Requires access to a computer, accessible by telephone but person cannot frequently be out of the country; does not have to be a person residing in the Nice area. The service basically looks after itself and just needs some coordination to effect changes in the case of absenteeism. Not an onerous position but rather a constant one.
French Liaison Officer	Regular attendee of French AA meetings, VChair stressed that the Liaison Officer communicates events of French Meetings to English AA and vice-versa.
Alternate CER Officer	Requires consistent attendance at IG as a serving member

GSR's are asked to take these back to Groups; the PI Committee Chair will put a list of IG officers and their contact telephone numbers on AA-Events and this list can be found at the end of the Minutes

**Job Descriptions to be taken from AA Manual Guidelines; most rooms have a service manual containing the Guidelines. In addition, people can ask the person in that position, or their sponsor. Alternately these Guidelines can be found at:

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B. REPORTS

1. Public Information – PI Committee

The PI Chairperson gave a brief rundown (hereunder) on what has been happening in PI in the last quarter (a written report will not be submitted for this quarter):

- The meeting list amendments: essential that GROUP changes be advised by designated officers. However, "Events" sends out a request regarding any changes and imperative that each Group member checks the validity of their own personal information listed. One must not assume that someone else will answer; please answer yourself to avoid a goose chase.
- The hard copy of Meeting Lists cannot always be up to date but the net always has the latest information and is current
- Web is consistently busy with queries – AA and AIAAnon, alot of Members calling to find meetings in very remote places
- Call First notation against some meetings: this is essential if there is any doubt that a meeting always takes place and it can be a good initiative to get people to meetings and even sometimes means they might be picked up!
- AA business cards (a popular item) to be rerun
- **N.B.** If a Group runs out of Meeting Lists and none are available from PI please contact other Groups who may have stocks still available
- **N.B.** "EVENTS" is a medium – a way to contact and communicate to others however if your message to "EVENTS" is not to be shared to the entire mailing list, please state so with a "DO NOT SEND OUT"

Question: *Is meeting info on the web shared with AA France? Their info appears erroneous! No, they require far too many particulars concerning our information and in fact wanted to remove AA Meetings altogether.*

VChair offered to chase them up re correct information, etc.

Telephone Helpline:

Telephone Liaison report attached.

- 52 calls last quarter which is the highest number in a very long time, with 9 newcomers plus the visitors
- The Helpline runs 24/7.
- A training session is coming up – please call Nikki for further information (06 22 56 85 21).

H&I

No report from H&I however it was confirmed that hospital visits are going on as usual. Apparently though, AA France has lost their slot at St. Christophe (Hospital).

2. Literature Report (attached, the following main points were brought up)

- Please place several smaller orders instead of large ones as easier to handle
- Chips for AA France: should we continue giving the French AA chips as originally agreed years ago? After discussion and considering that that agreement could be considered as out of date, it was agreed that our Literature officer give them the web address to buy their own.
Motion: stop giving chips to AA France; seconded and unanimously accepted.
- Please continue to recycle books and pamphlets within our Groups and/or return unused literature to IG (Literature Officer)

3. French/English Liaison Report

- None, presently no Officer. Three people had suggestions, VChair and 2 Cannes' members, who will follow up with their possible candidates at the next IG Meeting

4. CER Report

- Delegate absent, no report at this time
- CER Telephone Survey: it was voiced that it appeared to be particularly damning of our HelpLine especially in consideration of how well ours works and how much effort has been put into making it efficient and easy to use. Once again, we questioned just how many times did the CER people try to contact us? Statistically their report is misleading as we feel that we have been put into the same category of countries who offer no service at all. Our Treasurer will be attending the next CER Meeting and will try looking into this matter.

Question: We have seen our CER representative only once in two years, yet we shifted our own meetings to ensure that IG and CER do not meet at the same time to allow our rep to attend our meetings. What are we going to do about it? Are we being well represented by CER?
VChair offered to circulate a paper in this regard and send it out to CER

5. Intergroup Accounts and Treasury Report

Attached for perusal are the Treasury Reports post-IG and the Treasurer's Notes.

- As of 10th September 2013 and after group contributions, we have approximately 5657€ in the bank plus our prudent reserve. We have approximately 3614€ upcoming expenditure thus leaving an expected cash surplus of about €2043 at end November.

A motion to send 2000€ contribution (7th Tradition) to CER was made and voted as acceptable.

C. OLD BUSINESS The Ganges meeting is closed and no new opening/closing of Groups

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. French National Convention (Montpellier 15-17 November **2014**) topic was introduced and we were given an outline by the Montpellier GSR of what had been happening to date and asked what we (the IG South of France) intended to do/how we would like to proceed.

- An enthusiastic response followed; we could take charge of organising the English speaking meetings (in liaison with the French Committee) however although we are willing to offer our services, we must first be requested to do so officially by the appropriate representatives of AA France and David (GSR) of Montpellier was asked to liaise with the AA France Convention Committee in Montpellier. (It was pointed out that this Intergroup is not affiliated with AA France nor with AA Paris)
 - We were advised that on the basis of past experience, the best arrangement would be for one room at the Congress venue to be assigned for the purpose of English-speaking meetings, which would be run continuously throughout the main days (not just one day) of the Convention. Intergroup members predicted that it would be realistic to expect attendance of up to 100 at such continuous meetings so that a sufficiently large room should be allocated for the purpose. To be followed up.
2. Gratitude Week – (second week of June) in future, we will ask “EVENTS” to ensure that a reminder is put out via their mailing list and IG can set up their own reminder for the IG spring and/or summer Meetings. Nevertheless each group is autonomous and can send their Gratitude contributions to the Treasurer who can then pool them and make one single payment to GSO. A lot of 7th tradition going to the UK (and being converted to pounds sterling) gets eaten up in bank fees, so minimizing the number of transactions is preferred. However Groups can send out their Gratitude contributions directly to York should they so wish.
3. Awareness Month – Vchair offered to contact “Events” in this regard, Thank you.
4. As of now it was agreed that at the **end** of the Minutes, we would insert a section “Useful addresses” of IG contact people and/or telephone numbers (where pertinent).

E. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Conventions and Picnics – it was brought up that we do not appear to be going anywhere near organising such things -- why not, what is happening? We were reminded that the organisation of Conventions is in fact outside the scope of IG however IG is of course happy to liaise with a Convention Committee and give supportive assistance (there is a Convention Association sistered to AA Intergroup). One of the reasons why our Conventions did not continue is because the people who were on the Committee simply got tired. New blood is needed. Another reason, the hotel previously used, encountered problems; closed, opened, renovated and we do need a venue

There was a suggestion of having just a one day convention if a 2-3 day convention cannot get off the ground – what are the requirements ??

- lieu, date, cost of rooms, number of rooms, transport friendly (put in a tender, everything can be studied)

- bring your tenders back to IG and get the ball rolling. IG is the place where the connections are made (*however please note that there is some confusion around PI and Conventions, PI is NOT responsible for Conventions but some of its Committee Members were/are enthusiastic Convention planners but in their own name only, not in the name of PI*).

We were also reminded that we are still on the look out for hosting a CER Meeting. The requirements for that are outlined on page 20 of the "Welcome to Region" document (http://www.aa-europe.net/docsService/Welcome_to_region_05032013.pdf).

There is a Sub Committee set up for that purpose led by David from Lorgues assisted by Elizabeth (V-Treasurer) – please liaise with David N.– or bring your findings to the next IG Meeting.

CLOSING

The next meeting will be held in **Nice (to be confirmed by Mike)** on **Saturday, 30th November, 2013**. A reminder: this will be the AGM Meeting and will start at **13h30**

After the 7th Tradition, the meeting was closed at **17h10** with the Serenity Prayer.

IG USEFUL CONTACTS		
IG Chair	igchair@aa-riviera.org	
IG Vice Chair	vicechair@aa-riviera.org	
IG Treasurer	treasurer@aa-riviera.org	06.64.88.59.45
IG Secretary	secretary@aa-riviera.org	06.01.93.44.93
Public Information	pi@aa-riviera.org	
CER Representative, Peter M.	jerseypete81@gmail.com	
Archives	aaarchives@orange.fr	
Telephone Liaison Officer		06.22.56.85.21
CER Committee for Hosting Meeting, David N.		06.03.24.76.42
EVENTS	events@aa-riviera.org	

**Group Contributions to
29 August 2013**

Contributing Groups	Feb 28 '13	May 27 '13	Aug 31 '13
Sunday Nice 11h00	100.00	205.60	280.00
Lorgues 11h30	100.00	0	290.00
Vence 17h00	0	0	0
Goult 18h00	0	0	0
Nice 1800	0	0	0
Antibes 19h00	0	0	0
Monday MPL 11h30	475.00	0	150.00
Cannes 17h30	250.00	200.00	250.00
Nice 18h00	150.00	200.00	200.00
Cannes 19h00	100.00	150.00	150.00
Monaco 19h00	250.00	200.00	0
St Tropez 20h00	0	409.10	0
Tuesday Monaco 12h30	100.00	100.00	75.00
Nice 17h30	350.00	0.00	0
Aix-en-Provence 18h00	33.00	80.00	33.00
Nice 19h00	50.00	75.00	0
Wednesday Nice12h00	170.00	170.00	200.00
Ganges 18h30	0	0	0
Nice 19h00	50.00	162.50	130.00
Valbonne 19h00	100.00	150.00	100.00
Thursday Cannes17h30	0	0	250.00
Nice 18h00	150.00	0.00	195.00
Nice 19h30	100.00	142.50	200.00
Monaco 19h00	0	150.00	200.00
Friday Nice 1200	70.00	40.00	60.00
Monaco 1230		100.00	100.00
Aix 1830	43.90	80.00	33.00
Nice 19h00	150.00	300.00	220.00
Valbonne 19h00		see Wed	see Wed
Saturday Nice 11h00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Nice 19h00	150.00	200.00	0
Antibes 19h30	120.00	145.00	50.00
Other Donations*	10.00		
IG 7th Tradition	38.49	42.00	44.96
Cannes Film Festival			
*€10 for card withdrawal			
* Nice Monday GRATITUDE			41.00
Total Contributions	3,160.39	3,351.70	3,301.96
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**IG Income Expenditure Report
31 August 2013**

INCOME REPORT	28 Feb '13	27 May '13	31 Aug '13
Total Group Contributions	3160.39	3351.70	3301.96
Literature Donations	43.90	40.60	
Meeting List Donations	27.00		20.00
Interest on Prudent Reserve		185.85	
Total Income	3187.39	3537.55	3321.96
Convention Insurance Donation	167.33		
EXPENDITURE REPORT			
Bank charges	-35.88	-35.88	-35.88
Insurance Civile IG	-677.24		
Insurance Civile Convention	-167.33		
Assurance Juridique IG			-206.31
CER Delegate Expenses	-411.03	-369.00	-242.13
Literature orders	-624.17		
PI		-2615.00	
PI Radio Spots	-700.00	-700.00	-700.00
IG expenses	-76.90	-71.84	-82.55
Literature Expenses			-19.90
CER Contribution	-1000.00		-2000.00
Total Expenditure	-3525.22	-3791.72	-3286.77
Cleared Transfers/Cheques			
Bank charges	-35.88	-35.88	-35.88
Insurance Civile IG/Conv	-844.57		
Assurance Juridique IG			-206.31
CER Delegate Expenses	-411.03	-369.00	-242.13
Literature orders	-624.17		
PI	-1815.00		-2615.00
PI Radio Spots	-700.00	-700.00	-700.00
IG expenses	-76.90	-71.84	-32.55
CER Contributions + chgs		-1003.85	
	-4507.55	-2180.57	-3831.87
CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	4645.78	5816.91	5307.00
Transfer to Prudent Reserve	0.00		
Balance Prudent Reserve	8259.80		
Prudent Reserve Livret A	8259.80	8445.65	8445.65
BALANCE ALL ACCOUNTS	12905.58	14262.56	13752.65
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INTERGROUP ROLL CALL CANNES 31 August 2013

GROUP	GSR / Rep	7th (€)	Lit (€)	COMMENTS
SUNDAY				
11h00 Nice (Durante)	Mike (Treasurer)	280		Big meeting (15-34! sometimes)
11h30 Lorgues	Rosalind GSR absent, represented by Anthony Member	290		Going well, open all year round even if only 2 people but at times of anniversaries there are as many as 40
17h00 Vence	Tim GSR Absent, represented by Steve, Member			4-6 attendees, 7 th Contribution to be checked
18h00 Nice (Durante)	Elizabeth, Member			2-8 attendees, more during the holidays, covering costs
19h00 Antibes	Absent			
MONDAY				
11H30 Montpellier	David C. GSR			7 th Contribution forthcoming. Sister member with Thursday, same regulars and thriving, no longer struggling and ranging from 5 to 15; the winter months will change (down) attendance
17h30 Cannes	John, Member	500		Sister member with Thursday (shares 7 th tradition contribution), attendance up and down depending on holidays, film festivals etc, anywhere from 8 to 40
18h00 Nice (Buffa)	Nikki, Member	200		Strong and popular Topic meeting, good attendance, 14 to 24 attendees
19h00 Cannes	Brian GSR absent represented by Laura, Member	150		6 core members, 90minute Big Book group
19h00 Monaco St. Paul's	Gabriela GSR			350€ contribution promised, about 30 attendees, with 3 newcomers
20h00 St. Tropez	Bela GSR absent			Meeting open but call first
TUESDAY				
12h30 Monaco Reformée	Maria (Secretary)	75		Growing in last quarter, 5 and up, a strong meeting
17h30 Nice (Buffa)	Elizabeth, Member			12 x 12 meeting, 10-14 people, well attended
18h00 Aix-en-Provence	Pamela GSR	50	16	Sister member with Friday, Step and Speaker meetings, less visitors than previous years
19h00 Nice (Durante)	Laura GSR			Big Book Awakening tape meetings, 6 to 12 attendees

WEDNESDAY				
12h00 Nice (Buffa)	Elizabeth, Member	130		Popular topic meeting (Daily Reflections), with visitor shares, 10-16 attendees
15h00 Uzes	David, Member			GSR Richard has left the country, 2 person meeting survives and followed by French AA
19h00 Nice (Durante)	Nikki (Treasurer)	150		Newcomers so topics are chosen accordingly
19h00 Valbonne	Helen GSR	100		Sister meeting with Friday, 4-12 attendees, helps to keep Friday meeting afloat. Step meeting
THURSDAY				
17h30 Cannes	John, Member			See Monday, Living Sober meeting, not as busy as Monday meeting
18h00 Nice (Buffa)	Nikki, Member	75		11 th Step with Meditation time
19h30 Nice (Buffa)	Mike GSR	200		No Snivelling, Big Book meeting, good following, up to 6-10 attendees; started a study of pamphlets and surprised by the good quality of our pamphlets. If meeting starts veering off, "format" brings us back on line
19h00 Monaco (Reformée)	Maria, Member			7 th contribution to follow, 12 x 12 meeting very well attended recently, 30!
FRIDAY				
12h00 Nice (Buffa)	Elizabeth (Treasurer)	60		Step III meeting, solid, up to 12 attendees
12h30 Monaco (St. Paul's)	Debbie, Member	100		Acceptance meeting with core of 5 to 12, 7 newcomers recently
18h30 Aix-en-Provence	Pamela GSR			See Tuesday, share 7 th Contribution, Big Book and Tradition meeting with 4-5 regulars
19h00 Nice (Buffa)	Francis GSR	220		As Bill Sees It, well attended and supported, this group started 25years ago, attendance varies but averages about 20. Vicar just left and we would like to thank him for his support, he has been very good to us
19h00 Valbonne	Helen GSR			See Wednesday, share 7 th Contribution, Big Book, same regulars
SATURDAY				
11h00 Nice (Durante)	Nikki, Treasurer	50		Small but steady Acceptance meeting, has now been going for 8 years, 4-10 people and more with visitors
19h00 Nice (Buffa)				
19h30 Antibes	Peter GSR, absent represented by Laura	50		Good, meeting always takes place even if outside sitting on the grass (rooms are unavailable when Town Hall closes down)

AA SOUTH OF France HELPLINE - 0820 200 257
SUMMARY AND EVOLUTION OF CALLS
from 1st March 2007 to 24th August 2013

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**Draft MINUTES OF THE AGM of ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (South of France)
AND INTERGROUP MEETING
Held on 30th November 2013
At: Centre d’Affaires, 2bis Ave Durante, 06000 Nice**

A. OPENING:

The Chair opened the meeting at 13h30 with the serenity prayer and the reading of the TWELVE TRADITIONS and TWELVE CONCEPTS.

1. Introduction from those present and Group Roll Call

Simon (Chair)	Nikki (TLO)	David C (GSR Montpellier)
Anthony (Vice-Chair/Lorgues)	Peter (CER Representative)	Dan W (GSR Montpellier)
Laura (Treasurer/GSR Nice)	Helen (GSR Valbonne)	Debbie (Secretary Monaco)
Mike (PI/GSR Nice)	Francis (GSR Nice)	Tim M (GSR Vence)
Maria (Archives, Literature Committee)	Gabriela (GSR Monaco)	
Pamela (Secretary:GSR Aix en Provence)	Rosalind (GSR Lorgues)	

Apologies were received from Bela from St. Tropez and Elizabeth from Nice who were unable to attend.

Chair offered that we extend a hand of appreciation to Gillian, our outgoing Secretary, which we did with enthusiasm. Thank you Gillian for all your hard work and endeavours on our behalf.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held in Cannes on 31st August 2013 were tabled, a change was requested: read Available or Rotating positions as opposed to Vacant positions. Then those Minutes were unanimously approved and adopted.

3. AGM REPORT (Note – Section C. NEW BUSINESS Para 1. AGM moved up to present position)

In accordance with the Law in France covering an Association 1901 this AGM has reached a quorum. Accounts to 30th November, 2013 were discussed, approved and accepted and proposed Budget for 2014 was advised, approved and adopted.

4. AVAILABLE POSITIONS**

Chair	Rotation out, due September 2014
Treasurer	This position has been available for some time, on the spirit of rotation
Telephone Liaison Officer	Requires access to a computer and accessible by telephone but person cannot frequently be out of the country; does not have to be a person residing in the Nice area. Present TLO has held this position since its inception, now time to rotate out
French Liaison Officer	Regular attendee of French AA meetings, communicates events of French Meetings to English AA and vice-versa.
Alternate CER Officer	Requires consistent attendance at IG as a serving member
Vice-Secretary	Newly available position, back up to Secretary
CER Representative	Rotation out due Sept 2014

GSR's are asked to inform their Groups about these available positions. As well, the PI Committee Chair will put a list of the IG officers, CER Representative and useful contacts on AA WEBSITE; this same list can be found at the end of the Minutes

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B. REPORTS

1. Public Information – PI Committee (pi@aa-riviera.org)

The PI Chairperson gave a brief rundown (hereunder) on what has been happening in PI in the last quarter

- The PI Committee (6 Members present) met up on 23 November 2013
- Outstanding balance of 2054€ after committed spending; similar annual budget as in previous years. Therefore PI requesting 3000€ which takes into consideration balance in hand
- This budget covers magazine ads, printing costs, etc., we are looking into buying new posters to replace our rather outdated ones
- Just printed new meeting lists and business cards
- Looking into the new Mobile Application (created by London North IG for York), appears to be brilliant, presently on pilot but London North will lend assistance (including source code). We'll hear more on this exciting new application by our next meeting
- Looking into redoing our recorded (radio) ads (*a reminder, IG makes decisions concerning radio advertising, PI makes decisions concerning written advertising*)
- Website running smoothly, we deal with 4/5 queries per week
- Considering doing a draft editorial for some of our magazines; all contributions welcome, please contact Mike, Chairman of PI in this regard
- Ready to download (From USA AA website) a set Letter to Doctors now that our list of English speaking Doctors has been compiled

Telephone Helpline:

Telephone Summary Classification of Calls report attached

- 31 calls this quarter
- TLO looking to rotate out; Helpline runs mostly by itself and not a difficult position
- With the help of Elizabeth the Telephone Manual is being up-dated
- A training session is hopefully coming up shortly: to be advised through Events

H&I

We are still visiting The Princess Grace Hospital in Monaco on a monthly basis, carrying the message to alcoholics there. Some of our members, young in sobriety, have joined us in carrying the message. It's reported that a few people have joined the Monaco groups as a result!

Paul G., who has been active in this service recently, has offered to be the H & I liaison for Monaco, as he has a contact in the prison there (as well as in the hospital) and is hoping to get something started in the way of AA contact with the prison.

2. **Literature Report** (no written report at this time)

- A lot of requests for chips (especially 3months) so only a few per Group being handed over
- Literature 2013 Budget has not been entirely used
- Considering the size of a number of orders, please accept that if there is not enough available literature at the time of request, it will be on a first come first served basis. Back orders can be covered as new stock of literature arrives
- When the call for orders comes through "Events", please order within the time period quoted to avoid not receiving your order in a timely manner

3. **French/English Liaison Report** (No report available at this time as we have no Liaison Officer)

4. **CER Report** (Please note that the various reports sent out by CER Delegate are distributed to GSR's and/or Group Members at the same time as the Minutes, albeit under separate cover to avoid sending out too many documents in one message)

- Representative advises that the up-coming CER Meeting will be done by a Conference Call (Webex) and gave out the address, time etc to those who were interested in attending (Please contact CER Rep Peter for advice regarding future meetings). Anyone can attend a CER meeting.
- Question: What does CER do to help the suffering alcoholic on the street?
Reply: CER's predominant roles are the maintenance of the website and the exchange of information to/from Conference Questions/Answers. Their primary purpose is the same as that of everyone (Pass the Message) by assembling/communicating with each other (all the IG's)
- CER covers an extremely large area spanned over a number of countries whereas in the UK the coverage of each Regional area is 1-2-3 counties maximum. An awful lot of what actually happens at CER is not necessarily at the meeting itself but throughout the periods between meetings
- One member advised that this last year Sign Language was adopted as a language used in AA. AA awareness at every level is a vital job of CER
- There is a vacancy at CER for the telephone sub-committee of York in 2014 (see Peter)
- It was agreed that IG Secretary would check out the Questions to Conference when they become available and send them to Events with a request that they be sent out per the mailing list. The CER internet address has been changed from:
www.aa-europe.net to **www.alcoholics-anonymous.eu**

5. **Intergroup Accounts and Treasury Report**

Attached for perusal are the Treasury Reports post-IG and the Treasurer's Notes.

- As of 10 December 2013 and after group contributions, we have **€6249.93** in the bank plus our prudent reserve. We have approximately **€4868.77** upcoming expenditure thus leaving a cash surplus of about **€1380**.

A motion to send 1000€ contribution (7th Tradition) to CER was tabled and voted as acceptable.

- The Year-end Accounts for 2013 were presented/discussed and unanimously approved.
- The Budget for 2014 was outlined, and unanimously approved.

C. NEW BUSINESS (see Section A. 3)

D. OLD BUSINESS

- AA France website : Since the last meeting in Cannes, ViceChair visited the AA France website and found that for English Speaking Meetings only Paris and the South East give links, although we know that there are meetings in the other corners of the hexagon. The link for the South East is to aa-europe.net (CER) and gives our telephone hotline. We were advised by previous Chair that at the time of the split about 6-7 years ago, when IG South of France teamed up with CER and not the French, i.e., AA France, we were not removed from their website however our information dates back to that time, thus out-of-date. aa-europe.net (now changed to www.alcoholics-anonymous.eu) lists English speaking meetings in France. For the South East, the CER site refers us to aa-riviera.org.

Question: Could we try to contact them again?

Reply: Apparently AA France requires so many details for any changes (to our meetings) that it appears literally impossible for us to maintain our meetings on their website.

Question: Could Groups advise AA France themselves as opposed to IG or PI?

Reply: It was agreed that this was a Group and not an Intergroup matter. Groups should inform not only AA France of their correct details and changes but also GSO York, this European Group form can be found on the AA Great Britain website:

(<http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk/downloadfile.cfm?DocumentID=342>)

- French Liaison Officer possibilities (carried forward)
- CER Telephone Survey Between the last IG meeting and present meeting, CER PI wrote us thanking us (our TLO) for all the good feedback received.
- Are we being well represented by CER (carried forward)
- French National Congrès: David C.; wrote to both the President of the Prep Committee and the English speaking Liaison person, Ann, advising (as per IG's request) our requirements (a formal request to organise/be responsible for the English Meetings). He received no response. We agreed that AA South West and AA Paris would be contacted to see if they have been invited to organise/participate in any way. **Post IG**: It has been agreed to drop the necessity to contact any other English speaking AA as it now appears that AA France will be organising the English speaking meetings themselves and do not require our assistance in this regard. They may require topic suggestions and speakers at a future date.
- Awareness month (every November) is a Group responsibility and not an IG issue
- Conventions: At the moment nothing concrete has come up in regards to hosting a CER Meeting in our area. If anyone has any ideas or questions, please see Peter (our CER Rep)
Valbonne is interested in holding a one-day Convention and they will follow up after the Christmas holidays.

E. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Rents are increasing in a number of places, even doubled for some meetings. 7th Tradition contributions may decrease. Discussion around how to make the pot "work" – *perhaps pass the pot around halfway through the meeting, have the Treasurer count and advise if*

rent/insurance etc has been reached and if not, pass the pot around again at the end of the meeting.

We will be looking at how we are doing (financially) in the up-coming months following these rent increases.

2. New meetings – Ferney Voltaire (north-east France) who have two meetings per week have been added to our Meeting Lists
3. A suggestion was made to reduce the IG Meetings to two per year. We decided to maintain four IG meetings per year. In 2014 the dates/places (to be confirmed) will be:

1 st March, 2014	Aix-en-Provence
24 th May, 2014	Valbonne
6 th Sept. 2014	Monaco
29 th Nov. 2014	Cannes

CLOSING

The next meeting will be held in **Aix-en-Provence (to be confirmed)** on **1st March..**
Meeting to start at **13h30 with pot luck lunch before from 12h30 onwards.**

After the 7th Tradition, the meeting was closed at 16h30 with the Serenity Prayer.

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CER Representative, Peter M.	jerseypete81@gmail.com	
Archives	aaarchives@orange.fr	
Telephone Liaison Officer		06.22.56.85.21
CER Committee for Hosting Meeting, David N.		06.03.24.76.42
Continental European Region website	www.alcoholics-anonymous.eu	
EVENTS	events@aa-riviera.org	

**Group Contributions to
09 December 2013**

Contributing Groups	Feb 28 '13	May 27 '13	Sept 10 '13	09 Dec '13
Sunday Nice 11h00	100.00	205.60	280.00	225.00
Lorgues 11h30	100.00	0	290.00	186.00
Vence 17h00	0	0	0	
Nice 1800	0	0	0	50.00
Antibes 19h00	0	0	0	
Monday MPL 11h30	475.00	0	150.00	350.00
Cannes 17h30	250.00	200.00	250.00	300.00
Nice 18h00	150.00	200.00	200.00	150.00
Cannes 19h00	100.00	150.00	150.00	
Monaco 19h00	250.00	200.00	350.00	350.00
St Tropez 20h00	0	409.10	0	426.00
Tuesday Monaco 12h30	100.00	100.00	75.00	150.00
Nice 17h30	350.00	0.00	0	60
Aix-en-Provence 18h00	33.00	80.00	66.00	110.00
Nice 19h00	50.00	75.00	0	150.00
Wednesday Nice12h00	170.00	170.00	200.00	
Nice 19h00	50.00	162.50	130.00	125.00
Valbonne 19h00	100.00	150.00	100.00	200.00
Thursday Cannes17h30	0	0	250.00	see Mon
Nice 18h00	150.00	0.00	195.00	100.00
Nice 19h30	100.00	142.50	200.00	100.00
Monaco 19h00	0	150.00	200.00	150.00
Friday Nice 1200	70.00	40.00	60.00	9.20
Monaco 1230		100.00	100.00	100.00
Aix 1830	43.90	80.00	see Tues	see Tues
Nice 19h00	150.00	300.00	220.00	300.00
Saturday Nice 11h00	50.00	50.00	50.00	100.00
Nice 19h00	150.00	200.00	0	400.00
Antibes 19h30	120.00	145.00	50.00	280.00
Other Donations*	10.00			
IG 7th Tradition	38.49	42.00	44.96	52.84
*€10 for card withdrawal				
* Nice Monday GRATITUDE			41.00	
Total Contributions	3,160.39	3,351.70	3,651.96	4,424.04
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**IG Income Expenditure Report
09 December 2013**

INCOME REPORT	28 Feb '13	27 May '13	10 Sept '13	09 Dec '13
Total Group Contributions	3160.39	3351.70	3,651.96	4,424.04
Literature Donations	43.90	40.60	16.00	38.70
Meeting List Donations	27.00		20.00	
Interest on Prudent Reserve		185.85		
Total Income	3187.39	3537.55	3,671.96	4,424.04
Convention Insurance Donation	167.33			
EXPENDITURE REPORT				
Bank charges	-35.88	-35.88	-35.88	-35.88
Insurance Civile IG	-677.24			
Insurance Civile Convention	-167.33			
Assurance Juridique IG			-206.31	
CER Delegate Expenses	-411.03	-369.00	-242.13	
Literature orders	-624.17			-903.15
PI		-2615.00		-1500.00
PI Radio Spots	-700.00	-700.00	-700.00	-700.00
IG expenses	-76.90	-71.84	-82.55	-156.37
Literature Expenses			-19.90	
CER Contribution	-1000.00		-2000.00	-1000.00
Total Expenditure	-3525.22	-3791.72	-3286.77	-4295.40
<i>Cleared Transfers/Cheques</i>				
Bank charges	-35.88	-35.88	-35.88	-47.84
Insurance Civile IG/Conv	-844.57			
Assurance Juridique IG			-206.31	
CER Delegate Expenses	-411.03	-369.00	-242.13	
Literature orders	-624.17			-903.15
Literature Expenses				-19.90
PI	-1815.00		-2615.00	
PI Radio Spots	-700.00	-700.00	-700.00	-700.00
IG expenses	-76.90	-71.84	-32.55	-156.37
CER Contributions + chgs		-1003.85		-2003.85
	-4507.55	-2180.57	-3831.87	-3831.11
CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	4645.78	5816.91	5657.00	6249.93
Transfer to Prudent Reserve	0.00			
Balance Prudent Reserve	8259.80			
Prudent Reserve Livret A	8259.80	8445.65	8445.65	8445.65
BALANCE ALL ACCOUNTS	12905.58	14262.56	14102.65	14695.58
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IG Treasurer's Notes 09 Dec 2013 (period 10 Sept – 09 Dec 2013)
 What we were like, what happened, and what we are like now, financially.

<p><u>Balance as at 10 Sept 2013:</u></p> <p><u>5657.00</u> Operating Funds ¹</p> <p><u>What went out:</u> <u>3831.11</u></p> <p> 50.00 Cannes mtg room Sept</p> <p> 85.00 Nice mtg room Nov 30</p> <p> 2003.85 CER Donation + chgs</p> <p> 700.00 Radio spots</p> <p> 19.90 Literature expenses – post</p> <p> 903.15 Literature order</p> <p> 21.37 IG exp – website</p> <p> 47.84 Bank charges</p> <p><u>What came in:</u> <u>4424.04</u></p> <p> 4385.34 7th tradition</p> <p> 38.70 Literature Donations</p> <p><u>New Balance 02 Dec 2013:</u> <u>6249.93</u></p>	<p>Looking ahead:</p> <p>Budgeted items ² Dec-Feb:</p> <p> 750.00 Literature provision</p> <p> 1500.00 PI allocation</p> <p> 711.00 Insurance</p> <p> 175.00 Convention Ins. advance</p> <p> 0.00 CER delegate travel ³</p> <p> 55.00 Website</p> <p> 23.92 Bank charges</p> <p> 1003.85 CER Contribution & chgs</p> <p> 700.00 Radio spots</p> <p><u>Total Monies Budgeted:</u> <u>4868.77</u></p> <p>With €6249 cash on hand, and €4869 projected spending, we expect to have an operating surplus of €1380 at the end of February (next IG).</p>
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Notes

1. We currently hold a prudent reserve of €8445.65 apart from the operating account.
2. Figures based on 2014 IG Budget & Spending Plan approved at IG. Note the PI allocation is for 2 quarters, until end May.
3. The CER December meeting will be held on-line.

IG BUDGET-SPENDING PLAN

Item	2013 budget	2013 actual	Dec - Feb budget	Mar - May budget	June - Aug budget	Sept - Nov budget	TOTAL 2014 budget	Notes
IG COMMITTEE REQUESTS								
Literature	3000	1527	625	625	625	1125	3000	prov. Fr. Nat'l Conv.
Public Information	5230	4430	1500		1500		3000	2000€ surplus yr end '13
OTHER FUNDING NEEDS								
Insurance (Responsabilité Civile) only)	718 178	677 167	711 175				711 175	est; 5% increase on all insurance
Insurance (Assurance Juridique)	211	206			216		216	
Bank charges (IBanking 12€ x12)	144	144	36	36	36	36	144	
IG Expenses (mtgs & other misc.)	300	274	75	75	75	75	300	
CER Delegate travel	1400	1022	350	350	350	350	1400	? CER to be part online
Host Nation Liaison (1)	250 1400	0 3000		250			250 1400	
Subtotal:	12653	11280	4697	1336	2802	1586	10421	
Riviera Radio Spots	2800	2800	700	700	700	700	2800	
TOTALS	15453	14080	5397	2036	3502	2286	13221	
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GROUP	GSR / Rep	7th (€)	Lit (€)	COMMENTS
IG 7 th Tradition		52.84		
SUNDAY				
11h00 Nice (Durante)	Mike (Treasurer)	218.50	6.50	Good lively Living Sober Book group, large crowd
11h30 Lorgues	Rosalind GSR	186.00		
17h00 Vence	Tim GSR			Rent expenses higher so no 7 th at this time
18h00 Nice (Durante)	Nikki (Member)	50.00		Small group but picking up in numbers
19h00 Antibes				Still running, , small group, high rent
MONDAY				
11H30 Montpellier	David C/Dan W GSRs	350.00		A lot of people have moved away, anywhere from 2 to 15, good atmosphere
17h30 Cannes	Maria (info from Oliver)	300.00		
18h00 Nice (Buffa)	Maria (Member)	150.00		Strong meeting
19h00 Cannes	Peter (Treasurer)			Several people moved, rent is due and no 7 th at this time
19h00 Monaco St. Paul's	Gabriela GSR	350.00		Big meeting, usually a speaker, attendance of 15 to 25
20h00 St. Tropez	Rosalind for Bela GSR	426.00		Still going with summer/autumn visitors, Call Bela's mobile during winter
TUESDAY				
12h30 Monaco Reformée	Maria (Secretary)	150.00		Big recently, more visitors this year, topic meeting from Daily Reflections (24 th Dec. Meeting remains open for Christmas)
17h30 Nice (Buffa)	Tim (Treasurer)	60.00		Rent increase, less 7 th
18h00 Aix-en-Provence	Pamela GSR	100.00	10.00	Visitors return to Aix frequently, core Membership of 4 to 6 regulars, Step/Speaker
19h00 Nice (Durante)	Laura GSR	50.00		Strong BB (tape) study of BB and sharing

INTERGROUP ROLL CALL DATE 30 th November 2013 (page 2)				
WEDNESDAY				
12h00 Nice (Buffa)				
15h00 Uzes	Monika GSR			
19h00 Nice (Durante)	Nikki for Elizabeth (Secretary-Treasurer)	125.00		Strong well attended meeting, sharing about what it is like to be a newcomer
19h00 Valbonne	Helen GSR	200.00	13.00	8-10 Members, doing well. Closed on Christmas Day
20h00 Ferney-Voltaire				New Group for us although it is several years old
THURSDAY				
17h30 Cannes	Maria for Oliver	See Monday		Still running
18h00 Nice (Buffa)	Nikki for Ilga/Treasurer	100.00		Strong, 10 to 15 people, 11 th Step meeting
18h30 Montpellier	David C/Dan W GSRs	See Monday		See Monday evening meeting / joint contributions
19h30 Nice (Buffa)	Mike GSR & Sec	100.00		No Snivelling, getting stronger and has a good focus
19h00 Monaco (Reformée)	Debbie (Secretary)	150.00		Step group, lots of newcomers so concentration on 1-2-3, 10 to 18 people
FRIDAY				
12h00 Nice (Buffa)	Elizabeth (Treasurer)		9.20	8-10 people; rent increase cannot contribute at this time
12h30 Monaco (St. Paul's)	Maria (Member)	100.00		Strong summer attendance, less in winter, depends on who is around: acceptance meeting
18h30 Aix-en-Provence	Pamela GSR	See Tuesday		4-6 core members, BB meeting, getting returning visitors on regular basis
19h00 Nice (Buffa)	Francis GSR	300.00		Strong Closed meeting in 25 th year, service positions all filled
19h00 Valbonne	Helen GSR	See Wednesday		Fewer than Wednesday group but same Members, joint contribution
SATURDAY				
11h00 Nice (Durante)	Nikki (Member)	100.00		Small but solid
17h00 Ferney-Voltaire				New member for us but meeting is several years old
19h00 Nice (Buffa)	Francis for Ruby/Treasurer	400.00		Seems strong
19h30 Antibes	Peter GSR	280.00		6-8 Members, more in summer, holding a prudent reserve of 200€ to cover rental costs yet to be billed/paid (city bureaucracy)

AA SOUTH OF France HELPLINE - 0820 200 257
SUMMARY AND EVOLUTION OF CALLS
from 1st March 2007 to 23rd November 2013

	A	B	C	D	E	F	Total for
	Newcomer	Existing Members	AlAnon	PI	Other	French	Quarter
2007							
1 March - 28 June	3	26	7	5	10	32	83
29 Jun - 14 Sept	3	42	6	5	4	49	109
15 Sept to 5 Dec	8	24	5	0	9	58	104
2008							
5 Dec to 26th March	8	30	5	1	7	45	96
27 March to 18 June	17	42	2	0	2	6	69
19 June to 19 Sept	10	41	9	2	6	21	89
20th Sept to 11 Dec	5	31	5	2	3	20	66
2009							
12 Dec 08 to 7 Mar	5	9	5	2	12	11	44
8th March to 7th June	4	21	8	2	3	11	49
8th June to 8th Sept	4	44	1	1	11	15	76
9th Sept to 8th Dec	10	19	2	1	7	20	59
2010							
9th Dec to 8th March	6	15	2	1	0	9	33
9th Mar to 30 May	9	21	5	0	4	9	48
1st June to 29 Aug	17	34	8	0	7	16	82
29 Aug to 27 Nov	4	23	3	0	12	2	44
2011							
28 Nov to 8th March	13	16	2	1	1	16	49
9th March to 4th June	10	15	5	0	6	8	44
5th June to 10th Sept	24	51	8	0	5	10	98
11th Sept to 26th Nov	9	10	10	0	12	15	56
2012							
27th Nov to 18th Feb	6	11	1	0	8	4	30
19th Feb to 26th May							
27th May to 1st Sept	4	24	3	1	6	11	49
2nd Sept to 17 Nov	3	13	2	1	1	9	29
2013							
18 Nov to 16 Feb	9	15	4	2	3	4	37
17 Feb to 18 May	5	8	2	0	3	9	27
19th May to 24th Aug	9	32	1	0	2	8	52
25th Aug to 23 Nov	4	13	0	0	4	10	31