

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Devon and Cornwall Polar Society held on Wednesday 20th March 2014 at 19. 30 hours at the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, Plymouth

Present: 24 members of the Society

Item No	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Apologies were received from Beryl Harrison, Ann Cleaf, Mary Cleveland, Jean and John Scholar, Rosalind Redfearn and Geoff and Mary Underwood.	
2. Minutes of last meeting	The minutes of the 2013 AGM held on 21 March 2013 were read and agreed.	
3.Chairman's Report	<p>The Website for the society has been established and is up and running. The Chairman conveyed his thanks to the Committee for their hard work. The dinner held to commemorate Captain Scott's birthday was a success thanks to the hard work of Brigitte and Dennis. A donation of £300 was made to Plymouth City Museum as a contribution towards the purchase of Captain Scott's christening mug. The museum had produced a leaflet From Plymouth to Pole. We have four Patrons in Phillipa Foster-Back, CBE; Honourable Alexandra Shackleton; Nicola Stark and Dr David Wilson FRZ. The Society held two talks in 2013; one by Dr Adrian Fox on mapping Antarctica and the other by John/Val Thorne and Julie Ellis on their visits to Antarctica Peninsula and the Ross Sea and the historic huts. Both talks were well received. The Society has taken the lead to commemorate the departure of Shackleton's ITAE from Plymouth in 1914. This event is being well supported with 84 booked for the dinner and 88 for talks with 48 out of 75 rooms being booked for accommodation. The tall ship Phoenix has been secured along with the replica Sir James Caird. Volunteers were asked for help on the 6 – 8th August.</p>	
4. Membership Secretary's Report	Membership Secretary stated that the current membership stood at 40 paid up members plus 6 honorary members that include the 4 Patrons plus	

	Jonathan Morcom and Billy Ais.	
5. Treasurer's Report	The members were all in receipt of a copy of the DCPS Financial report as at 28 February 2014 which stated we had Income of £3048.23 and Expenditure of £2574.85. Excess of Income over expenditure is £473.28. These figures did not include monies received for Shackleton 100.	
6. Election of Officers and Committee for 2013/4	It was agreed unanimously by the membership that the current officers could stand in their present format for a further 12 months. This was proposed by Stephen de Mora (or was it Veal?) and seconded by Michael Tarver.	
7. Comments from Membership	All were happy.	
8. AOB.	<p>Proposed to have a blue plaque to recognise Francis Bickerton on 9 Lockyer Place, as he was a member of the Mawson exhibition. The members were in agreement that a donation be made of £50 towards the cost.</p> <p>The Chairman said we would need to investigate if any other renowned explorers needed a plaque such as Fred Parsons at 'Terra Nova' although permission would need to be sought from the owners.</p> <p>The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman.</p>	
	The meeting closed at 7.50 and was followed by two talks one on Surgery during the Heroic Age of Exploration by Dr Henry Guly and Denis Wilkins on Scott and Ammunsun.	