

UNIVERSITY NAVAL TRAINING DIVISIONS of CANADA
GENERAL MEETING
Four Points Sheraton Hotel
KINGSTON, NOVEMBER 3, 2012

Present : Directors Thomas, Shaw, Williamson, Morris, File, Hain, Heighton, and Mace, and more than forty other members of the association.

A quorum being in attendance, the General Meeting was called to order at 1330 hours

1. **The Agenda** : A motion for adoption of the proposed agenda made by Reg. Kowalchuk, seconded by Ron Paquin. Carried.
2. **Minutes of the last General Meeting**, held aboard the Yankee Lady tour boat in Toronto Harbour on September 25, 2010, were reviewed. Secretary, John Heighton moved adoption of said minutes, seconded by Bob Morris. Carried.
3. **Financial Report** : In the absence of treasurer, Richard Wilson, copies of his latest report, for the period 01/01/12 through 31/10/12 were distributed. The current asset balance is \$26,017 and the statement of profit and loss reveals a net profit, for this period, of \$13,672. However, this balance and this profit do not reflect the expenses associated with this General Meeting. A more accurate picture of the state of our finances will emerge shortly. Motion to accept the financial report made by Pierre Taillon, seconded by David Tildesly. Carried.
4. **Report on the 2011 visit to University Royal Navy Units in the UK** : Vice President Andy Shaw, the originator and organizer of this fact-finding excursion , presented a summary of the events and findings. The report was based upon the observations and viewpoints collected from UNTD members who fanned out across Britain to investigate the URNU units, where they were received graciously and provided with abundant information about what appears to be a very successful officer training plan. It is noteworthy that these URNU units are not, primarily, intended as vehicles for training officers for the RN, although about a third of the program graduates go on to serve in the RN or the RNR. Rather, they are intended to provide educated citizens with an appreciation and understanding of the RN. Of particular interest to us is the fact that each university unit is assigned its own patrol craft as training vessel, and a team consisting of an RN officer, CPO coxn, technician, and secretary. VP Shaw reminded the association members present that the purpose of the excursion, in addition to fellowship and tourism, was to evaluate the URNU training in relation to our own UNTD experience, and with a view to promoting the re-establishment of officer training at Canadian universities. He advised that there have been some positive developments, to that end, in part due to the efforts of the Breakout Network under the leadership of television producer, Rob Roy. This organization has been promoting the cause for a number of years. The University of Alberta, with the support of General Devlin, will initiate an Army officer training program, called "Canadian National Leadership Program" in September of 2013. Rob

Roy has elicited expressions of interest in the program from ten other universities, including Queens and U of Toronto. He has urged the UNTD to write to Vice-Admiral Paul Maddison, current head of the RCN, strongly endorsing this leadership program at the University of Alberta. It was moved by Peter Riordan and seconded by Robert Baugnet that the UNTD President and board prepare this letter of endorsement. All attending members concurred. Senator Bill Romkey recommended that we propose the existing Naval Reserve establishments as locations for revived naval, training. Arthur May, retired President of Memorial University, cited the facilities for naval training already existing at Memorial, advocating it as a viable site for a unit. Andy Shaw moved acceptance of his report. Seconded by Doug Hain. Carried.

5. **Affirmation of the Mission Statement** : President Thomas directed the assembled members to examine the Mission Statement. He advised that this statement had been a labour of several months of debate, negotiation and compromise on the part of the directors. Accordingly, he was presenting it for approval and acceptance, or outright rejection, but was not prepared to accept substantial change at this time. Several minor amendments were suggested and are incorporated in the most recent version. Consequently, the statement was accepted unanimously.
6. **Election of Directors** : President Thomas asked for endorsement of the current slate of directors, and solicited nominations for new members of the Board. The current slate includes William Clearihue, Robert Duncombe, Roger Elmes, Edgar File, Douglas Hain, John Heighton, Michael Mace, Robert Morris, Wayne Maxwell, Graham Scott, Andy Shaw, William Thomas, Robert Williamson, and Richard Wilson. New members : Iain Munro was nominated by David Field and seconded by Bob Morris. Arthur May was nominated by Andy Shaw and seconded by John Heighton. These gentlemen agreed to serve and were acclaimed and confirmed by the assembled members.
7. **Newsletter and Archives** : President Thomas requested that Bob Williamson and Bill Clearihue be recognized for their outstanding efforts with respect to the newsletter and our archives. The Newsletter continues to impress, each subsequent edition somehow surpassing the last. And Bill Clearihue has managed to locate, organize, store, publish, and place on line on the UNTD website, a phenomenal amount of data, much of it presumed lost. For his efforts (above and beyond the call of duty), Bob Williamson has recommended that Bill be awarded the Silver Medallion, presented by the Naval Association of Canada for exemplary service to the NAC and to Canada. President Thomas will make the nomination to the Board of the NAC. Bill provided a UNTD Archives summary report as part of the package distributed to members at the General Meeting. He encourages all to send him more data and photos for the archives. Bob Williamson used this occasion to launch his new, expanded edition of Untidy Tales. Our web page is receiving, on average, 3000 hits per month. It contains over 150 pages, and 235 files. It has links to 50 other naval sites related to the activities of the Royal Canadian Navy.

8. **Projects** : The UNTD will celebrate the 70th anniversary of the formation of the organization by joining the NAC at its General Meeting in Victoria from Thursday, June 6 to Sunday, June 9, 2013. West coast organizers are attempting to arrange a cruise aboard a patrol vessel, and some UNTDs may be able to stay at the Wardroom at Esquimault. Andy Shaw, with the assistance of June Longpre, is exploring the possibility of a train excursion aboard the Canadian Mountaineer from Calgary to Vancouver, en route to this reunion. In addition, UNTD members will be able to join NAC members on a planned Alaska cruise after the reunion.
9. **New Business** : Members were asked to approve a letter addressed to the bank which holds the UNTD account, to direct the bank to alter the name of the association from UNTD Association of Upper Canada to UNTD Association of Canada, and that the signing officers of the association be (two of) William Thomas, President, Richard Wilson (treasurer) and John Heighton (secretary). An alert member pointed out that the name of the bank in question was missing from the letter. Moved by Ross Connell and seconded by Tony Bernard that the name of the bank be added and that it be specified that any two of the three signing officers be required to sign cheques issued by the UNTD Association. Carried.

Bob Morris moved that a vote of thanks and appreciation be directed to the Kingston committee consisting of Ron Paquin, Ed File, Karl VanDalen, and Doug Slack, for their diligence in organizing this event. Unanimous agreement and enthusiastic approval.

Meeting adjourned, 1515 hours.