

## AA South of France Intergroup Zoom Meeting 21st April, 2020 at 16h00

This is an on-line meeting set up to discuss present day problems during our confinement and problems / solutions encountered thus far

Attendees :

Dan – Chair / Montpellier	Jenny – Valbonne	Mike – PI / Montpellier
Katrine – Treasurer / Aix	Nikki – Nice	
Gary – CER Rep / Aix	Pamela – Secretary / Aix	

**Subcommittee Pay-Pal** – Katrine, Treasurer, Mike, PI and Jenny, Valbonne

**PayPal** account has been set up and is administered by Treasurer, IG. Both the PayPal account and the Bank Account are administered by the same person, i.e., Treasurer, IG Events have already advised (via their Distribution List) as per the following

### Quote

The Intergroup PayPal account is called PayPal.Me/AASouthofFrance and is linked to the email address [contributions@aa-riviera.org](mailto:contributions@aa-riviera.org). It is up and functioning to receive payments in any denomination (not just euros)

You need to quote the email address - [contributions@aa-riviera.org](mailto:contributions@aa-riviera.org) - when you are making a payment, and you also need to say that you are paying a friend, not a business.

### Unquote

After discussion on how to record transfers, it was agreed that Treasurer would process payments' information as she feels best.

Treasurer firmly advises that the PayPal Email address is NOT a communication channel and will NOT be responding to any comments, questions etc.

The question of 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition and what reminders we should be advising (not just rent for the Zoom room but also insurance, telephone line, etc.) will be of further consideration at a later date. Members currently attending Zoom meetings can make contributions through the new PayPal account or by sending a bank transfer to the IG bank account (South of France Alcoholics Anonymous).

**Subcommittee ZOOM** –Mike, PI and Jenny, Valbonne

A zoom account has been set up at IG Level. The purpose of this account is to be able to provide a meeting space for our IG meetings as well as any Group wishing to avail themselves of this account. (This does not mean that Groups cannot have their own zoom meetings) Guidelines will be prepared in conformity with those coming out from York in due course. This zoom account could also be used for PI meetings, telephone responder training, Zoom training etc.

At this time, it has been accepted that Jenny will administer the account and put into place the security measures for the meeting. She will send out instructions on how to run the meeting live and how to host. She will ensure that people know how to lock a meeting and have “spiritual bouncers” in the waiting room of a zoom meeting.

Further questions to be considered: Meeting protocol, Zoom Room Etiquette.  
The possible position of a Zoom Liaison Officer was discussed – this probably comes under the umbrella of PI. To be discussed further.

**Website** – Mike (PI) confirms that our website **aa-riviera.org** is down; he has been unsuccessful in communicating with the domain company to resolve the problems. In consideration of this and the fact that there have been serious problems in this regard since January, i.e. we have been without a website for 4 months, it was suggested by Katrine that we let that one go and start over with a new website.

Both Jenny and Katrine will look into which domain to use, the costs, etc. Katrine has accepted to host and design the website. **Post meeting: the new website has been designed and put up. This is available at [aa-southoffrance.org](http://aa-southoffrance.org)**

Mike advises that we should buy into the four main addresses to ensure that our website is not invaded by outside sources. The suggested name of the site would be aasouthoffrance with or without a variation of hyphens

The sites suggested are: **.org, .info, .eu & .com and building only on .org**

Mike holds the credit card details to pay the (eventual) costs.

### **Telephone**

Two or three responders have been handling our helpline for the past year. In the recent past one member alone has been handling the helpline and it was suggested that some rotation would be healthy for everyone concerned.

For Memory : at our last IG meeting in Valbonne it had been suggested that:

1. we buy a mobile phone (charger and card) which could be passed around to participating groups. (In this case each Group would have to hold a Group Conscience concerning their participation in this 24/7 service)
2. piggy back on the French Helpline
3. research another contract / phone company
4. research a crystal number (as does the French AA)

The pros and cons concerning the mobile phone were put to the floor.

Negative: our knowledge of the history here with the lack of commitment to service, the phone could be lost or not answered or handed to people without the required sober time or telephone training.

Positive: it has worked elsewhere (Geneva cited) for over 7 years

After discussion it was agreed that Dan (Montpellier) will look into the use of mobile phones. Nikki will contact our TLO to see what she can do. (**Post meeting** – once re-operating PI will research the telephone companies and see what's possible) and Helpline Training (with Dan)

**12 Stepper List**- Either current TLO or Nikki will update the 12 Steppers List – contacting our groups to ask for volunteer 12 Stepper (men for men and women for women, 12 steppers are backed by their groups)

Follow up by Dan, Nikki, Mike and TLO

**NEXT INFORMAL ZOOM IG MEETING – 5<sup>th</sup> May at 16h00**