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UPDATE FOR THE FLY NAVY FEDERATION MEETING 9 OCT 2009. COVERING PERIOD 19 JUN – 5 OCT 2009.

The FNHT Vision.

In Jun the FNHT Trustees tasked a ‘think tank’ chaired by Bill Covington to look at a vision and way forward to generate significantly greater funds for the Trust (ergo the Historic Flight) in order to make the Flight the First-In-Class Naval Historic Flight throughout the world. With the added participation of a small group of supportive High Net Worth individuals, this group, called the ‘Swordfish Committee’, is identifying the steps in what would need to be done to achieve this vision. In brief, with the help of significant endowments, the Flight would operate several more aircraft types in addition to the current holdings. These may include piston and jet aircraft plus helicopters such as Sea Vixen, Seafire, Corsair, Wasp amongst others, but with an aspiration to ultimately include an airworthy Sea Harrier. These types of aircraft are either on the market now or could be acquired at some time in the future. They may not necessarily be owned by the Flight (MoD), but might be more efficiently operated if owned by the FNHT (CAA registered and maintained), but flown by the Flight and other federated pilots. Other privately owned naval aircraft (eg Walrus, Gannet) may also be included to broaden coverage and appeal. The ‘Squadron’ of historic aircraft would not attempt to operate all types each season, but have a lead of say four or five aircraft each year and rotate through the types over a longer period.

The FNHT Trustees received a full brief and presentation from the Swordfish Committee on 29 Sep and approved the next step to engage with naval and other agencies in order to produce a campaign plan to secure the vision's funding, support structure and milestones. It would be hoped to ‘launch’ this new initiative early next year in the new post FN100 era, but the FNHT Trustees are content that the Federation is made aware at this stage of this work.

FNHT Supporters Club

Thanks to the active support of all the Federation Associations and some targeted groups by FNHT Staff, the Supporters Group has grown from around 250 at the beginning of the year, to almost 600 at present. The aspiration is to increase the group to around 5000 (Sally B has 6000 paid up supporters, Vulcan to the Skies, over 8000). Please pass on the Trust's grateful thanks to all the Federation members and encourage them to keep recruiting. Remember the Royal Navy only pays Flight salaries, not maintenance costs which fall to the Trust. Your support helps us keep them flying.

Reduced Entry Prices to FAA Museum for FNHT Supporters.

The FNHT are grateful to the Museum for offering reduced prices for members of the FNHT Supporters club from next year. Half price entry for two adults and one third off for two children on

production of Supporters Card will be available. FNHT will issue Cards to current and new supporters for 2010.

Events

Air Day - FNHT Marquee; very well supported by FNHT members and Federation members. Particular thanks to the Fleet Air Arm Association for their generous donation of £5000 at Air Day. It is of note that our supporters were particularly impressed that 1SL and Commander in Chief Fleet took time to visit the Marquee and talk to our supporters.

Charity Flying Day - Another successful event which raised around £10000 for the Trust. Grateful thanks to all the volunteers who helped out on the day and the individuals (some of whom are Association members) who brought their classic aircraft to fly the paying public. It is intended to repeat the event on 18 Sep 2010.

Centenary of Naval Aviation Dinner, Royal Yacht – taking place on 16th October. All 96 potential seats sold, mainly to couples, mostly from Scotland and with ex-FAA connections. Some corporate guests (Lockheed Martin, Rolls Royce, AgustaWestland, Selex). Cost of the Dinner borne by the Britannia Trust as its donation to FNHT during the Centenary Year. Expected to raise around £11000.

2010 events :

10 March	- Annual Swordfish Dinner, HMS President
7 June	- Swordfish Golf Tournament, Bowood, Wiltshire
10 July	- Yeovilton Air Day, FNHT Marquee
31 July	- FNHT Raffle draw (tickets from Dec 09)
18 Sep	- Charity Flying Day
24 Nov	- Supporters Thank you event (tbc)

Details of all events will be posted on FNHT website at www.royalnavyhistoricflight.org.uk/fnht

Other news

Swordfish Ale – sadly Tesco pulled out of sales (reason unknown and other outlets being sought), but beer is being stocked by Yeovilton Wardroom and Senior Rates Messes. It can still be purchased direct from Wadworth on 01380 732277.

Stamps and Coins – no feedback, but some donations to FNHT from stamp companies. Gary R-M remains poc (gary@kobanya.net, 07710 029963).

Raise Money for FNHT when you shop online.

We are pleased to announce that you can now raise money for the Trust at no cost to yourself when you shop online. All the major on-line outlets, Amazon, Currys, M & S, Tesco, John Lewis, Boots, Argos etc etc have pledged to donate a percentage of all money you spend through their websites to a charity/cause that you nominate. All you have to do is register as a user at www.easyfundraising.org.uk and then find 'Fly Navy Heritage Trust' as your cause. You then go straight to whichever on-line store you wish and make your purchase. We then receive a quarterly cheque for the full amount that has been donated by the companies you have used. It's as simple as that.....please use easyfundraising whenever you purchase anything on-line; the money you help raise goes directly to keep our Historic Aircraft in the air.

The Trust would be most grateful if Federation members can put the above paragraph into future newsletters to their own members.