

UNTD ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
DIRECTORS MEETING
Sept. 22, 2011 - Albany Club

Present : W. Thomas, B. Clearihue, D. Hain, R. Williamson, A. Shaw,
R. Wilson, G. Scott, J. Heighton

Regrets : E. File, R. Elmes, M. Maxwell, B. Duncombe, R. Morris

1. Agenda : President Thomas moves that the agenda for today be adopted.

Seconded and carried.

2. Minutes of the Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2011 were considered.

Secretary, John Heighton, moves that the minutes be adopted. Seconded and carried.

3. Queen Mary 2 Cruise, and UK sojourn : UNTD Vice-President Andy Shaw, the chief instigator and organizer of this mission, discussed the planned program and asked for direction from the directors. Andy provided a Calendar/Schedule for October 22 through November 4, listing daily events.

Andy remarked upon the exceptional diligence and effort of our Travel Agent, June Longpre.

* On October 22 we (most of us) depart from the Island Airport via Porter Airlines, to Newark. Thence, we will be bused to the Millenium Hotel in midtown Manhattan. We had hoped to have an organized event there, possibly at the Yale Club, but the cost of \$60 per person was considered excessive, and various members of our group had other plans for that evening. Consequently, we have opted for an informal gathering, at 1730, at the Charlotte bar in the Millenium.

* The issue of the time of dinner aboard QM 2 was discussed. Although the original plan was for the UNTD group to dine at 2030 hours, most participants informed the travel agent that they prefer to dine at 1800. The directors decided, with some reluctance on the part of several, that all would be encouraged to join the majority at 1800, but everyone should choose what works best for him/her.

* Andy assured us that all of our cabins are on the starboard side of the QM2, enabling us to see the Statue of Liberty as we sail past.

* There will be daily updates in the ConneXions lounge during the passage.

* We have requested a ship's tour but Cunard appears reluctant.

* On Tuesday, the movie, "The Cruel Sea" will be screened.

* On Wednesday, a photo of the entire group will be taken at 1730 on

the “grand staircase”, and at 1900 we “Dine the Ladies” in the Todd English Restaurant. The traditional formal Mess Dinner invitations will be proffered. to group members.

* On Thursday at 1100 there will be a formal ceremony to commit the ashes of our founding director, Gil Hutton to the sea.

*At the morning muster on Saturday, disembarkation procedures will be discussed.

* Sunday morning, all will disembark together and board a very large bus bound for London (and glory). If possible, we will stop at HMS Ranger. Ms. Georgina Beacon will meet and accompany us to assist with indoctrination.

* On Monday, our first full day in London, at 1100, Commodore David Wilson will address us about the URNU, followed by lunch. with guest speaker Gwynn Dyer, historian of note and ex. UNTD., both events at the Naval Club in Mayfair.

* Tuesday, forty-nine of us will go by bus to Oxford where those who so choose will visit the URNU unit. There will be abundant time to visit the city and university. Doug Hain recommends a side-trip to Blenheim palace, just outside of Oxford. This excursion will last from 0845 to 1700.

* Several teams will visit other URNU units. It is hoped that some may be able to board the patrol craft and even to cruise on them. Andy Shaw expressed the importance of every ex-UNTD attempting to visit at least one of the URNU units. Andy will distribute small audio recorders with which our agents will collect information and comments from personnel at URNU units. The tapes will be collected and the data collated for a report to be presented in 2012.

* Thursday, Mess Dinner at the VSC. Canada’s High Commissioner to Britain may be invited, but Graham Scott recommended that we invite a military person associated with the VSC, hoping that he/she might discuss the re-organization of the armed forces in Britain. Most directors approved of this suggestion.

* Friday - Excursion to Portsmouth and Stonehenge. 0945 - 1900. Fifty attending, bus full. Lunch at the Royal Maritime Club, adjacent to the dockyard. A boat tour of the harbour is a possibility. We will tour HMS Victory and, hopefully, another newer warship.

* Additional expenses : A number of the planned activities involve extra expenses, some of which must be borne by the participants, including

a) Naval Club events \$40 b) VSC Reception \$20 c) Mess Dinner \$65 and d) UNTD caps \$10. The organization will partly subsidize events at the Naval Club, and the URNU excursions. The total subsidy will amount to \$1700.

A motion to this effect was put forward as follows : “That subsidies

be provided to a maximum of \$2000 towards research activities and honoraria, in Britain, with a clear understanding that all subsidies be directly related to the furtherance of the project to re-establish the university reserve officer training program in Canada. " So moved by Andy Shaw. Seconded by John Heighton. Carried with one dissenting member.

5. Gil Hutton Plaque : Bob Williamson presented the memorial plaque to President Bill Thomas. This will be conveyed, for display, to HMCS Star at a forthcoming event, possibly on January 25. On that date Bob Williamson will be lecturing there on the War of 1812. Gil Hutton's family have provided rum to enhance the festivities.

6. Kingston, October 2012 : There is a tentative proposal for a UNTD weekend event at HMCS Cataraqui and environs, including a mess dinner and other events. Andy Shaw hopes to have his report concerning the URNU ready for presentation by then. Ron Paquin and Ed File will be asked to investigate further.

8. Treasurer's Report : Association Treasurer, Richard Wilson presented his quarterly report listing total assets of \$13,144. For the period of January through September of 2011, the Association has registered a net loss of \$990.

Richard noted that our income from GIC investments, due to low interest rates, is minuscule. Richard moved that we cash the current GIC (\$2865) and purchase one for \$5000. Seconded by Doug Hain. Carried. Concerning membership, Richard reported that those members who have not paid membership dues since 2008 have been deleted from the mailing list. Currently there are 203 members, 152 of whom are fully paid up.

Richard moved that the Treasurer's report be adopted. Seconded by Andy Shaw. Carried.

9. Newsletter Report : Editor, Bob Williamson, seeks input in regard to improving our (already excellent) newsletter. He requires a report on the cruise to and sojourn in Britain, by early February. Co-editor, Bill Clearihue, distributed CDs to the directors containing lists of all recorded UNTD cadets, their numbers and divisions, a list of the (known to be) deceased, and a long, long list of the many accomplishments and honours earned. There are, as well, copies of Association Newsletters and of the White Twist journals. Bob Williamson reports that the 5th edition of Untidy tales is progressing, and planned for release in 2012, the 70th anniversary of the founding of the UNTD. It has grown from 175 to 380 pages and may

reach 400.

10. Web Page Report : Web page supervisor, Bill Thomas reports that the UNTD web pages are much visited, averaging 3000 hits per month. There have been a number of improvements and updates recently.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for November 24 at the Staff College on Yonge Boulevard.

Meeting adjourned, 1500 hours.