

UNTD Association of Canada, Board of Directors

Meeting

Tuesday, 31 March 2020
1800 EDT

Draft Minutes

In attendance: Russ Cape, Glenn Carroll, Bill Clearihue, Ross Connell, Glenn Davidson, Roger Elmes, Hugues Létourneau, Ken McCaw, Iain Munro, Graham Scott, Bill Thomas

Regrets: Wayne Mawell, Bob Jenkins

The meeting was called to order at 1820, EDT.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Glenn Davidson
Seconded by Bill Thomas
CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 14 January 2020 meeting

Moved by Iain Munro
Seconded by Roger Elmes
CARRIED

(Note: it was pointed out by Ross Connell that minutes of meetings should be accompanied by the various reports individual members or committees submit to the meeting, especially as these will eventually be placed on the UNTD website. All concurred.)

3. Nomination Of Cmdre Robert Blakely to UNTDA Board

The President directed that the order of the Agenda be changed and to proceed immediately with item 7 - the nomination of Bob Blakely to the UNTDA Board of Directors.

Discussion: Hugues Létourneau reported that Bob Blakely had been approached and would be pleased to serve. Hugues, Ken McCaw and Glenn Davidson stated that his joining the Board would be most welcome. Hugues will forward Bob's telephone number to Graham Scott.

Moved by Hugues Létourneau
Seconded by Ken McCaw
CARRIED

Reports

4. **President's Report**

Graham Scott stated that the old format of some Board members lunching at the RCMI in Toronto while others called in had been overtaken by events and was no longer viable. This 31 March 2020 meeting was being conducted using Zoom, which had been unofficially trialled by most Board members a few days previously. While no vote was taken, it was agreed by all present that barring any future problems, this was the method to be adopted for this and future meetings.

5. **Finance Report**

Ross Connell, referring to his previously circulated report, stated that there were sufficient funds to invest \$5,000 in an 18-month GIC. He also asked for a vote on a \$3,000 donation as the UNTDA's contribution to the Vancouver Shipbuilding Monument.

Moved by Ross Connell
Seconded by Roger Elmes
CARRIED

6. **Newsletter Report**

Bill Clearihue stated that the next issue of the UNTDA Newsletter is in progress.

7. **Membership Committee Report**

Russ Cape, referring to his report, stated that he was trying to get individuals who can help find ex-cadets. King Wan (Vancouver), Nick Slonosky (Winnipeg) and Liz Marr (Winnipeg) were identified as 'finders.' The need to have more women participate at all levels of the UNTDA was also mentioned. It was suggested that RAdm Jennifer Bennett be approached and Glenn Davidson stated he would do so.

8. **2023 Committee Report**

The President referred to the previously circulated draft report on this, stating that Dave Craig is looking at finding one or two links to each of the country's NRDs. Roger Elmes also stated he would once more contact the official OPI for the Naval Reserve's 2023 celebration, Cdr Beth Vallis. The draft report was put to a vote.

Moved by Roger Elmes
Seconded by Bill Clearihue
CARRIED

9. **Proposed Archives Committee**

The concept, based on previously circulated discussions, of attempting to widen the scope of the UNTDA's archives beyond Bill Clearihue and Glen Carroll, was accepted by the Board. That said, it was recognized that this will be a big project, and the President noted

the need for participants. Persons who have indicated an interest are Neil Bell, as well as Ian Barker, particularly regarding the Ontario Agricultural College tender for HMCS *Star*. The President called for a vote on the stand-up of the Archives Committee.

Moved by Roger Elmes
Seconded by Bill Clearihue
CARRIED

10. Proposed Communications Committee

The proposal for a Communications Committee was also generally accepted. Possible members that were proposed include Ross Connell, Graham Scott, Barry Frewar, Bob Baugniet and Jeff Agnew. The President called for a vote on the stand-up of this new Committee.

Moved by Ross Connell
Seconded by Bill Thomas
CARRIED

11. Website home page changes

The addition of new committees and the expansion of existing ones generated a discussion on the role of the UNTDA itself. The questions was asked whether we were abandoning our advocacy role. The President replied that our role was not advocacy in the first place: the UNTDA is a group of people united by their cadet experience and has no formal advocacy role.

Ross Connell stated that in that case, it should be clearly reflected on the website what the UNTDA actually does and that its committees' roles should be clearly understood. The previously submitted changes to the website put forward by Ross Connell were put to a vote.

Moved by Ross Connell
Seconded by Bill Clearihue
CARRIED

New Business

12. The President stated that Ed File was no longer a member of the UNTDA Board, but that he had served many years as a member of the UNTDA, including over a decade as a Board member. The President then proposed that Ed be made a Director Emeritus.

Moved by Ross Connell
Seconded by Roger Elmes
CARRIED

13. Glenn Carroll reported that owing to covid-19, the proposal for a 2021 Cruise had become problematic. For the present, at least, Andy Shaw's proposal to that effect has been withdrawn.

14. In a similar vein, the proposal to have a UNTDA activity merged or partnered with the upcoming NAC annual meeting has also been overtaken by events, as the meeting will likely not take place. The proposal will be revisited in the future by Roger Elmes and Bill Thomas.

Adjournment

15. The President adjourned the meeting at 2030.

Moved by Iain Munro
Seconded by Glenn Davidson
CARRIED