May 10, 2012

Regrets : M. Mace, B. Morris, W. Maxwell, R. Elmes Present : W. Thomas, E. File, R. Williamson, A. Shaw, D. Hain, R. Wilson, B. Clerihue, R. Duncombe, G. Scott, J. Heighton

Approval of the agenda : So moved by R.Wilson, seconded by G. Scott, carried.

2. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Jan. 19, 2012 meeting: So moved by J. Heighton, seconded by D. Hain, carried. A guestion arose about the inclusion of those directors at either coast who are unable to attend meetings in Ontario. A conference call would be one alternative, but it was thought that a three hour meeting conducted by telephone was an unrealistic prospect. It was noted that a decision concerning our mission statement was successfully concluded by use of e-mail and that that medium remains a viable option. A snowstorm having precluded our scheduled February meeting, for instance, the directors, by means of these e-mail exchanges, were able to conduct some crucial business including approval of the budget for the November 3/4 AGM in Kingston, and permission to publicize the fundraising drives for HMCS Sackville and the Crow's Nest Officers' Club. And finally, after protracted and "spirited" discussion, a final compromise draft of the UNTD mission statement was prepared for presentation and approval at this May meeting.

3. Finance : Treasurer Richard Wilson reports a net profit of \$1577 for the period of Jan.1/12 to Apr.30/12. Our Balance Sheet shows an assets balance of \$12,595.

With respect to membership fees, Richard suggested that we forget the overdue amounts and mail out billings for 2013 and beyond. No clear decision on that suggestion at present, but Richard will send out, immediately, notices of dues owing, again providing the option of paying for one, two, or three years. He noted that we are receiving a better payment response from those who follow us on the UNTD website than from those to whom he mails reminders.

There was discussion about the possibility of placing the association on Facebook. Responses ranged from enthusiastic to horrified . No decision.

Treasurer Wilson moved adoption of the Financial Report. Seconded by E. File. Carried.

4. Newsletter and "Untidy Tales" : Author/Editor Bob Williamson provided the directors with copies of the table of contents for the forthcoming edition of Untidy Tales. The book will be considerably longer than the original, and Bob continues to receive additional information from our members, complicating his attempts to complete it. Approximately a month hence, the MS will be taken to McMaster University Press for printing. Copies will sell for \$30. We hope to promote and sell it at the November AGM in Kingston. The new name will be "Untidy Tales of Naval Officer Cadets" with the subtitle "The story of the University Naval Training Divisions". Concerning the last Newsletter, March 2012, enthusiastic accolades accorded to Bob Williamson and to Bill Clerihue for an outstanding edition, both interesting and colourful. Bill's technical skill in conveying our QMII shipboard group photo onto the front page, complete with the names of all present, was remarkable. The next edition will be issued in September. The editors require any submissions to be in their hands by August 15. Bob suggests that we do not publish obituaries in the Newsletter, as they do appear on the website. Richard Wilson proposed that we publish only names and dates of the deceased in the newsletter. Bob Williamson moved acceptance of the Newsletter report. Seconded by Doug Hain. Carried.

5. Mission Statement, Aims and Objectives. Statement circulated to directors. To be adopted as circulated. Available for viewing on the Website. Acceptance moved by A. Shaw, seconded by B. Clerihue. Carried.

6. UNTD Website : President Thomas reports that we have a new, improved website, called Angelfire. It is currently receiving about 3000 hits per month. It can be used, if we wish, in conjunction with Paypal to facilitate UNTD related purchases online. B. Clerihue moves acceptance of this report, seconded by A. Shaw, carried.

7. AGM, Kingston, Nov.3 and 4 : Ed File reports : the details and registration forms appear on the UNTD website. Ron Paquin, with the assistance of Doug Slack and David Field, have organized the event. The formal aspects of the weekend events commence the morning of Saturday, Nov. 3, but there will be an informal weepers at the home of David Field, on Wolf Island, on Friday evening. Ron will be asked to prepare a promotional blurb for the September newsletter. Andy Shaw suggests that we offer a free UNTD hat, with logo by Lynn, to those who register early. Andy proposed that we order more hats to present as gifts and for sale. A number of fifty was agreed upon. Seconded by J. Heighton and carried. Newsletter editor, Bob W suggests that we provide photos of the hotel, the ferry and other venues, for the Sept. newsletter.

8. Follow-up, QMII passage and URNU visits : Andy Shaw has been awaiting our approval of the revised mission statement before preparing his final report on the URNU visits. A copy will be forwarded to the Breakout Network, in care of Rob Roy, as ammunition in furthering the cause of the restoration of military training at Canada's universities. Bill Clerihue encourages the UNTD directors to discover more about what is, in fact, occurring at those campuses. We should seek information from an official body or person, such as Admiral Bennet, the current head of the reserves, or her designate,. To that end, President Thomas will invite Admiral Bennet or her designated representative to address the AGM on November 3.

9. 2013 - the 70th Anniversary of the founding off the UNTD :

Proposals : a special Newsletter a celebration, with the NOAC, at Esquimault Brooke Campbell would reserve rooms at the officer's wardroom for UNTDs Topic left for further discussion at later meetings.

10. Cruise 3 : Andy Shaw reminds us of the possibility of a cruise to or from San Diego, including visits to US Naval establishments, again with a view to discovering what officer training programs are offered at US universities.

Next meeting - September 13th at the Albany Club..