

Minutes of the 2011 Annual *All Things Ransome* Board of Directors Conference Call

Date: March 18, 2011

Time: 21.37-22.47 UTC

On call: Dave Thewlis, Andrew Goltz, Woll Newell, Owen Roberts, Adam Quinan

The minutes of the previous call had been circulated and reviewed, corrected and approved after the last call.

1. Financial Statement

a. The financial statement for 2010 was presented, the statement was prepared on an accrual basis. There was discussion whether the statement should be published and it was agreed that this would be desirable. There was further discussion whether the format of the published statement should be on an accrual basis or a cash basis.

Action: Owen Roberts and Woll Newell to prepare a statement on a cash basis for circulation to the board for discussion of the most appropriate format.

Motion to accept the financial statement; proposed Woll Newell, seconded Andrew Goltz. Carried unanimously.

. 2010 Activities

a. Dave Thewlis circulated a list of activities.

- * Media Vault went live (actually December 2009)
- * Continue to support TARS items (Mixed Moss indices, TARSUS newsletter)
- * TarBoard moved to ATR server after spam attacks
- * Increased hosting service (disk space, bandwidth)
- * Companion article to Wier's Boats of S&A contributed by Wier
- * Petr Krist new AR maps
- * Movie Swallow added to our Boats section
- * Several book reviews in Ransome Readers Recommend
- * Link to AR Trust
- * Requests to post info on AR play, Christmas production at Bristol Old Vic, Gondola, etc.
- * Several offers of book reviews etc. w/o follow-up

- * ATR information page and ATR appeal implemented
- * New donations account
- * Transfer of TarBoard domain name into ATR ownership.

b. There was discussion about the on-going problem of spam attacks and the amount of bandwidth required. Woll Newell said that he would investigate an alternative method of treating spam.

. Future board Members

a. A There was discussion about the necessity of adding new members to the Board at the present time. The consensus was that there was no need at present. Woll Newell suggested that having a Technical back-up might better wait until technical issues, such as a TarBoard renovation had been completed. It was also decided that no new members were required at present. If an individual had demonstrated that they would add significant value or an existing board member decides to retire, then we would reconsider.

. Personal Privacy Issues:

a. Email field on TarBoard which could lead to spam harvesting of email addresses. The decision, as an interim measure, Woll Newell to add a note to TarBoard so that contributors knew that they did not have to leave their email address when they post. If TarBoard is renovated, then a Private Message facility could be added which would avoid the problem.

b. Andrew Goltz raised the issue of PayPal payments and PayPal's requirement for information which we could not control. There was a decision to investigate alternative payment methods. A Working group was set up (Woll & Andrew)

c. Andrew Goltz will develop and circulate a draft Privacy Policy for All Things Ransome to all board members by email.

. Information to Members

a. It was proposed that a Help Wanted area be set up on the All Things Ransome website to advertise for people willing to take on ATR projects.

b. It was also suggested that an Administration section be added where items such as Minutes of Board Calls etc. could be published.
Action Plan for 2011

a. The existing Action Plan was reviewed and discussed and the existing items retained though with no definite end dates. One additional item added was Woll Newell's suggestion that a new Tarboard engine to update the performance of the current TarBoard was required. Woll will investigate further and make a proposal to the Board

later in 2011.

- * Nautical Dictionary
- * Postcards article
- * Article on coins and Jubilee can (i.e. the Swallowdale cairn find)
- * Review of "Another Country: Children's Books of the Lake District and Cumbria"
- * Dick's Pocket Book
- * Sea Shanties
- * Esperance article
- * Electronic search engine for TarBoard and TarBoard Archives
- * Possible new TarBoard software
- * Bill Wright's Guide to the Swallows & Amazons books (rehost on ATR)

Administrative

- * Cash basis accounts for 2010
- * Admin section on ATR
- * Flag TarBoard Post page entry for e-mail address with warning
- * Ad Hoc committee on donation mechanisms
- * Proposal for data security and privacy statement

. Any Other Business

A possible future Skype Call during the year was discussed but it was agreed not to set a date at present but to determine a date when it was needed.