

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Devon and Cornwall Polar Society held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 19. 30 hours at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel, Plymouth**

Present: 40 members of the Society

Item No	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Apologies were received from Jean Scholar, John Killingbeck and Julie Ellis.	
2. Minutes of last meeting	The minutes of the 2015 AGM held on 25 March 2015 were read and agreed.	
3. Chairman's Report	Chairman thanked everyone for coming and welcomed the speaker our patron the Hon Alexandra Shackleton. The Society held two talks in 2015 John Dudney on the much overlooked 1902-4 Scottish Antarctic Expedition and Denis Wilkins and Paul Davies recounted their experiences on recent trips South with a showing of Tim Burr's film. At the October meeting Mike Tarver also launched his new well-received book on Surgeon Atkinson. The Scott dinner was held in the new venue of the Hayward Room at the Duke of Cornwall. About 40 people attended and we were lucky to have Antarctic map expert and polar medic Robert Clancy as after dinner speaker. Several members attended the opening of the new Shackleton bedroom at the Hotel in August and Don Kerr gave a splendid reading. It was decided to make Jean Scholar, an early enthusiast of the Polar Buffs back in 2002 and granddaughter of PO Fred Parsons on Terra Nova, as an honorary member of the Society.	
4. Treasurer's Report	The members were all in receipt of a copy of the DCPS Financial report as at 28 February 2016 which stated we had a credit balance of £1903.	
5. Membership Secretary	Membership Secretary stated that the current membership stood at 51 paid up members plus 7 honorary members that included the 4 Patrons. The Chairman thanked Val for all her hard work.	

<p>6. Election of Officers and Committee for 2016/7</p>	<p>The Chairman stood down and the President thanked the Chairman and Committee for all their hard work during the year. It was agreed unanimously by the membership that the current officers could stand in their present format for a further 12 months. Mr P Davies (Chairman) said he would stand as Chairman for another year but emphasized the need for new people to come on to the committee. This was proposed by Michael Tarver and seconded by Don Kerr.</p>	
<p>8. AOB.</p>	<p>Val Kerr gave a short presentation on Henry Worsley who sadly passed away on his recent Polar expedition. A collection was held for the Endeavour fund which raised £200 which the Chairman would send on to Mrs Worsley.</p> <p>Barry Gray informed the meeting that he was proposing to walk the South Western Coast path to raise £10,000 for the Endeavour fund for injuries to service people.</p>	
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.00 and was followed by talk on Sir Ernest Shackleton.</p>	