

Minutes of the 2010 Annual ATR Board call

January 17 2010, 16:50 UTC - 18:10 UTC

In conference:

Dave Thewlis
Owen Roberts
Woll Newall
Andrew Goltz
Adam Quinan

Agenda was adopted as circulated prior to the meeting

Reports:

Dave Thewlis, Chair, has been circulating monthly reports which are appreciated by all of the Board. Highlights included establishing cordial relations with the Arthur Ransome Literary Executors. He was pleased with the progress of the All Things Ransome site which is improving and has a number of projects underway.

Woll Newall, Treasurer, has received the cheque book and is getting account statements for the ATR account. It has a balance of US\$100 which was donated by Dave Thewlis to give the initial balance. So far no more receipts or payments have been made.

Adam Quinan, Secretary, no correspondence and nothing to report.

Funding:

After discussion it was decided to make an appeal to cover the running costs for the web hosting and domain names for All Things Ransome and Tar-board, currently approximately US\$ 175 / year. Various means were suggested from a simple appeal for payments through PayPal to using a dedicated pledging

site. Woll and Dave to investigate further and provide a recommendation for the method.

Once the method is agreed upon, then Adam will write and we will post an appeal on the All Things Ransome site and on Tarboard asking for donations.

This appeal will be repeated at most annually or as required if more than the annual funding requirements are raised to maintain the sites.

Additional Directors

All the current Directors are content to keep their positions for the present.

We would like to see new blood and may need new expertise. It was agreed to modify the governance to allow for individuals to be Members of ATR without necessarily being Directors. This would allow for new people to learn the ropes and be mentored and also as a place for former Directors to rest on their laurels while still being involved to a lesser extent as advisors and mentors. Rather than recruit individuals en masse, we will decide what specific functions need additional support or replacement and advertise positions accordingly.

It was decided that the priority would be additional technical expertise to support Woll. Woll will provide a "job description" and a list of technical expertise required to Adam and he will write an appeal to be posted on ATR and Tarboard asking for volunteers.

Domain Names:

It was agreed to keep the domain name "allthingsransome.org" which currently points to "allthingsransome.net" to ensure that no one takes it over for other purposes. The cost is approximately US\$13 /year.

Owen will sign over the ownership of "tarboard.net" to All Things Ransome in the next month or two.

Goals for 2010:

There are a number of on-going projects, but ideas for new projects were solicited.

Owen suggested that we approach Mixed Moss editors to see if there were articles that have not been used for some reason that could be posted on ATR. Agreed that this would have to be handled diplomatically to avoid looking as though we were poaching articles from them. Dave agreed to sound

them out cautiously. It was also pointed out that ATR would be a place for non-TARS members to post Ransome-related articles that could not go into Mixed Moss and that we should appeal to Tarboard and on the ATR site for such articles.

Dave pointed out that there were some excellent articles on the TARS website, particularly on the boats and ships in Ransome's books, and he would look into posting links to them from ATR.

It was agreed that we needed an explanation and description of the All Things Ransome organization and what it did to be posted on the site. This would be in conjunction with the appeal for funding to give people a better idea of what we were asking them to contribute to. Adam will draft the description and circulate it for comments/corrections.

Matters Arising/Any Other Business

Andrew said that he had found links to some images on Ian's "Dick's Pocketbook" website had been deleted very recently and while they were not

particularly high quality, he felt that they deserved to be preserved if possible. Andrew will contact Ian with a copy to Dave to see if the images still exist and can be saved on the ATR site, either as a sub-page to Dick's Pocketbook or another location.

Adam Quinan

'Grab a chance and you won't be sorry for a might-have-been'
Commander Ted Walker R.N.

Somewhere around 43° 46' 21"N, 79° 22' 51"W
For some of my family history see
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