

UNIVERSITY NAVAL TRAINING DIVISIONS of CANADA
Directors Meeting - Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2011
Albany Club, Toronto

Present : D. Hain, W. Thomas, E. File, R. Williamson, A. Shaw, B. Clearihue, R. Morris, B. Duncombe, G. Scott, J. Heighton

Regrets : B. Campbell, R. Wilson, W. Maxwell,

Agenda : Approved.

Minutes of Nov.25, 2010 Meeting :
Motion for acceptance by J. Heighton. Seconded by B. Duncombe. Carried.

England, Oct./Nov. 2011 :

VP Andy Shaw reports on developments :

Flight from Toronto Island to Newark, via Porter Airline, October 22.

Bus into New York.

Hotel or Club in New York yet to be decided ; most are exorbitant.

Penn Club a possibility.

Bus from hotel to ship, PM of the 23d.

Most attendees have opted for the 2030 dinner sitting aboard QM2.

There is a late show to accommodate late diners.

Cunard is not enthusiastic about a UNTD tour of the ship, though they might be more amenable if we offered to stand watches for the officers.

Some debate re. dress for the several formal nights aboard.

Consensus is that business suits and cocktail dresses will be acceptable, in lieu of tuxes and long gowns. Andy to advise.

Andy asks for suggestions re. association activities aboard ship.

To date, nineteen cabins have been booked.

Docking and disembarkation, Southampton, 0730 October 30. Bus waiting at pier.

Suggested we proceed directly to Portsmouth, less than an hour away, rather than returning to Portsmouth from London, later. All eager to visit HMS Victory and the dockyard. VP Shaw has a friend there who can act as a guide. Hope to visit HMS

Puncher there : the training ship for the London University Branch off the UNRU.

Lunch at Portsmouth then on to London to the Victory Services Club.

Rooms have been reserved at the VSC in the Centenary Wing. Each attendee must book himself via internet or telephone. (res@vsc.co.uk)

or 011-44207723-4474. Quote the UNTD group reservation code #2297284.

Advise Andy via e-mail when you have become a member of VSC. Each member may bring as many as three guests.

Andy will prepare a one page summary of the excursion for inclusion in the next newsletter.

The El Alamein Room, at the VSC, has been booked for a UNTD Mess Dinner on Nov. 3.

Discussion occurred re. invitation to the dinner, of a Royal personage. Prince Andrew suggested, as he has lived in Canada and skated with our VP. This possibility to be explored through the office of the Governor General. Suggested also that Gwynn Dyer, ex UNTD and noted author, now residing in London, be invited, either to the dinner or to a reception held earlier in the week.

Repatriation : June Longpre is attempting to arrange a group rate for flights home from London, complicated by the fact that not everyone plans to leave on the 4th. A better rate is available if a minimum of ten fly together, homeward.

Bob Duncombe will contact the British Admiral in charge of the RN Reserves concerning our planned visits.

The Gil Hutton memorial plaque : Unanimous acceptance and approval of Bob Williamson's testimonial statement to appear on the plaque. It will also contain a crest and a photo of Gil. Bob has contacted a manufacturer of plaques. This will cost approximately \$150. The plaque will be placed in the wardroom of HMCS Star.

NOAC AGM, Niagara on the Lake, June 8 - 12 : Our organization is committed to a presence there on Sunday. Continuing concern expressed re. availability and price of rooms in that location. Bob W. recommends booking rooms in St. Catharines. Bob is willing to conduct a tour of the (four) Welland Canals. More info. forthcoming in the Spring Newsletter.

Kingston, 2012 : We hope to have an event in Kingston in 2012, preferably a Reunion Mess Dinner at HMCS Catarauqui, combined with an AGM, tentatively on October 20. Ed File will investigate further.

UNTD AGM, 2011 : It was noted that we are not required to have an AGM every year, that we can leave it until 2012. If we have it this year, we might duplicate (in the Spring ?) last Fall's very successful dinner cruise of the harbour, or we could hold the meeting aboard the QMII enroute to England. To be considered further.

Treasurer's Report : This report covers the full 2010 year. Although the profit & Loss Statement indicates an operating loss of \$1549, the refund, in January by the NOAC, of the thousand dollar seed funding we provided for the Halifax Centennial Reunion reduces that loss to \$549. The Balance Sheet for 2010 records total assets of \$12,348. Our thanks to Richard Wilson for his efforts as treasurer.

Newsletter : Co-editor Bob Williamson outlined the features of the forthcoming newsletter. It will include an account of Ed File's experiences in England, with the Royal Navy, an obituary and photo of Gil Hutton, an announcement of the promotion to the rank of Admiral of Jennifer Bennett, who is now responsible for all reserve forces. Bob and Bill Clearihue plan to update "Untidy tales."

Archives : Bill Clearihue has been organizing UNTD data and records, and researching, on-line records of various cadets. Bill will collect and store the many documents that have accumulated over the years.

Other Business : Brooke Campbell has retired as our West Coast representative/director, and Roger Elmes nominated and acclaimed to assume that role.

Next meeting : Thursday, September 22, 1200 for 1230, at the Albany Club.