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NTD Association of Canada. Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday March 17, 2015

Agenda (RCMI Toronto)

11:30 (Long Bar, 3rd floor) 12:00 Meeting

Present: Roger Elmes (presiding), Graham Scott, Doug Hain, Andy Shaw, Bill Thomas, Bill Clearihue, Richard Wilson

By phone: Russ Cape, Greg McKenzie, Hugues LeTourneau, Michael Mace, Bob Duncombe, Wayne Maxwell, Iain Munro, Ed File

Regrets: Bob Williamson, Dave Frayer, Bob Jenkins

Welcome to new Board Member: We welcome Russ Cape (Victoria) aboard, giving us presence on the island and connections with ex-Chippewans.

Approval of the Agenda with additions:

Andy Shaw to present information about possible cruises; and arrangements to honour John Heighton as a director emeritus. Moved by Bill Thomas, second by Richard Wilson that the agenda be approved. CARRIED.

Minutes of the 11 December 2014 meeting: these were previously emailed. Moved by Doug Hain, seconded by Andy Shaw that these be approved. CARRIED.

President's Report: These were previously emailed. Moved by Bill Thomas, seconded by Richard Wilson that these be approved. CARRIED.

Finance Report: The financial report was previously emailed. Moved by Graham Scott, seconded by Bill Thomas that these be approved. CARRIED.

Membership Report: Richard Wilson reported there were 194 paid up members and over 600 on the email list. Moved Bill Clearihue, Seconded by Bill Thomas that this report be approved. CARRIED.

Newsletter Report: Bill Clearihue reported that the cost of the printing and mailing is \$300, 20% of the membership fee (Starshell is 40% of fees). By using email, the cost would decrease by 50% and would enable over pages and possibly full colours. Moved by Bill Clearihue, seconded by Bill Thomas that the newsletter be issued in pdf form. CARRIED.

Reserve Officer Training and the Universities: Andy Shaw reported that the good news is a change of command; General Lawson (RCAF) will be succeeded by a Navy man - ~~Vice-Admiral Mark Norman, Commander of the Royal Canadian Navy~~ but there seems little actual activity apart from University of Alberta proceeding with the Army program. Memorial University and HCMS Cabot still seem interested. Rob Roy's funding is running low, but is planning a fourth documentary "Are we sinking?" Greg McKenzie will investigate the Alberta initiative assisted by Glen Power. A number of opinions were expressed:

1. We need to know exactly what is being done now with Reserves.
2. The Reserves are now part of the Regular Force with consequent on-going changes in policy.
3. We need to promote the idea of highly capable tech-savvy individuals.
4. We need a "briefing paper" for Rob Roy especially the linkage between universities and Reserve divisions.
5. We need a vehicle for the public to understand and appreciate the need for a Canadian Navy.

Business Arising:

Future relationship with the NAC: Bill Thomas reported that the NAC has a membership of 1288 with 303 being UNTD graduates, so one quarter of the NAC are UNTD, also one quarter of the board and executive positions and medal winners are UNTD graduates. The outlining four future possibilities:

1. Form a UNTD Branch of NAC. This would be a formal link and a guaranteed way of nominating a director.
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3. Consult with our UNTD membership whether to become more active politically, and
4. Remain in the present situation as two separate entities.

It was pointed out that Branches have no real power at the national level of NAC. It was further pointed out that the NAC's membership is not increasing whereas the UNTD is increasing 1 or 2 members a month.

Becoming part of the NAC would require a membership fee of \$40 per year.

After a spirited discussion, it was moved by Ed File, seconded by Bob Duncan, that we remain as two separate groups. CARRIED.

Newsletter - hard or digital or both: Bill Clearihue – see above.

Financial Support to NAC Ottawa AGM: Michael Mace pointed out major NAC support and attendance at our lunch but lost money overall. He moved that \$479 (already in their coffers) be given to the Ottawa Branch of the NAC seconded by Andy Shaw. CARRIED.

Quebec City Naval Rendezvous - UNTD gathering - Hugues LeTourneau pointed out there have been late changes regarding Laval and the 2017 Canadian Celebrations (150th year of confederation) so there will not be the expected UNTD reunion there.

NAC Calgary Conference - Greg MacKenzie's report has been received by email. He's made many new contacts in the Calgary area. There will be a newsletter insert regarding registration, etc.

Mailchimp email service - Andy Shaw will investigate various external operators over the next 30 days.

New Business:

Priorities 2015 – these have been circulated by email.

There is a need to upgrade the website to a more modern template.

New resources are needed to further promote the UNTD aims.

We will invite John Heighton to our next meeting to present him with his certificate.

Cruise Options – Andy Shaw presented brochures outlining various cruise options on both the North America including Great Lakes and in Europe.

Adjournment: Moved by Andy Shaw. CARRIED.

Next Meeting: Tuesday June 16, 2015