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Front cover.

Tugs of Specialist Marine Services Ltd, Hull. (SMS Towage Ltd.)

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Englishman 1995 [Schepelsturm 1975]

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History Centre books

On Wednesday 28th September the committee attended the Hull History Centre off Freetown Way to present the first of the series of books that we are producing for the centre on the History of United Towing Company. This volume covered the 1970's and 1980's.

The opportunity was taken to put on a display at the History Centre along the lines of that done recently for the Veteran's Weekend.

Our thanks go to Bob Carver who kindly sponsored the production of the books.

From the society our thanks go first of all to Pete Bass and Marlene Whitlam who compiled most of the content, but also to Mike Hussey who dealt with the printing. Mike also set up the display.



UTSS display at the History Centre

The books were Presented by Pete Bass to Martin Taylor, the City Archivist. The Hull Daily Mail sent a reporter down and we are expecting that the presentation will be covered in the newspaper soon. More good publicity for the society.



Display



Yorkshireman

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING OF
UNITED TOWING AND SALVAGE SOCIETY.

Held at Kingston Hotel, Trinity House Lane, Hull.

12th September, 2016.

Meeting opened 1410 hrs.

Matters Arising

- 1 Everyone was in favour of another trip to Maassluis next year. Pete to be in overall control of this.
- 2 At present no members were keen to take a trip on one of the SMS tugs. To be held in abeyance and reconsidered next year.
- 3 Mayfair Hotel on Beverley Road, Hull was suggested as a venue for the next reunion. They could offer us a free room, had disabled access and would provide a buffet at a reasonable cost. Dates suggested were Thursday 13th or 20th October.
- 4 Mike had a long story regarding the History Books but stated that they should definitely be ready by this coming Friday (16th). They were needed for the presentation to the History Centre on 28th September at 11.00 a.m. Mike had been in touch with the Hull Daily Mail re the presentation so, hopefully, we will have some support from them.
- 5 All Actions from the last Minutes had been followed up:- Danny Betts had been in touch with Martin after agreeing to do the aural histories; the SMS packs had been made up and handed out; Ray had been introduced to all the memorabilia producers and now had it all in hand. Eddie, instead of going into copyright, had registered our Pull for Hull logo as a trademark. The cost had been £170 but is perpetual. At this point Mike stressed the importance of selling the T-shirts. Pete is to frame a medium T-shirt for display purposes to boost sales. Ray to have a word with Lisa about possibly selling them on our behalf.

Membership Report

Ray stated that some memberships are not being renewed and had quite a few that were overdue. Some members who originally signed up are not seen now and they are not renewing through the web. It was suggested that Ray could possibly give them a call and just remind them as they may not realize how time had passed. (Or give them a dire threat !!)

Newsletters / Calendars

- 1 Eddie reported that the next newsletter cover was already done and that after receiving any news items they would go out towards the end of the month.
- 2 The Calendars were prepared and Eddie had already printed some. Pete is to go to Eddie's during the first week in October to print the rest of them. Our aim now is to get them out as soon as possible. Should all be finished by 20th October.

Sponsorship / Fundraising

Mike has approached the Heritage Lottery Fund and is presently awaiting a reply.

Exhibitions

- 1 Nev and Pete are working really hard for the next two exhibitions. Pete is printing and enlarging articles and Nev is laminating them ready to go on storyboards. Pete has 16 storyboards to be used which will cover the next two exhibitions. Both Nev and Pete say they are doing fine.
- 2 Mike had been in touch with Tom at the Maritime Museum to see if the potted history leaflets could be placed in the museum.

Any Other Business

- 1 Business cards were mentioned. The old ones could still be used but Eddie was to see to getting some new ones for Mike as Chairman.
- 2 Tug Museum. Mike needed to ascertain just how keen the rest of the committee were with regards to getting our own museum as he had a meeting with Trinity House pending. It appears, yes, we were all keen for this to happen but all realized the huge amount of work involved apart from the cash side of things. We would need a large grant of sorts (Heritage Lottery Fund), sponsorship to cover ongoing services and a commitment from members of the Society for organising and manning it. Not anything we can undertake at the present time and Mike will convey this to Trinity House as well as stressing the fact that we are keen to do this at some point. Maybe two years ahead.

NEXT MEETING Monday, 3rd October. 2016, 14:00.

As usual to be held at the Kingston Hotel, Trinity House Lane, Hull.

Membership Renewals

As mentioned in the above minutes a number of membership renewals are overdue. We hope that all members have been happy with the committee's efforts so far this year and will be renewing.

In some respects it is down to us, the committee. We have been very busy these last few months, particularly with the website. Because of that we didn't send out any reminders, believing that it would all be taken care of online when the website went live, however that took much longer than we had originally hoped.

To open a Paypal account simply search Paypal online and follow the instructions given there, it is by far the easiest method of renewing.

Personally I've been using Paypal for a number of years now and I find that as well as making online shopping a lot easier it is also a good deal safer.

It should be noted that only paid-up members will have access to the member's section of the website.

For those who still prefer to do things the old way, cheques or cash may be sent directly to the treasurer or any other committee member. Alternatively membership fees may be paid directly from personal bank accounts. The society's bank details are as follows. Sort code 77-12-25 account number 25969368. If sending money this way please be sure to give your name and membership number as a reference when making the transfer.

Reunion

This year it was decided to hold a reunion at a venue with disabled facilities. The Mayfair hotel on Beverley Road, Hull was chosen.

For the last two years we have been very well served by Lisa and Mark at the Kingston but we felt that as toilet facilities are so small we should hold the next reunion at a venue that could accommodate disabled members.

We decided to make this years event a ticket only affair and charge this year to cover the costs, but as well as the buffet there will be a raffle included in the ticket price. Tickets are available for only £6 each from Mike Hussey.

We intend having three raffles on the night and if anyone has anything that they would like to donate as a prize we would be very grateful. Perhaps you have the odd Rolex watch that your partner bought you last Christmas and never used, rest assured we can make good use of anything to raise funds to keep the society solvent.

If you do have anything to donate you can call Mike Hussey and he will arrange to collect it, or if more convenient you can drop it off at Dennis Shakesby's, 952 Holderness Road, Hull.

Also on the night we are remembering Capt Syd Hawkins who passed away earlier in the year. Syd's relatives kindly donated an amount of money to pay for a drink for everyone and we decided to keep it until this event.

Annual Tug Day, Maasluis, Rotterdam.

Following the success of our visit to Maasluis last year we have decided to make it a regular event and are planning another visit next year, 2017. This time though we are inviting partners along as well. The event usually takes place at the end of May, more details will follow in the New Year.

As last year we would be taking the ferry from Hull to Rotterdam and staying at a hotel either in Rotterdam or Maasluis.

Anyone interested please let us know as soon as possible so we can get an idea of numbers.