

FINAL MINUTES OF THE INTERGROUP MEETING

Held on 28th February 2015

At: UPS Business Centre, 2bis Ave. Durante, NICE

A. OPENING:

Maria, as Acting Chair for this meeting, 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

Maria (Literature & Archives)	David N (Lorgues)	Vanessa (Nice)
Dan W (VChair & GSR Montpellier)	Debbie (Monaco)	Nicole (Nice)
Laura W (Treasurer)	Jamie (Montpellier)	Penny (Nice)
Mike (PI & GSR Buffa Thursday)	Jean (Montpellier)	Caroline (Monaco)
Nikki (TLO)	Sam (Montpellier)	
Monika W (FLO & GSR Uzes)	David (Montpellier)	
Pamela S (Secretary & GSR AIX)	Walter (Aix)	

Apologies were received from Steve from Vence who was unable to attend. He sent a report concerning his Group via email (please see Roll Call).

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held in Cannes on 22nd November 2014 were tabled and were unanimously approved and adopted (with changes to the meeting times in Monaco and Montpellier on the Roll Call).

Report from the Chair

Chair welcomed Monika who recently was voted in as our French Liaison Officer and who is attending her first IG meeting in this role.

The Chair talked about the necessity and relevance of service positions which require being filled and the importance of holding service positions in general. She pointed out that the present Vice Chair is being shepherded by previous chairs and that this has been accepted for a year (up to end 2015). Both Treasurer and Telephone Liaison Officers have agreed to remain in office, despite their terms having already come to an end and this in consideration of the high importance of these positions. We have not had a PI Chairperson in some time and a PI Officer takes on the responsibilities of that reporting to IG.

She reiterated that these positions do require filling. In so far as the Chair position is concerned, ideally this requires someone from within IG itself as requires being up-to-date as to the history of previous IG Meetings, motions/votes and knowledge of how we work. At this time, Chair asked if there was anyone present who would be prepared to take on any one of the positions presently available. No replies forthcoming at this time.

Chair strongly urges GSR's and Members alike to take this information back to their Groups in order that we find people willing to take on service commitments. She also pointed out that sponsors might like to take the opportunity to guide their sponsees into service positions.

3. VACANT POSITIONS**

**Treasurer & Vice-Treasurer
Telephone Liaison Officer**

Requires access to a computer and accessible by telephone but does not have to be a person residing in the Nice area. TLO will train incoming TLO

**CER Officer
Alternate CER Officer
PI Chairperson**

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A PI Officer will put a list of the 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:
<http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk/download/1/Library/Documents/Guidelines-Handbook/Guidelines2011.pdf>**

B. REPORTS

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

The PI Officer 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):

- Although it may look like nothing has been done since the last IG meeting, the PI keeps going on with projects in place but we do need some new blood, our ideas are running out – yours could get us going and give us some punch.
- Question: how often does PI Committee meet – we try for about 4 (four times per year). However we can and do Round Robin email communications which avoids having to physically meet. And we make the meetings a fun time around a pot-luck lunch.
- The Meeting List will be needing some adjustment in the near future (changes in meeting locations, opening/closing of meetings) which will mean a new printing. Nevertheless the website is kept up-to-date as soon as any change occurs.
- Question: Can we track the hits on our website -- Yes
- To be noted: the **Saturday/Sunday** AA meetings at the Holy Trinity Church Nice will no longer be hosted there. The Church no longer has a spot for us on weekends but the weekday meetings remain the same. The Saturday meeting has closed (last meeting on 28 February 2015) and the Sunday 18h00 Meeting has moved to 2 Rue Durante, UPS Rooms, (effective 01 March 2015)

Telephone Helpline: Telephone Summary Classification of Calls report attached

- This quarter shows 23 calls; the evolution of calls since 2007 appears to show a radical decrease however as we no longer receive calls concerning French AA, our figure of 23 is, in fact, a good one. The interesting number is the 5 (five) newcomers. We also have the existing members phoning for information.
- TLO is hoping to go to Monaco to find some new responders, and plans a trip to Montpellier and/or Aix for a Responder workshop.

- TLO outlined the HelpLine procedure when a newcomer calls. She has a list of 12-Steppers as supplied by Groups or by individuals themselves. The responders call the 12-Stepper in the area of the newcomer who in turn contacts the newcomer and takes it on from there. The telephone Responder service is not an onerous nor a difficult one and GSRs are asked to go back to Groups and see if anyone is prepared to take on such a commitment (training is provided).

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

2. Literature Report

- At the previous meeting, there was a shortage of books as we covered the Congress in Montpellier and had a big order from Groups. The stocks have been replenished but no orders came in for the present meeting. Reminder: Books can be recycled – if your Group is not using its books to run the meeting, another Group may be in need.
- It is to be noted that we buy our Literature and Chips from the UK; the Euro has recently taken a dive because of the Swiss and the Greek problems which increased our costs (e.g. Oct rates were 1.26 Euro to GBP. It is now at 1.30 or for those of you who think in GBP 1 Euro used to buy 0.85 pence; it now buys only 0.75 pence).
- **Chips:** to be noted, these presently cost 3€28. We cannot afford to simply give these away to, say visitors. Groups are asked to take this point into consideration and either sell the chips to visitors or agree to take care of these costs themselves. Old chips can be recycled within the Group and if a new chip is urgently required, it can always be sent through the mail (please contact the Literature Officer at aaarchives@orange.fr)
- Again we were reminded that when Groups sell literature, these proceeds must be returned to IG. IG provides the Literature used to run a meeting. (IG also provides the Insurance, the Telephone HelpLine and the Website maintenance). If a Group cannot send down a 7th Tradition, it still gets the help but it does mean that other Groups are paying for them; and the Group is therefore not self-supporting.
- Question: Do we have copies of the new Blue Book Guidelines: Yes however we can always download the previous format (Binder size) as that is always up-to-date (<http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk/download/1/library/documents/guidelines-handbook/guidelines2011.pdf>)
- Finally, GSRs are asked to remind their Groups on a regular basis of our policies. People come and people go and messages get lost. Newcomers do not know all the policies or procedures either. So reminders are a good practice to follow.

3. French/English Liaison Report

- French National Congress went well and they were pleased with the English participation. Financially they are short.
- Unfortunately at the next Congress there will be no room for the English meetings as they have had to accept the “Grand Rex” in Paris which is an old theatre and has only one room.
- AA France (French speaking AA) would like to have links on their website to connect with English speaking meetings.
- Our Liaison Officer will be attending the next regional meeting (each region covers a separate part of France).

4. CER Report

- As we do not have a CER Representative at this time, please note that all information to be sent to and from AA IG South of France and CER is done respectively by the IG Secretary and the CER Secretary (we have put each other on our distribution lists). Equally, anything IG Secretary receives from CER is forwarded to the IG distribution list (Steering Committee, GSRs and interested Members).
- To be noted: CER now hosts two face to face meetings and two on-line meetings per year. Therefore anyone wishing to attend can do so fairly easily (by attending the on-line meetings) at least twice a year. Invitations are sent out as received.

5. Intergroup Accounts and Treasury Report

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

- As of 6th March 2015 and as per Group contributions, less expenses, we have approximately 4520€ in the bank plus our prudent reserve. We have possibly as much as 2080€ pending expenditure plus budgeted spending of approximately 1,020€ thus leaving us with a projected cash surplus at end of this quarter of nearly €1400.

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

C. OLD BUSINESS

- **Questions for Conference:** Please see attached (separate) document – these will be submitted to CER once the Steering Committee has accepted them
- The various submissions for our up-coming Inventory were introduced and we voted on using the format outlined by that used by CER. This will be adapted for our needs by Maria and used at the next IG Meeting (in Valbonne on 30th May, 2015).

D. NEW BUSINESS

- The Association 1901 law requires an audit. Procedures and choice of Auditor to be discussed at the next IG Meeting, to be held in Valbonne on 30th May, 2015.

E. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Strong possibilities of English speaking meeting(s) to be opened in Marseille.
- What to do in the case of unacceptable behaviour in meetings: See the Guidelines (each Group should have a copy of the Black Binder and this could be on display on the table). Secretaries of meetings should be advised as to what to do and upon whom to rely in the case of unacceptable behaviours. And sponsors should be in a position to advise and/or to guide.
- We are reminded that each Group is responsible for registering with YORK GB in order to be listed in their "Where to Find" Directory. As well this must be reconfirmed on a yearly basis. This can be done by filling in the attached form and returning it to GSO YORK at the address provided. A .pdf copy will also be sent out via "Events".

- The next scheduled IG Meetings are:

30 th May, 2015	Aix-en-Provence
12 th September 2015	Valbonne
28 th Nov. 2015	Cannes (this is also the AGM & Budget 2016 Vote time)

CLOSING

The next meeting will be held in Aix-en-Provence on 30th May 2015
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.

Thanks to the Officers, GSRs and Representatives and all attendees of this meeting.

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	06.08.06.36.46
CER Representative		
Archives	aaarchives@orange.fr	
French Liaison Officer		06.59.45.18.84
Telephone Liaison Officer		06.22.56.85.21
Continental European Region website	www.alcoholics-anonymous.eu	
ArenA :- the Quarterly Newsletter for the CER of AA!	http://alcoholics-anonymous.eu/arena/	
EVENTS	events@aa-riviera.org	
Registration (Groups) with York, UK	http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk/AA-Meetings/Submit-Your-Meeting-Information-(Pink-Form)	
Guidelines UK website	http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk/download/1/library/documents/guidelines-handbook/guidelines2011.pdf	
Guidelines CER website	http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.eu/docsRegion/Service%20Guidelines%202011%20for%20GB%20including%20CER%	

GROUP	GSR / Rep	7th (€)	Lit (€)	COMMENTS
SUNDAY				
11h00 Nice (Durante)	Mike (Treasurer)	150.00		Living Sober meeting, does very well
11h30 Lorgues	David (Member)	140.00	10.00	A quiet meeting at the moment; members have moved away. Still open and always lunch after meeting
17h00 Vence	Steve (absent)			An email report: Meeting is small yet active. The meeting room has become unreliable and looking for a new location.
18h00 Nice (Buffa)	Nikki, reporting			Meeting moving (01 March) to UPS Room (Durante) as Church no longer has a spot for us on weekends. Meeting is small but coming along.
19h00 Antibes				
20h00 Monaco St. Paul's	Debbie GSR			BB meeting, doing well
MONDAY				
11h00 Montpellier	Dan W GSR	100.00		A happy, solid meeting with 8 to 10 attendees and sometimes more. Keeping back a higher prudent reserve as will be paying out more for cleaning services. Joint contribution and info with Thursday
12h30 Montpellier	Dan W for Ann			Women's meeting once a month, each 4th Monday OPEN to all
17h30 Cannes				Joint contribution with Thursday, 17h30
18h00 Nice (Buffa)	Penny (Secretary)	150.00		A well attended meeting
19h00 Cannes	Laura (attendee)			Rent has been increased. No 7 th at this time but Literature proceeds amount to 14.00€
19h00 Monaco St. Paul's	Caroline (GSR)	440.00		Gut Level Meeting changed to "A desire to stop drinking" Speaker meeting. Well attended with more than 15 people. 7 th covers last and present IG time period
20h00 St. Tropez	Debbie (for) Emma GSR			Please call first.
TUESDAY				
12h30 Monaco Reformée	Maria (Member)	280.00		Topic Meeting taken from Daily Reflections – a strong meeting, well attended
17h30 Nice (Buffa)	Vanessa (Member)			An issue with the meeting at the moment, no 7 th at this time
18h00 Aix-en-Provence	Pamela GSR	200.00	10.00	Increasing in size over last months to about 8-10 regulars. New and old sobriety. Joint contribution with Friday
19h00 Nice (Durante)	Laura	30.00	10.00	Small group

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WEDNESDAY				
12h00 Nice (Buffa)	Penny (Treasurer)	100.00		Good meeting with 10-15 attendees
15h00 Uzes	Monika GSR			Back to back meeting with the French AA Group. Winter months are low in attendance but meeting is open and on.
19h00 Nice (Durante)	Mike			A bit small at the moment as people leave and no 7 th this time; rent due
19h00 Valbonne	Helen GSR			Attendance higher than Friday, we have a newcomer which is exciting. We are solvent but no 7 th at this time. Could use support. Joint information with Friday
20h00 Ferney-Voltaire				See Saturday, joint information
THURSDAY				
17h30 Cannes				See Monday, joint contribution
18h00 Nice (Buffa)	Mike (for) Ilga/Treasurer	30.00		
18h30 Montpellier	Dan W GSR			Joint information with Monday
19h30 Nice (Buffa)	Mike GSR	100.00		"No Snivelling" meeting, does quite well and attendance is increasing
19h00 Monaco (Reformée)	Maria (Member)	300.00		12x12 Meeting well attended with happy crowd.
FRIDAY				
12h00 Nice (Buffa)				
12h30 Monaco (St. Paul's)	Debbie (Member)			Regular attendance of about 10 people
18h30 Aix-en-Provence	Pamela GSR			See Tuesday, joint contribution
19h00 Nice (Buffa)	Nikki (for Francis)	200.00		Fluctuating numbers, but a big meeting of the Cote d'Azur
19h00 Valbonne	Helen GSR			Fewer than Wednesday group but same Members, joint contribution
SATURDAY				
11h00 Nice (Durante)	Laura (Member)	75.00		Well attended today. An acceptance meeting
17h00 Ferney-Voltaire				See Wednesday, joint information
19h00 Nice (Buffa)	Nikki	270.00		Closing tonight, this is the last Saturday evening meeting. No one prepared to take on commitments.
19h30 Antibes		115.00		Meeting going well.

Intergroup Meeting (Final) Agenda, 28 February 2015

Place: Durante (UPS Business Centre)/No pot luck this time

(The meeting will commence at 13h30)

A. OPENING: The Serenity Prayer and the reading of the 12 Traditions followed by the 12 Concepts.

1. Group Roll call and Introductions from those present.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the IG Meeting of Cannes 22nd November 2014
3. Vacant Positions:
 - Chair At the last IG MEETING it was agreed that previous chairpersons were willing to step in for a period of 3-months (to be discussed)
 - Treasurer
 - Vice Treasurer
 - Telephone Liaison Officer
 - PI Chairperson
 - CER Representative
 - CER Alternate

B. REPORTS

1. Public Information – PI Committee
2. Literature
3. French/English Liaison Report
4. CER
5. Intergroup Accounts and Treasurer's Report

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Questions for Conference
2. Decision on date and the format to use for the Intergroup Inventory
Decision on the next temporary Chair, who would then draw up a list of questions from these attachments

D. NEW BUSINESS

E. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

From the Chair.

CLOSING – Advise date and place of next Intergroup Meeting. Thanks to the Officers and GSRs.

7th Tradition and Serenity Prayer.

Intergroup Chair

Contributing Groups	2013 Yr	30 Nov '14	2014 Yr 7th Trad only	28 Feb '15
Sunday Nice 11h00	810,60	100,00	625,00	150,00
Lorgues 11h30	576,00		370,00	150,00
Vence 17h00	0,00		0,00	
Nice 1800	50,00	50,00	280,00	
Antibes 19h00	0,00		0,00	
Monaco 20h00				
Monday MPL 11h30	975,00		474,50	250,00
Cannes 17h30	1 000,00	450,00	820,00	
Nice 18h00	700,00	100,00	470,00	150,00
Cannes 19h00	400,00	110,00	510,00	
Monaco 19h00	1 150,00		600,00	440,00
St Tropez 20h00	835,10	624,10	624,10	
Tuesday Monaco 12h30	425,00	337,00	487,00	280,00
Nice 17h30	410,00		100,00	
Aix-en-Provence 18h00	289,00	234,00	787,80	210,00
Nice 19h00	275,00	67,00	187,00	40,00
Wednesday Nice 12h00	540,00		350,00	300,00
Uzès 15h00			0,00	
Nice 19h00	467,50	100,00	308,00	
Valbonne 19h00	550,00	50,00	396,24	
Ferney-Voltaire			38,54	
Thursday Cannes 17h30	250,00	see Mon		
Nice 18h00	445,00		185,00	30,00
Montpellier 18h30	see Mon			
Monaco 19h00	500,00	350,00	1 157,00	
Nice 19h30	542,50	50,00	300,00	100,00
Friday Nice 1200	179,20		0,00	
Monaco 1230	300,00	100,00	680,00	
Aix 1830	123,90		50,00	
Nice 19h00	970,00	150,00	887,00	200,00
Saturday Nice 11h00	250,00		222,50	75,00
Nice 19h00	750,00		250,00	270,00
Antibes 19h30	595,00	235,16	777,00	
Other Donations	10,00	35,20	35,20	
IG 7th Tradition	178,29	42,00	170,50	42,90-7-10
Lit Dons Conventions			70,00	286,10
*50€ error in cash rec'd			-50,00	
	0,00			
Gratitude Week	41,00			
Total Contributions	14 588,09	3 184,46	12 162,38	2957,00
Rev 9 March 2015 ljw				

IG Quarterly Accounts					
24 Nov 2014 - 7 March 2015					Notes
				Balance	
24-Nov	Beginning Balance			5,682.57	after last IG
7th Tradition and other Donations					
3-Dec	Montpellier Groups	436.10	6,118.67	286.10 € in Literature (French National Convention)	
24-Feb	Insurance Donation - Convention Committee Association	171.42	6,290.09		
3-Mar	Deposit cheques IG	490.00	6,780.09		
3-Mar	Deposit cheques IG	780.00	7,560.09		
3-Mar	Deposit Cash IG - notes	1,230.00	8,790.09	30 € literature donations	
3-Mar	Deposit Cash IG - coins	20.90	8,810.99	17 € IG expenses paid out in cash	
Total			3,128.42		
Payments					
2-Dec	Online banking Fee - November	-12.00	8,798.99		
10-Dec	Website - November - Carte d'Affaires	-11.41	8,787.58		
10-Dec	Cleared chq - Cannes mtg room	-45.00	8,742.58		
22-Dec	Donation to AA Continental European Region (CER)	-500.00	8,242.58		
22-Dec	Bank charge - electronic virement Euro zone	-3.90	8,238.68		
5-Jan	Online banking Fee - December	-12.00	8,226.68		
8-Jan	Website - December - Carte d'Affaires	-11.37	8,215.31		
15-Jan	Literature Order	-604.98	7,610.33		
15-Jan	Bank Charges - electronic virement GBP	-32.60	7,577.73		
16-Jan	Liability Insurance + Convention advance € 171.42	-865.21	6,712.52		
3-Feb	Online banking Fee - January	-12.00	6,700.52		
6-Feb	Website - January - Carte d'Affaires	-12.07	6,688.45		
15-Feb	PI + Riviera Radio	-1,550.00	5,138.45		
27-Feb	Bank fee - Carte d' Affaires 01 Feb - 31 Jan 2016	-60.00	5,078.45		
3-Mar	Online banking Fee - February	-12.00	5,066.45		
5-Mar	Chip order - Literature Officer 400 GBP	-532.00	4,534.45		
6-Mar	Website - February - Carte d'Affaires	-12.41	4,522.04	←Current balance Mar 6	
Total			-4,288.95	4,522.04	
Pending Payments					
28-Feb	Room rent IG meeting	0.00	4,522.04	no charge this time !	
March	PI - Riviera Radio Apr thru June	-700.00	3,822.04		
March	Donation to AA CER + chgs	-1,003.90	2,818.14	agreed by IG	
March	Travel expenses - Vice Chair Dan	-125.00	2,693.14	estimate only - travel to IG mtg Nice 28 Feb	
March	Travel Expenses - HNLO Monika	-125.00	2,568.14	" "	
March	Travel Expenses - Secretary Pamela	-125.00	2,443.14	" "	
Total			-2,078.90		
Available balance					
6-Mar			2,443.14	←----- How much money we have to cover the next quarter (March thru end May)	
IG Commitments next quarter Mar thru end May					
ongoing			2,443.14		
as per	Bank fees 3 months	-36.00	2,407.14		
budget	Website - March thru May: Carte d'Affaires	-40.00	2,367.14	estimate	
	IG expenses	-70.00	2,297.14		
	Literature provision	-625.00	1,672.14		
	Host Nation Liaison Officer provision (annual)	-250.00	1,422.14		
	CER Delegate Travel			we don't have one; € 350 per face-to-face mtg; twice a year	
Total			-1,021.00		
Prudent Reserve					
	Balance forward		8,579.33	Prudent Reserve - Livret A	
Dec-31	Interest 2014 calendar year	98.25	8,677.58	Current balance Prudent Reserve	
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SUMMARY AND EVOLUTION OF CALLS

from 1st March 2007 to 21st February 2015

	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Newcomer	Existing Members	AIAnon	PI	Other	French
2007						
1 March - 28 June	3	26	7	5	10	32
29 Jun - 14 Sept	3	42	6	5	4	49
15 Sept to 5 Dec	8	24	5	0	9	58
2008						
5 Dec to 26th March	8	30	5	1	7	45
27 March to 18 June	17	42	2	0	2	6
19 June to 19 Sept	10	41	9	2	6	21
20th Sept to 11 Dec	5	31	5	2	3	20
2009						
12 Dec 08 to 7 Mar	5	9	5	2	12	11
8th March to 7th June	4	21	8	2	3	11
8th June to 8th Sept	4	44	1	1	11	15
9th Sept to 8th Dec	10	19	2	1	7	20
2010						
9th Dec to 8th March	6	15	2	1	0	9
9th Mar to 30 May	9	21	5	0	4	9
1st June to 29 Aug	17	34	8	0	7	16
29 Aug to 27 Nov	4	23	3	0	12	2
2011						
28 Nov to 8th March	13	16	2	1	1	16
9th March to 4th June	10	15	5	0	6	8
5th June to 10th Sept	24	51	8	0	5	10
11th Sept to 26th Nov	9	10	10	0	12	15
2012						
27th Nov to 18th Feb	6	11	1	0	8	4
19th Feb to 26th May						
27th May to 1st Sept	4	24	3	1	6	11
2nd Sept to 17 Nov	3	13	2	1	1	9
2013						
18 Nov to 16 Feb	9	15	4	2	3	4
17 Feb to 18 May	5	8	2	0	3	9
19th May to 24th Aug	9	32	1	0	2	8
25th Aug to 23 Nov	4	13	0	0	4	10
2014						
24 Nov to 22 Feb	5	5	3	0	2	4
23 Feb to 17 May	6	11	2	0	2	9
18 May to 30 Aug	2	18	2	0	0	7
31st Aug to 15 Nov	9	6	1	0	4	4
2015						
16 Nov to 21 Feb	5	13	0	0	0	5

Total for Quarter
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(Final) MINUTES OF THE AA INTERGROUP MEETING
Held on 30th MAY 2015
At: Oblats Church (Salle Pause Toit)
56-58 Cours Mirabeau, 13100 Aix-en-Provence

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Pamela (GSR Aix) Secretary	Dan W (GSR Montpellier) & VChair	Catherine (Aix)
Laura Treasurer	Eddie (Montpellier)	Jody (Aix)
Maria Literature & Archives	Anna & Luke (Nice)	Eddie (Aix)
Mike (GSR Buffa) & PI	Debbie (GSR Monaco)	Alan (Aix)
Nikki Telephone Liaison		Bill (Aix)
Steve (GSR Vence) & Events		Simon (Aix)

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2. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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3. Vacant Positions**

Chair IG	Position available, Dan W, VChair will Chair next IG in September 2015
PI Chair	Preferably someone with PI experience
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GSR's are asked to take these back to Groups. The PI Committee will put a list of the 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:**
<http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk/download/1/Library/Documents/Guidelines-Handbook/Guidelines2011.pdf>

4. **IG Inventory**

Maria asked Officers Mike, Laura, David and Helen to head up Groups, assigning to each questions from our previously selected Inventory format. Each Group of about four members discussed / answered their assigned questions and reported back after a half hour deliberation. *Please see the attached Responses to IG Inventory*

From now until the next IG meeting (scheduled for 12th September 2015), we have been asked to take the time and reflect on these questions/answers. We can then report back with what we think we can do to improve on the feedback of this inventory.

B. **REPORTS**

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

The Events Officer asked if we could not be using our Events Distribution List to better advertise or promote our presence here by announcing our individual Group's events (Speakers planned, Birthday Shares, picnics, etc., whatever a Group might be doing that could be of interest to us all). Spread the word and get it out by Events rather than just by having IG Secretary send out information to a limited list of people (GSRs who pass on the word verbally). For anyone wishing to be on the Events Mailing List, he asks that we pass on the contact details: (events@aa-riviera.org). In any case, could GSR's please remind Groups of this service, a great way to be included in all that is happening in our corner of France.

Question: What happened to the Newsletter we used to send out?

Answer : The person left – would anyone like to take on this role? It means doing a one page light hearted account of what happens/happened at IG and along the coast. Dan W. thought he could take this on, made the offer and was accepted with great enthusiasm. Secretary will send him our last Newsletter.

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

- We have had no meeting since last IG however there is one planned in the immediate future. The Montpellier group have shown a high interest in attending so it is just a question of finding a date which is good for as many of us as possible
- PI takes care of the Telephone Helpline, English speaking magazines & newspapers as well as radio advertising, all of which is in place
- The doctors' project is still underway and should be concluded in the near future
- A new meeting list needs to be put together as there are quite a lot of meeting changes.
- We need new people – they bring in fresh ideas and new enthusiasm so please come forward with yourself

Question: Does Riviera website contact get the same questions as HelpLine

Answer: No – and pointed out that our meeting lists show individuals' personal telephone contacts which is unusual (compared to other places in this world); we are very open to helping those visitors who call

Telephone Helpline:

Telephone Summary Classification of Calls report shows

- We are averaging 1 call every 3 days; it remains constant in overall numbers
- The Monaco workshop has been done – of the 5 people who attended, 3 did not have the required sobriety to be a responder, 1 (from Nice) is a responder leaving 1 who will get back to us with their availability
- The next workshop likely is Montpellier / Aix both of whom have shown an interest
- Neither Antibes nor Cannes have responders - TLO would like to go to all the meetings personally (Time permitting, not possible at the moment) to ask for support and talk about what is involved – at the moment there are 6 people holding down the entire Helpline Service (24/7) and it would be good if some new people came along (To be noted: there is no complaining here, everyone is happy to be of help to that still suffering alcoholic).

H&I

No report from H&I however hospital visits are going on as usual. If anyone is interested in this line of action that can contact Paul (06.80.86.47.03) Please do not just turn up as it might be too overwhelming for the people in need. Paul will direct you appropriately.

2. Literature Report

- The “Where to Find” in the UK has been received and is being passed out to Groups
- One literature order received this quarter – it is a test on how to juggle the stock as between the time of one IG and another, the orders vary immensely
- Literature requests are sent out via Events 4 weeks prior to the IG Meetings however one problem is how to get literature to groups who have no GSR’s or not one of which we are aware.
- It is common knowledge that we have literature sent to Groups and we are now getting requests from outside the IG Region. It is actually best if these people go directly to YORK for their literature as their turnaround time is about 3 days and no postage. We must add on postage and our turnaround is much longer (we must first request/obtain payment and may by then have to reorder ourselves from York)

3. French/English Liaison Report (None at this time)

5. CER Report

- Our CER Representative, David N. has just been unanimously voted in; Secretary to advise CER.
- Most of the meetings are now on-line and anyone can log on and join in (please contact David if you are interested – his contact details are listed in our Useful Contacts at the end of Minutes)
- Next meeting is in Dusseldorf on 27th June. He advised that the airfare expenses alone are above those usually incurred. We were reminded by previous Chairs that although we do budget a certain amount for CER meeting expenses, it is IG’s responsibility to pay these so that our Representative can attend, ever reminding us that we do keep expenses to a minimum. Therefore he was asked to go ahead and travel, expenses would be covered.
- There are a number of positions open in CER, please talk with David if you feel inclined to be of service in this area

- Secretary reminded us that since we had been without a Representative for the past 6 months, it had been agreed that CER would put us on their Distribution List for Minutes and/or Info pertinent to us and vice-versa. We agreed that we would maintain this practice until further notice.

6. Intergroup Accounts and Treasury Report

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

We have a big quarter spending coming up and will be keeping that in mind.

- As of June 4th 2015 and after group contributions, we have approximately € 4886.35 in the bank plus our prudent reserve. We have approximately € 4918 budgeted expenditure this quarter, so we hope to see the promised 7th Tradition from groups come in promptly ! The treasurer's contact details are included with these minutes

A motion to not send a contribution (7th Tradition) to CER was tabled and voted as acceptable.

A question/discussion came up about the "average" contribution in this country, since the money exchange (Franc to Euro), our contributions are less than those previously noted. However the general opinion was that we advise the cost of our rent (each Group has different rents), talk about our expenses (tea & coffee) and add on the cost of our insurance, literature, advertising, website and Helpline. Some people advised that we pay the (today's) cost of a drink, others say 2€ and one of the overseas attendees advised that in his area, when falling short, they tell it like it is – and said, talk to us like adults! It works. We do have a pamphlet called "THE POT" – groups have this, pass it around.

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. The Association 1901 law (3 Officers, Maria - President, Birgita - Treasurer and Mike - Secretary) requires a yearly audit. We have never sent copy of audited accounts to our insurers despite the fact that their documents request this, but considering the tightening of governmental policy on associations, we must assume that we could be controlled by the relevant authority, or asked by the insurance company to provide the accounts to them.

We do not have anything to hide, our accounts are in perfect order but we need to have these audited by an accredited Accountant and soon. Whilst we do try to keep our expenses down, this is an area where we have no choice and Maria asked if anyone had any ideas of

(a) the cost that could be expected and

(b) the name of a competent yet reasonably priced Accountant to take this on for us.

From the experience of those present, it would appear that we could expect anywhere between 800€ and 1200€. As to the accountant, it was suggested that we contact the "Maison des Associations" in Nice to see if they could tell us who other 1901 associations use. One of our members agreed to look at this. The treasurer will also check other avenues to see whether she can get a recommendation.

A motion was proposed to accept the bracket of above amounts and use the contact advised: this proposal was seconded, put to the Members and unanimously accepted.

2. Meetings in Marseille – No suitable location has yet been found but the foot work continues. There is another new resident in Marseille who has put herself forward in the quest for a Marseille meeting and we hope to have news by the next IG Meeting

3. A reminder that Gratitude Week is coming up – please speak with your Groups – it runs during the week of 10th June so during the meetings around that date, (whatever works best with your Group), the usual practice is to pass the hat twice, once for the usual 7th Tradition participation and another round to further help that still suffering alcoholic. The participation of the second passing of the hat goes directly to YORK. Please mark the amount/Gratitude Week on an envelope, include the participation and ask the GSR to give it to our Treasurer at the next IG Meeting (12th September). Treasurer will send off the entire AA South of France participation to YORK in one lump sum. This avoids heavy bank transfer costs. If you cannot attend IG or if you prefer to send your participation directly to our Treasurer, please contact her directly at treasurer@aa-riviera.org

4. The next scheduled IG Meetings are:

12 th September 2015	Valbonne
28 th Nov. 2015	Cannes (this is also the AGM & Budget 2016 Vote time)

CLOSING

The next meeting will be held in Valbonne (to be confirmed) on 12th September 2015.
Meeting to start at 13h30 with pot luck lunch before from 12h15 onwards.

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

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	06.08.06.36.46
CER Representative	djnelson@wanadoo.fr	04.94.68.73.76
Archives	aaarchives@orange.fr	
French Liaison Officer		06.59.45.18.84
Telephone Liaison Officer		06.22.56.85.21
Continental European Region website	www.alcoholics-anonymous.eu	
ArenA :- the Quarterly Newsletter for the CER of AA!	http://alcoholics-anonymous.eu/arena/	
EVENTS	events@aa-riviera.org	
Guidelines UK website	http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk/download/1/library/documents/guidelines-handbook/guidelines2011.pdf	
Guidelines CER website	http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.eu/docsRegion/Service%20Guidelines%202011%20for%20GB%20including%20CER%	

RESPONSES TO IG INVENTORY

Question for all breakout groups:

How well is IG carrying out its aims?

If you were to state the aims of IG, how would you define them?

Should IG consider writing its own aims?

If I/we (this breakout group, my Home Group, my Intergroup, etc.) could make one change to IG, what would it be? Why?

We believe we are carrying out our aims – and we also believe we can always do better. Considered a good idea to have these aims written so that we all know just what our reaching for. At the present we are informed verbally by GSR's

Aims : Promote communication, cohesion and cooperation as well as maintaining the connection between neighbouring groups
Run the logistics (business) of AA and co-operate with outside Agencies
Carry on the Traditions (7thTradition)
To provide help, information and support to Groups

Achieving

Aims: More sponsorship into service / keep on encouraging people to take on Service positions
More fellowship activity (an example is the 2014 Valbonne mini-Convention).
Encourage picnics, conventions, etc.
Encouraging people to meet in fellowship will result in them feeling more comfortable to step up into IG business meetings (first as a visitor)
More connection with Officers – encouraged to take on “Service sponsees”
More connection with French Groups (Fellowship)

Change

Image – sell and bring new people into IG, Officers could do workshops in Groups to make it less abstract
Have an Entertainments Officer?

<p>1. What more can IG do to help English-language Groups carry the message? What is missing? Please share experience and lessons learned as well as wishes and expectations.</p>	<p>Study Abroad Programs – write to Professors and Program Directors – Compile Lists and write or email with a pdf attachment</p>
<p>2. Do new Trusted Servants and attenders/participants stick with us, or does the turnover seem excessive? If so, why? What can we as an Intergroup do to retain Trusted Servants and attenders/participants? Do we support our Third Legacy of Service and encourage people with particular experiences to serve? Do we encourage them to serve perhaps in a wider area or at a different level (e.g., as Region Reps, Region Officers, Delegates, Board Members, Board Sub-Committee members, etc.)?</p>	<p>The problem is ATTRACTION and people do have to come to Nice. The encouragement is there</p>
<p>3. Mindful that holding office is a great responsibility not to be viewed as the outcome of a popularity contest, are we choosing our officers and other Trusted Servants with care? As an Intergroup how well do we practice “principles before personalities”? Do we emphasize the importance of service sponsorship? How effectively? Should we emphasize it? If so, how can we do so more effectively?</p>	<p>To ensure a multiplicity of choices, encourage more people to serve (see Question for all Groups). Serving members should, if possible, take on “service sponsees” to come along and learn “the job”.</p>
<p>4. Why should I/my Home Group care about what happens at Intergroup? What are the most important things (or the coolest things?) every English-speaking alcoholic in our area should know about IG and service? How can we best ensure they do know?</p>	<p>We care because IG facilitates our own Meeting(s). We get out what we put in. The road trip and connection to others ensures that we don’t have to be alone. Through GSR’s talking with them, and through sponsors</p>
<p>5. What has IG done lately to assist Groups in bringing to the attention of professionals in our communities—the physicians, clergy, court officials, educators and others who are often the first to see alcoholics in need of help? What has IG done lately to assist Groups in any aspect of carrying the message? How can we better share the public information service experience of Intergroup in working with hospitals and institutions, professionals, schools, etc.?</p>	<p>IG or PI could produce pdf letter for local areas Members to send out</p>

<p>6. Is IG attracting into service alcoholics from different backgrounds and from across the geographic breadth of our area? Who are we missing? Why? Are we seeing a good cross-section of the communities and Groups we serve, including those with special needs?</p>	<p>See question/response 2</p>
<p>7. Is everyone present at IG meetings given the opportunity to speak and to share in other group activities (shared meals, AA meetings, online chat before and after the meetings, etc.)? How well do we observe and practice our Tradition of Anonymity at IG? How do we understand anonymity on an Intergroup level? How important is anonymity at the Intergroup level?</p>	<p>Yes, everyone is given the opportunity to speak. A strong Chair is helpful. Within the IG Meeting itself, anonymity is well maintained.</p>
<p>8. How well do we actively work to promote unity both within AA and within IG? What can we do better?</p> <p>Does IG do its fair share toward participating in the purpose of AA—as it relates to our Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity and Service? Why or why not?</p>	<p>We do well and do fulfill our purpose. We do this by talking and communicating (e.g. doing inventory). We can always do better.</p> <p>Yes – by giving help to Groups with problems. We do need to sell IG, we need to talk about unity in meetings</p>
<p>9. Does IG reach out sufficiently and serve isolated groups and AAs within the geographic area of the Region? Why or why not? What can we do better? Are we making it as easy as possible for AA members throughout our area to attend and participate in IG meetings?</p>	<p>Probably as much as possible. Ask Groups to advertise themselves on the Events email.</p>
<p>10. How is IG fulfilling its responsibility to the Seventh Tradition? (While outside contributions may not generally be relevant, are we prudently using AA resources to the best possible use at Intergroup level, in keeping with AA Traditions?)</p>	<p>IG is fulfilling its responsibility; there is always room for improvement.</p>

GROUP	GSR / Rep	7th (€)	Lit (€)	COMMENTS
SUNDAY				
11h00 Nice (Durante)	Mike (Treasurer)	100.00		Living Sober – meeting going well
11h30 Lorgues	David (Secretary)			Quite small now, people have moved away but doing well. 7 th Tradition follows
17h00 Vence	Steve			Meeting has been invited back to the renamed old location. As this group presently consists of one person and that person is moving away, highly likely meeting will close. To be confirmed. Possibility of sending down a 7th
18h00 Nice (UPS Durante)	Nikki, reporting for Birgita	50.00		Meeting recently moved to this location, a small group but chugging along
19h00 Antibes				
20H00 Monaco St. Paul's	Debbie GSR			BB meeting, Group is doing well with about 8 people. 7 th to follow later
MONDAY				
11h00 Montpellier	Dan W GSR			Joint contribution and info with Thursday – 7 th promise to follow. Happy meetings; attendance between 6-8 but can actually go anywhere from 4 to 16
12h30 Montpellier				Women's meeting once a month, each 4th Monday OPEN to all
17h30 Cannes				Joint contribution with Thursday, 17h30
18h00 Nice (Buffa)	Nikki (Member)	100.00		Topic from Daily Reflections, well attended, quite often up to 10
19h00 Cannes	Laura (Member)	50.00		Meeting going strongly with about 6 attendees. Rent has doubled.
19h00 Monaco St. Paul's	Maria (Member)	230.00		The change in name "Gut Level" to "A desire to stop drinking" is now in place.
20h00 St. Tropez				
TUESDAY				
12h30 Monaco Reformée	Maria (Member)	200.00		Topic Meeting taken from Daily Reflections. A new secretary is in and meeting is strong.
17h30 Nice (Buffa)				
18h00 Aix-en-Provence	Pamela GSR	150.00	83.50	Step and Speaker meeting. Well attended over the last 6 months with 10-12 attendees. Joint contribution with Friday
19h00 Nice (Durante)	Mike	50.00		Small group and membership growing. Presently doing Joe & Charlie tapes

INTERGROUP ROLL CALL Aix 30 May 2015 (page 2)				
WEDNESDAY				
12h00 Nice (Buffa)	Laura			7 th Tradition promised
15h00 Uzes	Monika GSR			
19h00 Nice (Buffa)	Mike (Treasurer)	100.00		Was a Newcomers' meeting and now a regular one. Very successful since the move to the bigger room with up to 14 in attendance
19h00 Valbonne	Helen GSR	100.00	10.50	Attendance higher than Friday, (Joint information) Step on Tuesdays – both meetings automatically go to Step 1 if any newcomers
THURSDAY				
17h30 Cannes				See Monday, joint contribution
18h00 Nice (Buffa)	Nikki (Ilga/Treasurer)	30.00		This is a meditation meeting and doing well
18h30 Montpellier	Dan W GSR			Joint information with Monday
19h30 Nice (Buffa)	Mike GSR	42.50	7.50	"No Sniveling" meeting, starting to grow and new members coming into service, allowing previous officers to step down
19h00 Monaco (Reformée)	Maria (Member)	300.00		12x12 Meeting – has been on for many, many years despite barriers and remains healthy
FRIDAY				
12h00 Nice (Buffa)	Nikki reporting			Was dire straits but trend reversing and now on the beam with a new Treasurer who explains things well and rent is paid up to date
12h30 Monaco (St. Paul's)	Debbie (Member)			7 th to follow. Attendance of 12-15. Was a women's only but now mixed meeting
18h30 Aix-en-Provence	Pamela GSR			Joint contribution, fewer than Tuesdays. BB meeting with regular attendees
19h00 Nice (Buffa)	Nikki (reporting)	135.00	15.00	Up & down. This was the biggest meeting along the coast but still holding its own with 6-20 attendees
19h00 Valbonne	Helen GSR			Fewer than Wednesday, same Members, joint contribution. BB meeting
SATURDAY				
11h00 Nice (Durante)	Laura (Treasurer)			An acceptance meeting, attendance fluctuates (2-6)
19h30 Antibes				Hopeful promise forthcoming. BB meeting, getting stronger, up & down. Municipal services opens/closes room. When absent, meeting takes place elsewhere/outside but a sign is posted to advise of location

NB FERNEY-VOLTAIRE Wednesdays and Saturdays – Group is listed/insured with AA IG South of France but no information during roll calls

IG Quarterly Accounts

IG Treasurer's Report				Notes
6 March - 2 June 2015				
			Balance	
6-Mar	Beginning Balance		4,522.04	after IG 28 February
	Contributions and Donations			
Mar-16	Deposit - 7th Tradition	115.00	4,637.04	Antibes Saturday
Mar-27	Deposit - 7th Tradition	114.00	4,751.04	Monaco Fri + Cannes BB Literature
Jun-1	IG 7th tradition - cheques	333.50	5,084.54	incl 83.50 lit
Jun-1	IG 7th tradition - cheques	600.00	5,684.54	
Jun-1	IG 7th tradition - notes	970.00	6,654.54	Incl. 18.00 lit
Jun-1	IG 7th tradition - coins	21.00	6,675.54	
			6,675.54	
			6,675.54	
	Total	2,153.50	6,675.54	
	Payments			
Mar-10	Donation to AA Continental European Region + chgs	-1,003.90	5,671.64	
Mar-16	PI - Riviera Radio	-700.00	4,971.64	
			4,971.64	
Apr-2	Online banking Fee - March	-12.00	4,959.64	
Apr-8	Website - March - Carte d'Affaires	-48.04	4,911.60	
			4,911.60	
May-5	Online banking Fee - April	-12.00	4,899.60	
May-11	Website - March - Carte d'Affaires	-13.25	4,886.35	
			4,886.35	
	Total	-1,789.19	4,886.35	<---Current balance June 2
	Pending Payments			
8-Jun	IG Room rent May 30	-25.00	4,861.35	Centre Eugène de Mazenod
15-Jun	Assurance Juridique	-222.00	4,639.35	estimate
15-Jun	PI second semester	-2,475.00	2,164.35	
15-Jun	Riviera Radio 3rd quarter	-700.00	1,464.35	
			1,464.35	
	Total	-3,422.00	1,464.35	
	Available balance			
Jun-2			1,464.35	<----- How much money we have to work with after the bills are paid
	IG Commitments next quarter June - end Aug			
ongoing				
as per	Bank fees	-36.00	1,428.35	
budget	Website - May - Aug: Carte d'Affaires	-40.00	1,388.35	estimate
	IG expenses	-195.00	1,193.35	
	Host Nation Liaison Officer provision	-250.00	943.35	
	CER Delegate Travel	-350.00	593.35	€ 350 per face-to-face mtg estimate
	Literature provision	-625.00	-31.65	
			-31.65	
			-31.65	
	Total	-1,496.00	31.65	what we need before next IG to cover our budget
	Prudent Reserve			
	Balance forward		8,579.33	Prudent Reserve - Livret A
Dec-31	Interest 2014 calendar year	98.25	8,677.58	Current balance Prudent Reserve

Contributing Groups	2013 Yr	30 Nov '14	2014 Yr 7th Trad only	28 Feb '15	29 May '15	30 May '15
Sunday Nice 11h00	810,60	100,00	625,00	150,00		100,00
Lorgues 11h30	576,00		370,00	150,00		
Vence 17h00	0,00		0,00			
Nice 1800	50,00	50,00	280,00			50,00
Antibes 19h00	0,00		0,00			
Monaco 20h00						
Monday MPL 11h30	975,00		474,50	250,00		
Cannes 17h30	1 000,00	450,00	820,00			
Nice 18h00	700,00	100,00	470,00	150,00		100,00
Cannes 19h00	400,00	110,00	510,00		14,00	50,00
Monaco 19h00	1 150,00		600,00	440,00		230,00
St Tropez 20h00	835,10	624,10	624,10			
Tuesday Monaco 12h30	425,00	337,00	487,00	280,00		200,00
Nice 17h30	410,00		100,00			100,00
Aix-en-Provence 18h00	289,00	234,00	787,80	210,00		233,50
Nice 19h00	275,00	67,00	187,00	40,00		50,00
Wednesday Nice 12h00	540,00		350,00	300,00		
Uzès 15h00			0,00			
Nice 19h00	467,50	100,00	308,00			100,00
Valbonne 19h00	550,00	50,00	396,24			110,50
Ferney-Voltaire			38,54			
Thursday Cannes 17h30	250,00	see Mon				
Nice 18h00	445,00		185,00	30,00		30,00
Montpellier 18h30	see Mon					
Monaco 19h00	500,00	350,00	1 157,00			300,00
Nice 19h30	542,50	50,00	300,00	100,00		50,00
Friday Nice 1200	179,20		0,00			
Monaco 1230	300,00	100,00	680,00		100,00	
Aix 1830	123,90		50,00			
Nice 19h00	970,00	150,00	887,00	200,00		150,00
Saturday Nice 11h00	250,00		222,50	75,00	mtg closed	
Nice 19h00	750,00		250,00	270,00		
Antibes 19h30	595,00	235,16	777,00		115,00	
Other Donations	10,00	35,20	35,20			20,50
IG 7th Tradition	178,29	42,00	170,50	42,90-7-10		50,00
Lit Dons Conventions			70,00	286,10		
*50€ error in cash rec'			-50,00			
	0,00					
Gratitude Week	41,00					
Total Contributions	14 588,09	3 184,46	12 162,38	2957,00	229,00	1924,50
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AA SOUTH OF France HELPLINE - 0820 200 257
SUMMARY AND EVOLUTION OF CALLS
from 1st March 2007 to 23rd May 2015

	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Newcomer	Existing Members	AIAnon	PI	Other	French
2007						
1 March - 28 June	3	26	7	5	10	32
29 Jun - 14 Sept	3	42	6	5	4	49
15 Sept to 5 Dec	8	24	5	0	9	58
2008						
5 Dec to 26th March	8	30	5	1	7	45
27 March to 18 June	17	42	2	0	2	6
19 June to 19 Sept	10	41	9	2	6	21
20th Sept to 11 Dec	5	31	5	2	3	20
2009						
12 Dec 08 to 7 Mar	5	9	5	2	12	11
8th March to 7th June	4	21	8	2	3	11
8th June to 8th Sept	4	44	1	1	11	15
9th Sept to 8th Dec	10	19	2	1	7	20
2010						
9th Dec to 8th March	6	15	2	1	0	9
9th Mar to 30 May	9	21	5	0	4	9
1st June to 29 Aug	17	34	8	0	7	16
29 Aug to 27 Nov	4	23	3	0	12	2
2011						
28 Nov to 8th March	13	16	2	1	1	16
9th March to 4th June	10	15	5	0	6	8
5th June to 10th Sept	24	51	8	0	5	10
11th Sept to 26th Nov	9	10	10	0	12	15
2012						
27th Nov to 18th Feb	6	11	1	0	8	4
19th Feb to 26th May						
27th May to 1st Sept	4	24	3	1	6	11
2nd Sept to 17 Nov	3	13	2	1	1	9
2013						
18 Nov to 16 Feb	9	15	4	2	3	4
17 Feb to 18 May	5	8	2	0	3	9
19th May to 24th Aug	9	32	1	0	2	8
25th Aug to 23 Nov	4	13	0	0	4	10
2014						
24 Nov to 22 Feb	5	5	3	0	2	4
23 Feb to 17 May	6	11	2	0	2	9
18 May to 30 Aug	2	18	2	0	0	7
31st Aug to 15 Nov	9	6	1	0	4	4
2015						
16 Nov to 21 Feb	5	13	0	0	0	5
22 Feb to 23 May	5	17	0	0	3	4

Total for Quarter
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Intergroup Meeting Agenda, 30th May 2015

Place: Oblats Church, 56-58 Cours Mirabeau (Salle Pause-Midi), Aix-en-Provence

Pot Luck/Bring and Eat Buffet lunch from 12h15

(The meeting will commence at 13h30)

**A. OPENING: The Serenity Prayer
and the reading of the 12 Traditions followed by the 12 Concepts.**

1. Group Roll call and Introductions from those present.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the IG Meeting of Nice, 28th February, 2015
3. Vacant Positions:
 - Chair
 - Treasurer
 - Vice Treasurer
 - CER Representative
 - CER Alternate
 - PI Chairperson
 - Telephone Liaison Officer

B. INTERGROUP INVENTORY (led by Maria)

C. REPORTS

1. Public Information – PI Committee
2. Literature
3. French/English Liaison Report
4. CER
5. Intergroup Accounts and Treasurers Report

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. The Association 1901 law requires an audit. Procedures and choice of Auditor to be discussed.
2. Meetings in Marseille: no further news at this time as a suitable location has yet to be found

E. NEW BUSINESS

CLOSING – Advise date and place of next Intergroup Meeting. Thanks to the Officers and GSRs.

7th Tradition and Serenity Prayer.

Intergroup Chair

Final MINUTES OF THE INTERGROUP MEETING
Held on 12th September, 2015
At: Valbonne, (Salle Paroissiale, 2 rue Presbytère, 06560)

A. OPENING:

The Chair opened the meeting at 13h35 with the serenity prayer and the reading of the TWELVE TRADITIONS and TWELVE CONCEPTS.

1. Introduction from those present and Group Roll Call

Dan W. (V.Chair, GSR Montpellier)	Louise F., (GSR Monaco)	Simon C. Monaco
Laura W. (Treasurer - Nice)	Colin W. (GSR Six Fours)	Steven O'M. Nice
Mike C. (PI spokesperson - Nice)	Debbie M. (GSR Monaco)	Jamie S. Montpellier
Nikki M. (TLO – Nice)	Helen (GSR Valbonne)	David L. Montpellier
Pamela S. (Secretary, GSR Aix)	Brian S. (GSR Cannes)	Max, Monaco

Apologies were received from Maria (Literature – Monaco), David N. (CER Rep – Lorgues), Monika (FLO – Uzès) & Stephen I. (Events) who were unable to attend.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held in Aix-en-Provence on 30th May 2015 were tabled and were unanimously approved and adopted.

3. VACANT POSITIONS**

Chair	It has been agreed that previous Chairs are willing to fill in this position until such time as a new Chair has been found. V.Chair prepared to Chair meetings if he feels competent at time of meeting.
Treasurer	Treasurer has held this position for 2 terms. We are asked to discuss with Groups as to possibilities outside of IG itself. Treasurer does not need to live in Nice, not a busy position except around IG dates. Signature changeover would be required (presently Maria & Candida still back ups)
Vice-Treasurer	Steven O'M. put his name forward, willing to shadow present Treasurer. A motion to accept his nomination put forward. Voted unanimously.
PI Chairperson	Ideally should come from within PI itself as knowledge of AA PI is required. Committee meets on an as-needed basis (about 3-4 times a year) or round robin discussions. Advertising is in place
Telephone Liaison Officer	Requires access to a computer and accessible by telephone but does not have to be a person residing in the Nice area. Position requires someone who does not leave the country frequently/could be a split position. TLO has been in since inception, 1 March 2007 and would like to rotate out. Wonderful service position and not an onerous one as it works on its own. The Manual has been updated, the Helpline works well & people help TLO when needed.
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 will put a list of the IG officers and their contact telephone numbers on AA-Events. As well 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:
<http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk/download/1/Library/Documents/Guidelines-Handbook/Guidelines2011.pdf>**

B. REPORTS

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

A PI Committee spokesperson 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 Committee met up on 11th September
- New Meeting Lists are being prepared and should be sent to printers in near future
- Magazine advertising is in place, no changes for the moment
- Redoing radio messages as they are rather old. Monaco will provide the people and Simon C. agreed to coordinate the movement
- Monaco Radio might have some extra spots available, to be looked at
- Plan on re-doing a “Meeting List Day” (no particular day) whereby we take Meeting Lists to the various hotels in the Nice area
- Keep an eye out on the website for Meeting changes as Durante is being sold and we will have to move out (Don't know when)
- Looking into the possibility of having a “Clubhouse” in Nice which could then rent out rooms to AA Groups for their meetings (long term rental as they do in USA)

Telephone Helpline:

Telephone Summary Classification of Calls report attached

- This is the busiest quarter of the year
- Following telephone workshops, we have some new responders – we always need responders (and sufficient flexible responders so that those in place can either call for help or be able to have a rest)

H&I

No report from H&I however it was confirmed that hospital visits in Monaco are going on as usual.

2. Literature Report

- Maria is absent, Debbie brought in and distributed the Literature requests
- A reminder to think about Literature requests for the next IG meeting (end November)

3. French/English Liaison Report

- French Liaison Officer unable to report at this time

4. CER Report (Representative absent, report received by Secretary)

- I attended the CER meeting in Düsseldorf in June where I passed on news of what was happening in South of France.
- We held elections and said good bye to some of our long standing trusted servants.
- One of the exciting bits of news is that we now have English speaking meetings in Albania.
- I attended the online region meeting in August, this was an interim meeting to deal with items that we did not have time for in Düsseldorf, mainly the group and intergroup inventory; I passed on the results of our inventory held in Aix.
- Last week end I attended the online region meeting while some of you were on the island off Cannes enjoying a windy picnic.
- The minutes of all these meetings are available on line and I encourage everyone to have a look (an online file storage hosted by GSO (AA UK); which is found at : <http://www.aa-files.org.uk/>. One needs to log in with these credentials to access and download the files of interest: User name: CER3 • Password: c3rR3d3r.). Alternately, IG Secretary does send these out as received from the CER Secretary
- The next Region meeting is in Croatia in December.

5. Intergroup Accounts and Treasury Report

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

- As of 16TH September 2015 and after group contributions, we have approximately 6033€ in the bank plus our prudent reserve. We have approximately 2623€ upcoming expenditure thus leaving a cash surplus of about €3410.

A motion to send 2000€ contribution (7th Tradition) to CER (Continental European Region) was tabled and voted as acceptable.

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Audit Nomination – No further news to date. We were reminded that we will have to have an audit in accordance with the laws governing 1901 Association. Mike C. will further investigate with the Maison des Associations. Simon C. will be contacting known teams of auditors. If any members of Groups know of anyone willing to take on this task and who can legally practise in France, they are requested to contact IG Secretary who will coordinate the communications accordingly.

2. Inventory – No particular feedback received; we were asked to take these responses to our Groups, to keep them in mind and to follow them up.

Fellowship activity:

- A picnic had been organised by some of our Members and although this is a popular activity, it was thought that a monthly picnic might be too difficult to carry through (weather wise). To be continued.

- Could Groups think about mini Conventions (as was done by Valbonne in 2015)

- What are the possibilities of having an entertaining moment at the time of IG instead of just a potluck. We could do our (next) meeting at 10am (until 12h30) followed by a brunch and some type of entertainment (with our families) to make this a fun time. Send your ideas to IG Secretary (secretary@aa-riviera.org) so that this can be coordinated well before our next scheduled date (November 2015); i.e., make Intergroup fun for everyone

3. Newsletter by Dan W. – this was submitted but appears to have been mislaid somewhere. Nevertheless, he will write up another and this will be sent out quickly.

D. NEW BUSINESS

- A new meeting has opened in Six Fours les Plages (not far from Toulon). Colin W. representing this Group attended and introduced himself and this Group to us. It will be held on Thursday evenings from 20h00 to 21h00 (thus avoiding the heavy traffic jams) and the address is : 70 avenue De Lattre de Tassigny, 83140 Six-Fours les Plages (check our website where it is listed)
- Nice recently hosted their day of Associations. It was suggested that we could host a booth next year (September 2016) and our TLO is looking into that and will report back to us.

CLOSING

The next meeting will be held in **Cannes (to be confirmed by Laura) on 28th November 2015**. Meeting to start at **10.00 and end at 12h30, followed by a pot luck lunch and entertainment**.

After the 7th Tradition, the meeting was closed at 16h10 with the Serenity Prayer. Thanks to the Officers, GSRs and all those who attended and participated as well as an enormous thank you to Helen for opening up and the Valbonne Group for being our hosts.

Intergroup Vice-Chair – Dan W.

USEFUL CONTACTS		
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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	06.08.06.36.46
CER Representative	djnelson@wanadoo.fr	04.94.68.73.76
Archives	aaarchives@orange.fr	
French Liaison Officer		06.59.45.18.84
Telephone Liaison Officer	nikkimanwaring@hotmail.com	06.22.56.85.21
Continental European Region website	www.alcoholics-anonymous.eu <i>for access to contacts / information</i>	
ArenA :- the Quarterly Newsletter for the CER of AA!	http://alcoholics-anonymous.eu/arena/	
EVENTS	events@aa-riviera.org	
Guidelines UK website	http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk/download/1/library/documents/guidelines-handbook/guidelines2011.pdf	

INTERGROUP ROLL CALL Valbonne 12th September, 2015 (page 1)

GROUP	GSR / Rep	7th (€)	Lit (€)	COMMENTS
SUNDAY				
11h00 Nice (Durante)	Mike (Treasurer)	250.00		Good summer
11h30 Lorgues				
17h00 Vence				Meeting has closed
18h00 Nice (Buffa)	Nikki			A small yet stable meeting
19h00 Antibes				
20h00 Monaco St. Paul's	Debbie (GSR)	150.00		A growing BB Study Group, doing well, about 12+ regular attendees
MONDAY				
11H00 Montpellier	Jamie	200.00	26.00	Joint contribution with Thursday, Group doing well and has a new Secretary, David
17h30 Cannes	Oliver	670.00		Joint contribution with Thursday, 17h30 – 7 th noted includes festival contributions which amounted to €117.00
18h00 Nice (Buffa)	Nikki	60.00		Strong meeting with 8 to 18 people
19h00 Cannes	Brian (GSR)	140.00	10.00	BB Group with a regular attendance of 4-8, drop ins (during events) and a few newcomers
19h00 Monaco St. Paul's	Max	270.00		Well attended meeting, summer visitors, rotation of position of Secretary
20h00 St. Tropez	Emma GSR			
TUESDAY				
12h30 Monaco Reformée	Louise F. (GSR)	332.00	18.00	A strong meeting with about 15 attendees
18h00 Nice (Buffa)	Nikki	130.00		Reviving – this group has gone from almost disappearing to healthy. Change of time (now 18h00 was 17h30)
18h00 Aix-en-Provence	Pamela (GSR)	286.00	29.70	Joint contribution with Friday. A regular attendance of about 7-8 people during this last quarter
19h00 Nice (Durante)	Mike (Secretary)	100.00		Small but committed, 3-8 members. We listen to a speaker tape and follow up with sharing

INTERGROUP ROLL CALL Valbonne 12 th September, 2015 (page 2)				
WEDNESDAY				
12h00 Nice (Buffa)				
15h00 Uzès	Monika GSR			
19h00 Nice (Buffa)	Mike (Treasurer)	200.00		Group is growing, a renaissance
19h00 Valbonne	Helen GSR	50.00	10.50	Joint Info with Friday – small Step meeting, but grows in the summer with more or less 4/5 people (or just 1 sometimes)
THURSDAY				
17h30 Cannes	Oliver	See Monday		See Monday, joint contribution
18h00 Nice (Buffa)	Nikki	50.00		A meditation group
18h30 Montpellier	Dan W (GSR)	See Monday		A step/Tradition meeting
19h00 Monaco (Reformée)	Max	300.00		Step meeting, doing well with about 15 core members and up to 20-30 with visitors
19h30 Nice (Buffa)	Mike (GSR)	120.00		Done well over summer. A recovery based meeting which does well in spite of “No Snivelling” – we stick to the format
FRIDAY				
12h00 Nice (Buffa)				
12h30 Monaco (St. Paul’s)	Debbie	250.00		Doing well with about 10 to 20 attendees
18h30 Aix-en-Provence	Pamela GSR	See Tuesday		See Tuesday, joint contribution
19h00 Nice (Buffa)	Nikki (Treasurer)	300.00		As Bill Sees It – used to be the biggest meeting in Nice but has dwindled (however the last meeting hosted 25 people – incredible)
19h00 Valbonne	Helen GSR	See Wednesday		Fewer than Wednesday group but same Members, joint contribution; this is a BB meeting
SATURDAY				
11h00 Nice (Durante)	Mike	40.00		About 6 people; a few new people (Acceptance) Rent is paid
19h30 Antibes		100.00		Small but steady BB with 4-10

NB FERNEY-VOLTAIRE Wednesday & Saturday Group is listed/insured with AA IG South of France; €49.50 insurance received but no representatives at IG

AA SOUTH OF France HELPLINE - 0820 200 257

SUMMARY AND EVOLUTION OF CALLS

from 1st March 2007 to 5th September 2015

	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Newcomer	Existing Members	AIAnon	PI	Other	French
2007						
1 March - 28 June	3	26	7	5	10	32
29 Jun - 14 Sept	3	42	6	5	4	49
15 Sept to 5 Dec	8	24	5	0	9	58
2008						
5 Dec to 26th March	8	30	5	1	7	45
27 March to 18 June	17	42	2	0	2	6
19 June to 19 Sept	10	41	9	2	6	21
20th Sept to 11 Dec	5	31	5	2	3	20
2009						
12 Dec 08 to 7 Mar	5	9	5	2	12	11
8th March to 7th June	4	21	8	2	3	11
8th June to 8th Sept	4	44	1	1	11	15
9th Sept to 8th Dec	10	19	2	1	7	20
2010						
9th Dec to 8th March	6	15	2	1	0	9
9th Mar to 30 May	9	21	5	0	4	9
1st June to 29 Aug	17	34	8	0	7	16
29 Aug to 27 Nov	4	23	3	0	12	2
2011						
28 Nov to 8th March	13	16	2	1	1	16
9th March to 4th June	10	15	5	0	6	8
5th June to 10th Sept	24	51	8	0	5	10
11th Sept to 26th Nov	9	10	10	0	12	15
2012						
27th Nov to 18th Feb	6	11	1	0	8	4
19th Feb to 26th May						
27th May to 1st Sept	4	24	3	1	6	11
2nd Sept to 17 Nov	3	13	2	1	1	9
2013						
18 Nov to 16 Feb	9	15	4	2	3	4
17 Feb to 18 May	5	8	2	0	3	9
19th May to 24th Aug	9	32	1	0	2	8
25th Aug to 23 Nov	4	13	0	0	4	10
2014						
24 Nov to 22 Feb	5	5	3	0	2	4
23 Feb to 17 May	6	11	2	0	2	9
18 May to 30 Aug	2	18	2	0	0	7
31st Aug to 15 Nov	9	6	1	0	4	4
2015						
16 Nov to 21 Feb	5	13	0	0	0	5
22 Feb to 23 May	5	17	0	0	3	4
24 May to 5 Sept	5	39*	4	0	2	14

* of which 20 existing members in Paris

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Contributing Groups	2014 Yr 7th Trad only	28 Feb '15	30 May '15	IG 12 Sept	Gratitude Wk rec'd to date
Sunday Nice 11h00	625,00	150,00	100,00	250,00	
Lorgues 11h30	370,00	150,00			
Vence 17h00	0,00				
Nice 1800	280,00		50,00		
Antibes 19h00	0,00				
Monaco 20h00				150,00	
Monday MPL 11h30	474,50	250,00		376,00	
Cannes 17h30	820,00			553,00	
Nice 18h00	470,00	150,00	100,00	60,00	
Cannes 19h00	510,00		64,00	150,00	18,59
Monaco 19h00	600,00	440,00	230,00	270,00	
St Tropez 20h00	624,10				
Tuesday Monaco 12h30	487,00	280,00	200,00	350,00	
Nice 18h00	100,00		100,00	130,00	
Aix-en-Provence 18h00	787,80	210,00	233,50	286,00	41,06
Nice 19h00	187,00	40,00	50,00	100,00	
Wednesday Nice 12h00	350,00	300,00		100,00	
Uzès 15h00	0,00				
Nice 19h00	308,00		100,00	200,00	
Valbonne 19h00	396,24		110,50	60,50	
Ferney-Voltaire	38,54			49,50	
Thursday Cannes 17h30				see Monday	
Nice 18h00	185,00	30,00	30,00	50,00	
Montpellier 18h30				see Monday	
Monaco 19h00	1 157,00		300,00	300,00	
Nice 19h30	300,00	100,00	50,00	120,00	
Friday Nice 1200	0,00				
Monaco 1230	680,00		100,00	450,00	
Aix 1830	50,00			29,70	
Nice 19h00	887,00	200,00	150,00	300,00	
Saturday Nice 11h00	222,50	75,00		40,00	
Nice 19h00	250,00	270,00	mtg closed	mtg closed	
Antibes 19h30	777,00		115,00	100,00	
Other Donations	35,20		20,50	117,00	
IG 7th Tradition	170,50	42,90-7-10	50,00	41,50	
Lit Dons Conventions	70,00	286,10			
*50€ error in cash rec'	-50,00				
Gratitude Week					
Total Contributions	12 162,38	2957,00	2153,50	4633,20	59,65
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IG Treasurer's Report				
2 June - 16 Sept 2015				Notes
			Balance	
2-Jun	Beginning Balance		4,886.35	
	Contributions and Donations			
Jun-16	Deposit cash IG notes	200.00	5,086.35	
Jun-16	Deposit cheques IG	100.00	5,186.35	
Jun-16	Deposit cheques IG	150.00	5,336.35	
			5,336.35	
Aug-31	Donation: Crossroads Group, Ferney Voltaire (insurance)	49.50	5,385.85	
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Sep-16	Deposit cash IG notes and coins	1,682.00	7,067.85	
Sep-16	Deposit cheques IG	990.00	8,057.85	
Sep-16	Deposit cheques IG	1,035.70	9,093.55	
Sep-16	Deposit cheques IG	275.50	9,369.05	
Sep-16	Deposit cheques IG	150.00	9,519.05	
	Total	4,482.70	9,519.05	
	Payments			
Jun-5	Website - May - Carte d'Affaires	-12.42	9,506.63	
Jun-10	Online banking Fee - May	-12.00	9,494.63	
Jun-10	Room rent - Aix IG meeting	-25.00	9,469.63	
Jun-26	PI - second semester	-2,475.00	6,994.63	
	PI - for radio spots	-700.00	6,294.63	
			6,294.63	
Jul-7	Website - June - Carte d'Affaires	-12.55	6,282.08	
Jul-10	Online banking Fee - June	-12.00	6,270.08	
Jul-15	Assurance Juridique - AXA	-211.82	6,058.26	
			6,058.26	
Aug-7	Website - July - Carte d'Affaires	-12.79	6,045.47	
Aug-10	Online banking Fee - July	-12.00	6,033.47	
			6,033.47	
Sep-7	Website - August - Carte d'Affaires	-12.61	6,020.86	
Sep-10	Online banking Fee - August	-12.00	6,008.86	
			6,008.86	<---Current balance Sept 16
	Total	-3,510.19	6,008.86	
	Pending Payments			
Sep-15	Reimburse travel CER Rep David N. Düsseldorf June	-427.72	5,581.14	
Sept 24	Donation to AA Continental European Region	-2,000.00	3,581.14	
	Total	-2,427.72		
	Available balance			
Aug-31			3,581.14	<----- How much money we have to work with after the bills are paid
	IG Commitments next quarter -Sept thru Nov			ongoing contracts for which we might want an operating surplus quarterly (i.e. at each IG)
ongoing	Riviera Radio	-700.00	2,881.14	
as per	Bank fees 3 months	-36.00	2,845.14	
budget	Website - Sept - Nov : Carte d'Affaires	-40.00	2,805.14	estimate
	IG expenses	-195.00	2,610.14	provision
	Literature provision	-625.00	1,985.14	
	Host Nation Liaison Officer provision	-250.00	1,735.14	
	CER Delegate Travel	-350.00	1,385.14	Sept meeting online € 350 budget per face-to-face mtg
	Total	-2,196.00		approved budget is for 2096 including Radio spots)
	Prudent Reserve			
	Balance forward		8,579.33	Prudent Reserve - Livret A
Dec-31	Interest 2014 calendar year	98.25	8,677.58	Current balance Prudent Reserve
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Intergroup & AGM Meeting Agenda, 28 November 2015

Salle DOJO (*To the right & above Salle Dojo*), Parking Raoul Limbron **LORGUES 83510**

Cold Pot Luck/Bring and Eat Cold Buffet lunch from 12h15

(The meeting will commence at 13h30)

A. OPENING: The Serenity Prayer, the reading of the 12 Traditions and the 12 Concepts.

1. Group Roll call and Introductions from those present.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the IG Meeting of Valbonne 12 September 2015
3. Available Positions:
 - Chair / Tess will stand in as Chair for this Meeting
 - Treasurer
 - Telephone Liaison Officer
 - CER Alternate
 - PI Chairperson

D. NEW BUSINESS (brought forward)

1. **AGM REPORT** Have we, in accordance with the Law in France covering an Association 1901, reached a quorum for this AGM
2. **2015 BUDGET** Accounts to 15 November 2015 to be discussed, (approved and accepted) and proposed Budget for 2016 to be advised, (approved and adopted)

B. REPORTS

1. Public Information – PI Committee
2. Telephone HelpLine
3. Literature
4. French/English Liaison Report
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C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Audit Nomination / Procedure (in accordance with the laws governing 1901 Association)
2. Reminder - Any Groups interested in hosting a mini Convention (1 day)?
3. Reminder - Thoughts on making IG meetings earlier in the day (10am) followed by fun times (ideas please) with families?

CLOSING –Choose Date and place of 2016 Intergroup Meetings
Thanks to the Officers and GSRs.

7th Tradition and Serenity Prayer.

Intergroup

Contributing Groups	2014 Yr	28 Feb '15	30 May '15	16 Sept'15	to 30 Nov'15
	7th Trad only				
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Nice 19h00	250,00	270,00	mtg closed	mtg closed	
Antibes 19h30	777,00		115,00	100,00	70,00
Other Donations	35,20		20,50	117,00	
IG 7th Tradition	170,50	42,90-7-10	50,00	41,50	43,00-35,00
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IG Treasurer's Report				
01 Sept - 30 Nov 2015				Notes
			Balance	
1-Sep	Beginning Balance		1,850.77	
Contributions and Donations				
Sep-16	Deposit cash IG notes and coins	1,682.00	3,532.77	
Sep-16	Deposit cheques IG	990.00	4,522.77	
Sep-16	Deposit cheques IG	1,035.70	5,558.47	
Sep-16	Deposit cheques IG	275.50	5,833.97	
Sep-28	Deposit cheques IG	150.00	5,983.97	
			5,983.97	
Oct-19	Deposit cheques IG	150.00	6,133.97	
			6,133.97	
Nov-30	Deposit cash IG notes and coins	1538.00	7,671.97	35€ cash reimburse. Tess IG mtg expenses
Nov-30	Deposit cheques IG	262.00	7,933.97	
Nov-30	Deposit cheques IG	475.00	8,408.97	
			8,408.97	
	Total	6,558.20	8,408.97	
Payments				
Sep-7	Website - August - Carte d'Affaires	-12.61	8,396.36	
Sep-10	Online banking Fee - August	-12.00	8,384.36	
Sep-24	DONATION to AA Continental European Region	-2,000.00	6,384.36	
Sep-24	Bank charges	-3.90	6,380.46	
			6,380.46	
Oct-6	Literature order incl bank charges	-870.25	5,510.21	
Oct-7	Website - Sept - Carte d'Affaires	-12.46	5,497.75	
Oct-7	PI- Radio spots Oct - Dec	-700.00	4,797.75	
Oct-10	Online banking Fee - Sept	-12.00	4,785.75	
			4,785.75	
Nov-7	Website - Oct - Carte d'Affaires	-12.37	4,773.38	
Nov-10	Online banking Fee - Oct	-12.00	4,761.38	
Nov-16	Reimburse travel David N. CER Rep Düsseldorf June	-427.72	4,333.66	
			4,333.66	
	Total	-4,075.31	4,333.66	<---Current balance Nov 30 (year end)
Pending Payments				
Dec-7	Website - Nov - Carte d'Affaires	-13.08	4,320.58	
Dec-10	Online banking Fee - Nov	-12.00	4,308.58	
	Total	-25.08	4,308.58	
Available balance				
Nov-30			4,308.58	<----- How much money we have to work with after the bills are paid
IG Commitments next quarter - Dec thru Feb				
	Insurance (Responsabilité Civile)	-910.00	3,398.58	ongoing contracts for which we might want an operating surplus quarterly (i.e. at each IG)(as per budget)
	Bank fees 3 months	-36.00	3,362.58	incl. advance to Convention Committee (€180)
ongoing	Website - Dec - Feb : Carte d'Affaires	-40.00	3,322.58	
as per	IG expenses	-450.00	2,872.58	provision - travel, rooms, misc = 75 + (3 x125)
budget	CER Delegate Travel - December Zagreb	-350.00	2,522.58	estimate
	Literature provision	-625.00	1,897.58	
	PI Committee - 1st semester	-728.00	1,169.58	
	Riviera Radio	-700.00	469.58	
	less: Convention advance €180	180.00	649.58	
	Total	-3,659.00	649.58	
	Cash Surplus end Feb 2016 (projected as of 30 Nov)		649.58	
Prudent Reserve				
	Balance forward		8,579.33	Prudent Reserve - Livret A
Dec-31	Interest 2014 calendar year	98.25	8,677.58	Current balance Prudent Reserve

FINAL MINUTES OF THE INTERGROUP & AGM MEETING
Held 28th November 2015
At: Lorgues 83510, (Salle Dojo) Parking Raoul Limbron

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

V. Chair, Dan	Tess (GSR Lorgues) acting Chair	Debbie M. (GSR Monaco)
Laura W. (Treasurer - Nice)	Pamela S. (Secretary, GSR Aix)	Louise F. (GSR Monaco)
Mike C. (PI spokesperson - Nice)	Maria P. (Archives, V. Sec)	Cristina (GSR Nice)
Nikki M. (TLO – Nice)	David N. (CER Rep)	Allen W. (Cannes)
Steven O. (V Treasurer)	Helen W. (GSR Valbonne)	

Apologies were received from Steve I (Events), Monika (FLO) and Colin (Six Fours) who were unable to attend.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Subject to the changes concerning the CER website contacts, the Minutes of the meeting held in Valbonne 12th September 2015 were tabled and were unanimously approved and adopted. As soon as those changes have been done, these can go to our website.

3. VACANT POSITIONS**

Chair	After discussion Maria nominated Dan W. for this position, seconded by Tess, unanimously voted, and accepted by Dan.
VChair	After discussion considering a rotating V.Chair, Tess put her name forward for this position. Voted and unanimously accepted.
Treasurer	V.Treasurer has been shadowing Treasurer since the last IG Meeting and believes that he will soon have a full understanding of this position. Therefore Tess nominated Steven O. as Treasurer, seconded by Nikki, unanimously voted, and accepted by Steven.
PI Chairperson	Chairperson is not the most important position but should come from within the Committee to know what has been and is going on. It's mostly the Secretary who does the work but we do need MEMBERS
Telephone Liaison Officer	TLO has held this position for over two terms. She is more than willing to take the interested candidate through the requirements of this position. TLO requires being on call for particular/special enquiries and needs to program changes (eg., before/after holidays) by use of the internet.. One of our members agreed to consider this position and will get back to us by next IG
Alternate CER Officer	Requires consistent attendance at IG as a serving member. CER Rep David says that 2 or 3 people present for an on-line meeting is encouraging and he is more than willing to assist people to learn how to handle an on-line meeting and make it fun. Please call David if you would like to attend an on line meeting with him.

GSR's are asked to take these back to Groups. The PI Committee will put a list of the IG officers and their contact telephone numbers on AA-Events. This list can also 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:**
<http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk/download/1/Library/Documents/Guidelines-Handbook/Guidelines2011.pdf>

D. NEW BUSINESS (brought forward)

a) **AGM REPORT**

Have we, in accordance with the Law in France covering an Association 1901, reached a quorum for this AGM – Maria did the count and **Yes** quorum reached

Audit report: We had been advised that for the sake of transparency, legally we should have this done especially since laws were getting tighter and tighter. Also, an audit is required for Insurance purposes for a 500.000€ income (not our case).

Following a meeting with an Auditor of “The Maison des Associations” we were advised that we were not required to have such an audit because:

- a) our income did not amount to 300.000€,
- b) we have no employees,
- c) no charges,
- d) no income, and
- e) no subsidies.

If, in the future, we are checked, we can do an audit at that time, all our documents are correct and in order. We do have it in writing from the Maison des Associations (a paper trail) that this is not a necessary step for us and we have done everything we can to stay compliant (acting in good faith). These documents will be held by the Archivist, Maria.

It was nevertheless agreed that we would take a second even third opinion on this point to be sure that nothing has been overlooked.

- **2015 BUDGET** Accounts to 15 November 2015 were discussed, approved and accepted.
- Each item of the proposed **Budget for 2016** was discussed, following which the budget was approved and adopted.

The Treasurer's reports covering both these budgets are attached.

B. REPORTS

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

A PI Committee spokesperson 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 new Meeting Lists were distributed. Because the Durante building has been sold, the meetings there will have to be moved by end of December, 2015. We will need stickers for our Meeting Lists to direct people to either a new meeting room or to check the website for meetings (it is always up-to-date)

- The website is working well
- We are planning a PI Committee meeting which will include envelope stuffing (for the Doctor's information letter) – **30 January 2016** – (invitation to be sent out via EVENTS)
- New tent cards have been made (now distributed) inviting people to register with EVENTS
- All the projects are in line
- PI Treasurer advised that the 2015 Expenses are available (attached)

Telephone Helpline:

Telephone Summary Classification of Calls report attached

- This quarter has been constant with 35 calls
- There is an ongoing problem with receiving calls from English speakers in Paris as the French AA website gives our helpline number as the contact number for most of the English speaking meetings in Paris. TLO to continue to try to contact someone in French AA who can get our number removed.
- For information, TLO contacts responders a week before IG meetings to get the data to draw up her reports

H&I

No report from H&I however it was confirmed that hospital visits in Monaco are going on as usual.

2. Literature Report

- The package for the newcomer (Who Me?) has some changes, in particular the "Safety on the Internet" card has been included. Also the UK Helpline number is on the front of the package. **Could Members please ensure that the UK number be crossed out and our own number be written in (our Helpline Telephone number is 0820 200 257)**
- Literature orders were brought in and distributed
- The Literature Committee has some copies of "The Language of the Heart" which allows one to learn about the history of AA. If any Group would like a copy for their Library, please feel free to ask for a copy. A number of pamphlets were also on display (Traditions Illustrated, Sponsorship, etc.), please contact Literature Committee for advice on these pamphlets, they may be useful to your Group.

3. French/English Liaison Report

- No report at this time

4. CER Report

- Dusseldorf (in June) was the first meeting for our new CER Rep, David, and he advised that the highlights were that there are new outreach meetings in both Albania and Hungary There were elections of some new officers but there are still positions opening up (please see David if you are interested, his contact details are posted in our Contacts Table at the end of all Minutes)
- The next meeting will be in Zagreb 5th December 2015 and all are welcome and encouraged to attend – in fact the more we attend such meetings the more we can learn, together, for example how to spread AA, how to get AA into new countries (please contact your GSR or IG

Secretary for information concerning any CER meeting, on-line or in person. All this information is passed on to your Group by the IG Secretary)

- The Brochure covering the Aims of the CER has been completed after having been the object of several meetings over a number of weeks. David will be collecting a supply of these for us at the meeting in Zagreb
- Our Rep was asked to look into the CER website problems with their appropriate team because our link (to aa-riviera.org) on their site appears to have disappeared and we are no longer accessible. The result is that none of our meeting information is correct. He will look into this and report back.

5. Intergroup Accounts and Treasury Report

Attached for perusal are the Treasury Reports post-IG.

As of 28th November and after group contributions, we have approximately € 4333.66 plus our prudent reserve. We have approximately 3659€ upcoming expenditure thus leaving € 649.58. It was agreed therefore that we would not be sending down a contribution to CER at this time.

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Reminder – Are any Groups interested in hosting a mini Convention (1 day)? Or other

Valbonne is hoping for a day (mini Convention) in April or May 2016 (in order to be able to use the Church gardens ... awaiting confirmation from the Parish)

Monaco is looking into an event to be held in Beausoleil

Valbonne is planning to restore their Pizza-after-meeting on Fridays

Lorgues always has and continues to have their pot luck lunch after their Sunday meeting (during the winter call or email ahead just to make sure that the table is set!)

Nice does a curry dinner after their Friday night meetings

Picnics will be resumed when the weather becomes picnic weather again

2. Reminder – Any thoughts on making IG meetings earlier in the day (10am) followed by fun times (ideas please) with families?
Basically it was agreed that it would be best to keep family fun times outside of IG

D. NEW BUSINESS

- Choose date and place of 2016 Intergroup Meetings
All future dates and places of IG Meetings are subject to confirmation

27th February 2016
28th May 2016
27th August 2016
10th September 2016

Monaco
Aix en Provence
Valbonne
Lorgues

CLOSING

The next meeting will be held in Monaco on 27th February 2016.
The day will start at 12h15 with a pot luck lunch followed by the Meeting at 13h30.

After the 7th Tradition, the meeting was closed at 16h20 with the Serenity Prayer.

Thanks to the Officers, GSRs and all those who attended and participated as well as an enormous thank you to Tess for opening up and the Lorgues Group for being our hosts.

Intergroup Acting Chair – Tess

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French Liaison Officer		06.59.45.18.84
Telephone Liaison Officer	nikkimanwaring@hotmail.com	06.22.56.85.21
Continental European Region website	www.alcoholics-anonymous.eu (for access to CER contacts)	
ArenA :- the Quarterly Newsletter for the CER of AA!	http://alcoholics-anonymous.eu/arena/	
EVENTS	events@aa-riviera.org	
Guidelines UK website	http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk/download/1/library/documents/guidelines-handbook/guidelines2011.pdf	

INTERGROUP ROLL CALL Lorgues, 28 November, 2015 (page 1)

GROUP	GSR / Rep	7th (€)	Lit (€)	COMMENTS
SUNDAY				
11h00 Nice (Durante)	Mike (Treasurer)	180		Meeting does very well. The building has been sold and the meetings in Durante are threatened with closure; alternatives are being actively sought
11h30 Lorgues	Tess (GSR)	200		Very small but healthy meeting, sometimes 2 but does keep going
18h00 Nice (Buffa)	Nikki	130		Keeps going despite previous dangers of closing, Andy is treasurer
19h00 Antibes	Laura & Helen			Although there is always someone present, "Call before coming" on the Meeting List might be a deterrent to attendees
20h00 Monaco St. Paul's	Debbie (GSR)			Going well, growing in numbers (10) or more, BB meeting
MONDAY				
11H00 Montpellier	Dan (GSR)	100		Joint contribution/info with Thursday. A very happy meeting although attendance has dropped. Meeting time to change to 11h15.
17h30 Cannes	Allen (for Oliver)	100		Low attendance at the moment which can change anytime there is an event thus increasing numbers to 20-30-40; just happens sometimes
18h00 Nice (Buffa)	Nikki	120		Quite well attended with between 8 to 18, topic meeting going well
19h00 Cannes	Laura for Brian (GSR)	100		Varies in numbers with a core of 5-6, and 1 to 3 newcomers
19h00 Monaco St. Paul's	Debbie (for Caroline GSR)	260		Strong speaker meeting, good over the summer
20h00 St. Tropez	Laura for Emma GSR	150		Emma handling this single handedly. Mostly a summer meeting; appears closed in the winter. What the Group owes for rent etc is unknown so prudent reserve remains with the Group
TUESDAY				
12h30 Monaco Reformée	Louise F. (GSR)	164.50	35.50	Strong Topic meeting (taken from Daily Reflections) about 15 attendees
18h00 Nice (Buffa)				
18h00 Aix-en-Provence	Pamela (GSR)	104	8	5-7 core members although often 12 attendees, 3 newcomers. Step, Topic or Traditions Meeting; Joint contribution with Friday
19h00 Nice (Durante)	Nikki (Treasurer)	30		BB Awakening Tape meeting with 30 minutes of tapes, eg., (Joe & Charlie Step studies, Joe Hawke) then sharing – interesting & different dynamic

INTERGROUP ROLL CALL Lorgues 28 November, 2015 (page 2)				
WEDNESDAY				
12h00 Nice (Buffa)	Nikki			Up to 20 people recently! Andy is Treasurer and will send 7 th of 130€
15h00 Uzès	Monika GSR			
19h00 Nice (Buffa)	Mike (Treasurer)	100		Group does well
19h00 Valbonne	Helen GSR	50		Joint Info with Friday – small but healthy Step meeting, with more or less 4/5 people (may close for Christmas, to be advised)
THURSDAY				
17h30 Cannes	Oliver	See Monday		Joint contribution, often poorly attended (depends on the season)
18h00 Nice (Buffa)				A small meditation group
18h30 Montpellier	Dan W (GSR)	See Monday		A step/Tradition meeting
19h00 Monaco (Reformée)	Debbie	150		Step meeting, smaller than in the summer
19h30 Nice (Buffa)	Cristina (GSR)	120		About 4 people, a recovery based meeting
20h00 Six Fours la Plage	Colin (GSR)			A core group of 2-5 members, the French drop in occasionally
FRIDAY				
12h00 Nice (Buffa)				
12h30 Monaco (St. Paul's)	Maria			A healthy Acceptance meeting (p.417-418 of BB); was a women's meeting but now open to all and there are more men than women
18h30 Aix-en-Provence	Pamela GSR	See Tuesday		See Tuesday, joint contribution, BB, Topic & Promises
19h00 Nice (Buffa)	Nikki (Secretary)	220		ABSI, was by far the biggest meeting in Nice now down to 4. As there is no longer a speaker meeting In Nice, we may take that on to incite people to regenerate the meeting
19h00 Valbonne	Helen GSR	See Wednesday		Fewer than Wednesday group but same Members, joint contribution; this is a BB meeting. Mark is new secretary – Service is an excellent way to stay sober and keeps the doors open – 2-3 or 4 members
SATURDAY				
11h00 Nice (Durante)	Mike	25		Good solid meeting, 6-12 people
19h30 Antibes	Steve O	70		

NB FERNEY-VOLTAIRE Wednesday & Saturday Group is listed/insured with AA IG South of France; €49.50 insurance received but no representatives at IG

AA SOUTH OF France HELPLINE - 0820 200 257

SUMMARY AND EVOLUTION OF CALLS

from 1st March 2007 to 22nd November 2015

	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Newcomer	Existing Members	AIAnon	PI	Other	French
2007						
1 March - 28 June	3	26	7	5	10	32
29 Jun - 14 Sept	3	42	6	5	4	49
15 Sept to 5 Dec	8	24	5	0	9	58
2008						
5 Dec to 26th March	8	30	5	1	7	45
27 March to 18 June	17	42	2	0	2	6
19 June to 19 Sept	10	41	9	2	6	21
20th Sept to 11 Dec	5	31	5	2	3	20
2009						
12 Dec 08 to 7 Mar	5	9	5	2	12	11
8th March to 7th June	4	21	8	2	3	11
8th June to 8th Sept	4	44	1	1	11	15
9th Sept to 8th Dec	10	19	2	1	7	20
2010						
9th Dec to 8th March	6	15	2	1	0	9
9th Mar to 30 May	9	21	5	0	4	9
1st June to 29 Aug	17	34	8	0	7	16
29 Aug to 27 Nov	4	23	3	0	12	2
2011						
28 Nov to 8th March	13	16	2	1	1	16
9th March to 4th June	10	15	5	0	6	8
5th June to 10th Sept	24	51	8	0	5	10
11th Sept to 26th Nov	9	10	10	0	12	15
2012						
27th Nov to 18th Feb	6	11	1	0	8	4
19th Feb to 26th May						
27th May to 1st Sept	4	24	3	1	6	11
2nd Sept to 17 Nov	3	13	2	1	1	9
2013						
18 Nov to 16 Feb	9	15	4	2	3	4
17 Feb to 18 May	5	8	2	0	3	9
19th May to 24th Aug	9	32	1	0	2	8
25th Aug to 23 Nov	4	13	0	0	4	10
2014						
24 Nov to 22 Feb	5	5	3	0	2	4
23 Feb to 17 May	6	11	2	0	2	9
18 May to 30 Aug	2	18	2	0	0	7
31st Aug to 15 Nov	9	6	1	0	4	4
2015						
16 Nov to 21 Feb	5	13	0	0	0	5
22 Feb to 23 May	5	17	0	0	3	4
24 May to 5 Sept	5	39*	4	0	2	14
6 Sept to 22 Nov	8	18	0	0	3	6

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