

# USS Hanson DD/DDR 832

## Summary of Mobile, Alabama Business Meeting

Friday 14 October, 2011

**A. Treasurer's Report** - Bob Grimm (substituting for excused Dennis Mc Gill).

Final status of our financial position not available until all expenses and income statements are reconciled from our meeting in Mobile.

**B. Old Business**

1. Mary Jane Matthews discussed the status of planning for the next Hanson reunion to be held at the Red Lion Hotel on the River – Jantzen Beach, **Portland, Oregon from September 20-23, 2012**. Plans are being made for wine tasting / river tour and possible ride on the only functional, restored, World War II PT boat left in the world.

**C. New Business**

1. Major topic of discussion during the meeting was the declining attendance at our annual reunions. Some suggestions on how to keep the reunions active included:
  - a. Join forces with other sister ships that are experiencing similar declines in attendance.
  - b. Join the national organization, 'Tin Can Sailors' at their annual conventions. They plan to have their 2013 convention in Milwaukee, WI and 2014 convention in Charlestown, SC. For more information on coordinating our meeting with the 'Tin Can Sailors' annual conventions contact Mr. Terry Miller, Executive Director at 1-866-880-4187.
2. In order to solicit the opinion of the membership on how we should proceed with planning the 2013 reunion, it was agreed to have Bill McLay conduct a written survey of all crew members to determine the course of action we should pursue to keep the Hanson reunions active. Also, would they continue to support attendance at the reunions?

**D. Notes prepared by:**

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