

UNTD ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
Directors Meeting
Thursday March 13, 2014
1200
Albany Club Toronto

Present (in the flesh): Andy Shaw, Richard Wilson, Ed File, Doug Hain

Present (by phone communication): Bill Thomas, Bill Clearihue, Roger Elmes, Bob Duncombe, Michael Mace, Graham Scott, Bob Jenkins

Regrets: Iain Munro, Wayne Maxwell, Bob Williamson, David Frayer, Greg McKenzie

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Bill Thomas, seconded by Richard Wilson. CARRIED

Minutes of the December meeting: Moved by Doug Hain, seconded by Andy Shaw. CARRIED

Finance and Membership Report: Richard Wilson presented financial statements showing a total equity and liability of \$19,373 (the liability is prepaid membership of \$2230). Our net profit to date this year is \$2632. There was a spurt in membership growth as a result of the special bargain offered last year; the growth has slowed considerably since then. Moved by Richard Wilson, seconded by Ed File, that the Report be accepted. CARRIED

Newsletter Report: Bill Clearihue reported that the Newsletter is ready to go pending a possible insert about a June 6 weepers at STAR and information about the AGM on Sunday October 5 in Ottawa.

Archives Report: Bill Clearihue reported increased website visits (but no money!) Moved by Bill Clearihue, seconded by Michael Mace, that the Report be accepted. CARRIED

Business arising:

(1) Motto: Bill Clearihue recommended that Board members send in their choices ranked 1, 2 and 3 from a list provided. We should choose on the basis of the English version but keep in mind the need for language expertise in translation and the size/length of the motto for its use on pins and other small items. The Board should then select a final "short list" of three mottos for the consideration of the membership at the AGM.

(2) New Board members: To fulfill the need for a francophone director, Bob Duncombe will contact Simon Garneau. Bob Baugnier had other recommendations.

(3) Directors emeriti: It was decided to send Minutes and other Board business only to serving Board members.

(4) Ties: Bill Thomas reported continuing problems of communication with our supplier.

Annual General Meeting October 2014: Michael Mace laid out the general structure of the NAC/NOAC AGM. It will begin on Thursday October 2 with a full day symposium on submarines, held at the National Arts Centre. Friday will feature business meetings and Saturday the AGM itself. There will be "partners programs", receptions and a formal dinner. The main venue will be the Lord Elgin Hotel. It was recommended that the UNTD visit the War Museum, then have our AGM following a Sunday Church Service and Up Spirits. We need to find out if we get NAC or non-NAC rates and whether we must join the NAC in order to attend. It should also be made clear, in advance, what activities we can attend. There will be more detail at the June UNTD Directors Meeting.

2018 Reunion: Bob Jenkins has formed a group to help plan activities not only in the St. John's area, but extended visits to other parts of Newfoundland. We look forward to further detail. He also stated that some sort of remembrance be made for the late Art May.

New business:

(1) Support for the CNMT's Battle of the Atlantic Project: There was a request for our postal codes, but while we support the project, we decided not to release our members' names and postal codes. There was a suggestion that the UNTD purchase a Trusteeship in the CNMT as a way of showing support and making a donation at the same time. There will be reference to the project in the fall Newsletter.

(2) Breakout Network update: Andy Shaw informed us that although Rob Roy received a significant reception in Washington, the main principals behind this venture have "disappeared" (retired or promoted to other responsibilities). Since Admiral Devlin is now at Fanshawe College, perhaps it is within the community colleges, rather than just universities, that the effort should be directed.

(3) Future of the UNTD: There was discussion of the SWOT analysis that Roger Elmes organized and a number of directors responded to. (These have been summarized on adjacent pages.) During the discussion, CMDR Bob Bagnier phoned in his commentary. He pointed out that the UNTD is the only voice of the NAVRES and that recent changes in the command structure means that the NAVRES will not exist as a separate entity with its own commander, but be a part of MARPAC. This effectively weakens the lines of communication between the Reserves and the commands of the branches of the Canadian Forces. As for the possible merging with the NAC, it was pointed out that until the by-laws of the NAC are certified, (in application for charitable status) further discussion must be postponed. A "roll call" of director's opinions on the future of the UNTD ensued, revealing a variety of views ranging from the idea of "winding up" the organization at the 75th Anniversary, to encouraging all NAVRES to join the UNTD, to joining the NAC in one form or another. The discussion will continue, with fresh insights, at future meetings.

Adjournment: Moved by Andy Shaw.

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