

**RECORD OF DISCUSSION
SWORDFISH ASSOCIATION MEETING
HELD AT THE 14 WING MUSEUM CONFERENCE ROOM
1300 ON 01 APRIL 2015 2014**

Chairperson Chris Henneberry (President)
Bill Brown (Treasurer)
Jeff McBean (Membership)
Earl Goski (Artefact Coordinator) regrets
Maj Al Harvey (Museum Liaison)
Bert Campbell (Web Manager)
Reid McBride (Kit Shop) regrets
Rick Anscorb (VPI Liaison)
Butch Fleury (Alumni member) regrets
Chris Larsen (History) regrets

1. The Chairman reported that there is still no confirmation concerning the 4xx project. However, as directed by the Wing Commander planning activities for the week of 1-5 June continue. It is expected that a Long Range Patrol Seminar and an MP&EU hosted Tri-National Symposium will take place that week. It can also be expected that VPI will host a Meet and Greet on Thursday 4 June. Should the 4xx stand-up be approved a parade would be held on the morning of Friday 5 June. This event would culminate with a formal dinner that same evening.
2. The Chairman also noted that earlier in the day he had met with representatives of MP&EU's organizing group to discuss the status of 415 artifacts. He was advised that a draft plan for placement of key artefacts has already been drawn. Also existing library and storage space on the Unit have already been identified to place the remaining artifacts. This space will also be provisioned to facilitate historical study. The Chairman also met with 405 representatives to discuss 415 artefacts currently on loan. Plans are being made to move these artifacts in June.
3. The Agenda, which was promulgated before the meeting, was adopted as presented. The Chairman noted the absence of Earl Goski, who is dealing with a serious medical issue. He noted that he planned to meet with Earl within the next day.
4. The Record of Discussion (ROD) from 19 November 2014 was reviewed and accepted as promulgated.
5. East Moor 2015. The Chairman noted that both 8 and 14 Wings are still awaiting higher Headquarter authorization to send personnel to East Moor. At this point the plan is to send two personnel from 429 Squadron and two personnel from MP&EU, who have previously served on 415 Squadron.

6. Membership Report. The Membership Coordinator noted that there had been one new member added since his last report bringing the total membership to 115. He also noted that the 415 Alumni Address List had recently been updated.

7. Financial Report. The Treasurer provided a report to the Chairman, which was tabled at the meeting. As of 01 April 2015, the Association had \$3710.53 in its bank account. The modest decrease in the balance was the result of the annual donation to the Veteran's Unit at Soldiers Memorial Hospital in Middleton. Bill Brown also advised that a club or association account held at CIBC is charged a service fee of four dollars per month.

8. Kit Shop Report. No Report. Whilst completing the 415 Artefact Update, four additional prints of SYDNEY AT SIXTY were found.

9. Charitable Affiliation. Rick Anscomb confirmed that the annual donation to the Veterans at Soldiers Memorial Hospital was made in February. Al Harvey will ensure that a short report with photo will be written. In due course this article will appear in the Aurora newspaper and on the 415 Association website.

10. Status Report **2013 Projects:**

- (1) Affiliation with Argus Roots, OPI Chris Henneberry, Status: **Complete**

Update: Over the past four months a number of articles have been placed on the Association website. These articles have been well received and are considered sufficient to meet the goal for this project. It was agreed that there is much more to do to enhance the historical record of the Argus Era. It was suggested that future Argus related projects should focus on specific time periods (60s or 70s).

- (2) Thorney Island Building Display, OPI Jeff McBean, Status: **Complete**

- (3) WWII Crew Lists & Photos, OPI Chris Henneberry, Status: **Complete**

Update: The Hampden Era Crew Lists were placed on the Association website in early March.

11. Status Report **2014 Projects:**

- (1) Website Design, OPI Bert Campbell, Status: **Put on Hold**

Update: This project has been put on hold awaiting a decision on the 14 Wing 4xx proposal. It has been suggested that if the proposal goes ahead, the Squadron will be asked to sponsor the Association by paying its annual web fee with non-public funds.

- (2) Collect WWII ORBs, OPI Chris Henneberry, Status: **Complete**

Update: Two electronic format replacement files were acquired in February. A complete WWII ORB file is now held by the Association.

- (3) Artefact Inventory Update, OPI Earl Goski, Status: **95%**

Update: The OPI has delivered a new inventory catalogue. The lists of artefacts on loan to 404 and 405 Squadrons have been confirmed through liaison with each unit. A list of artefacts held at the Annapolis Mess still needs to be promulgated.

12. 2015 Projects. It was decided that that the following projects will be sponsored:

- 10TH Anniversary General Meeting will be held on 5 June 2015. An invitation has been sent to all members of the Association. An open invitation has been placed on the Association website and an announcement will be placed on the 415 Squadron FACEBOOK page. A Schedule of Events and Agenda for the meeting will be promulgated by 5 May 2015. Flexibility will be maintained to adjust the program should the 4xx proposal be approved.
- Argus Crews 1961-1970 – Annual crew lists and available crew photos will be compiled.
- Website redesign will be re-initiated.

13. 415 Squadron FACEBOOK Page. The Chairman contacted Steve Tremblay, a former member of 415 Squadron, who coordinates the 415 Squadron FACEBOOK page. Steve was very agreeable to the Association posting notices on this page. He confirmed that the page used a “closed” protocol and only members could post articles. Also he confirmed that he was the approving authority for adding new members to this site

14. There being no further business, it was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1400. The next Association meeting will be the General meeting now scheduled for 5 June 2015.

C. Henneberry
President

09 April 2015