



**Minutes of the AGM held on Thursday 22nd March 2018 at 19
30 hours at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel, Plymouth.**

Present: 28 members of the Society

Item No	Description	Action
1. Apologies	<p>Hon Alexandra Shackleton, Philippa Foster Back, Antonia Reynolds, Nic White, Stephen Coly, Henry Guly, Pat Lurcock, Sarah Lurcock, Mary Cleveland, Fiona Brijnath, Jean Scholar, John Watts.</p> <p>Philippa, one of the Patrons wishes the Society a Happy 10th Birthday. Mary Cleveland sends her greetings – she has not enjoyed the best of health in recent weeks and has spent time in hospital at Treliske and back in St Mary`s. She is in good spirits and is looking forward to seeing everyone at Scott 150.</p>	
2. Introduction	<p>A generous cheque of £450.00 was presented to the Society by <i>Martin Leese of Peverell</i> For the restoration of the Scott Family Vault at Ford Park Cemetery</p> <p>The Chairman, Paul Davies, welcomed everyone to the AGM and introduced two new members, Deborah Lunn and Robbie Ralston (recently home from Halley Bay who has recently appeared on BBC Spotlight).</p>	
3. Minutes of the last meeting.	<p>The Minutes of the 2017 AGM held on 23 March 2017 were read and agreed.</p>	
4. Chairman`s Report	<p>Today marks the Society`s 10th Anniversary. It was born out of the “Polar Buffs” which was created in 2005. At the last AGM the Committee had been enlarged to assist with the planned Scott 150 event. During the year there have been two Society meetings: the first in June 2017 took the form of a lunch to celebrate Scott`s birthday, at the Royal Western Yacht Club. The second, in October 2017, featured Ken Blaiklock (doyen of British Antarctic Explorers), organised by John Killingbeck, who spoke of his adventures, especially his involvement with Sir Vivian Fuchs` Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition 1955-58 – including a showing of the original BP film.</p>	

	<p>At the last AGM, steps were taken to deal with the planning of the Scott 150 event, with Julie Ellis leading. All present were encouraged to attend.</p> <p>Membership has remained steady.</p> <p>The Committee is happy to stand for another year.</p> <p>Many thanks to the committee for their hard work and support during the year and to all the members who support our events.</p>	
5. Membership Report	<p>The Membership Secretary reported that current paid-up membership now stands at 52, with 4 Patrons and 3 Honorary Members. 43 members pay by Standing Order and their new membership cards were ready for collection. In addition, cards would be ready for those paying this evening. Our year runs from 1 April to 31 March and the annual subscription remains at £10.00. However, payment by S/O makes life so much easier! Please advise Val Thorne (Membership Secretary) if any of your personal details change. She thanked everyone for their support.</p>	
6. Treasurer`s Report	<p>Brigette Dixon circulated a copy of her Report, dated 28 February 2018. Since then the Society had received £3,500.00 from HLF (Heritage Lottery Fund) and extra Polar bookings = £5,112.57 (of which £2,000.00 is for Scott 150). Expenses for the Scott family Vault cleaning have been paid out already. The funds are presently healthy.</p> <p>Scott 150 is not aiming to make a profit and the Committee is working to keep the costs down. Some sponsorship funds have already been allocated, but some (eg HLF) have still to be allocated to the event.</p>	JE/DW
7. Election of Officers and Committee for 2018 / 2019.	<p>The Chairman stood down and handed over to President, John Killingbeck who thanked the Chairman and Committee for their hard work during the year. It was unanimously agreed that the current officers could stand in their present format for the next 12 months.</p> <p>Proposed by Denis Wilkins and seconded by Peter Warren.</p> <p>Denis Wilkins proposed a Vote of Thanks to Paul Davies – seconded by Mike Tarver.</p> <p>All proposals were agreed by the floor.</p>	
8. Comments from Membership.	<p>Nigel May proposed that the Society should thank the Duke of Cornwall Hotel for hosting our meetings. Julie Ellis will write a letter to this effect.</p>	JE

Baz Gray: had recently seen Hon Alexandra Shackleton (Patron) who sends her best wishes for today. He is preparing for his new expedition – a solo unsupported crossing of Antarctica. He thanked Paul for his donation of 3 books towards his funding, which had realised £700.00! He plans to leave UK in October 2018 and commence in November, following Shackleton`s intended route.

John Thorne spoke of Lt Scott Sears of the Gurkhas and his unsupported walk to South Pole, where he arrived on 24 December 2017.

Brigette Dixon spoke of her grand-daughter, who walked to the South Pole (also arrived there on 24 December 2017) with the Ice Maiden Army team of medics. She is now based at Camp Bastion but may be able to attend our October meeting.

Paul Davies mentioned an approach from the South Georgia Association, who asked to “piggy back” one of our Meetings (provisionally October 2019).

Mike Tarver advised of a forthcoming event at Dartmouth on 10 October 2017 at The Flavel entitled “An evening in Antarctica”. Part 1: a biography of Atkinson and an analysis of Scott`s return journey. Part 2: The film of the Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition 1955 -58 (we saw this last October). Cost: £7.00pp Profits to be split between RNLI and The Flavel. Details will be circulated.

Scott 150: Julie Ellis outlined the programme:-

0930 hrs: By coach from Duke of Cornwall to St Bart`s Church

1000 hrs: Service – following which there will be time to examine artefacts from Plymouth City Museum

1130 hrs: Coach to Mt Wise – wreath laying.

1230 hrs: To Duke of Cornwall – buffet lunch.

1400 hrs: Talk by David Crane.

1500 hrs: Tea / coffee

1530 hrs: Talk by Lloyd Peck – Head of BAS.

1830 hrs: Polar Trio – Music.

1930 hrs: Gala Dinner – Guest of Honour – Falcon Scott.

A Raffle: excellent prizes (eg a painting by Dafila Scott).

Nigel May: Lloyd Peck is expected to make a public lecture at Stoke Damerel Community College / Scott College on the evening of 5 June 2018. More information will follow.

Martin Leese, who presented the cheque at the beginning of the AGM, will be at the Scott Family Vault, Ford Park Cemetery on the morning of 7 June 2018. **TBC JE**

Brigette Dixon: was thanked for all her work. She reminded all present to fill in their Scott 150 booking form before leaving the meeting.

9. AOB.	After a break there was champagne (provided by a "mystery donor") and a 10 th Birthday Cake provided by Tony Rose and his partner, Lou.	
	<p>The Meeting closed and was followed first by a selection of photographs showing events of the past 10 years in the history of D&CPS compiled by Tim Burr.</p> <p>Paul Davies suggested that a copy of this be sent to each Patron.</p> <p>Brigette Dixon suggested that the film is run in a loop during breaks at Scott 150.</p> <p>Second, Chris Marsham showed a stunning 45 minute film of his 2 week cruise (actually 3 weeks - the ship was iced in for an additional week in the Weddell Sea) on board KAPITAN KLEBNIKOV to Snow Hill Island and its Emperor penguins.</p>	
	The Meeting was brought to an end by John Killingbeck at 2120 hours.	