

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Devon and Cornwall Polar Society held on Wednesday 21st March 2013 at 1030 hours at the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, Plymouth

Present: 27 members of the Society and members of the SW Region of the National Geographic Society

Item No	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Apologies were received from Beryl Harrison, Adrienne & Antonia Reynolds, Paul Coslett and John Killingbeck.	
2. Minutes of last meeting	The minutes of the 2012 AGM held on 22 March 2012 were read and 2 amendments were required: The outgoing Chairman Denis Wilkins thanked Paul Coslett, Bridgett Dixon, Val Thorne, Paul Davies and John Killingbeck for all their hard work and support for Scott 2012. Also Dennis was voted as President of the Society.	
3. Chairman's Report	<p>The day following the 2012 AGM was the day of the rededication of the national Scott memorial at Mount Wise, in the presence of the Princess Royal, so my year as Chairman of the Society started on a high! This event was followed by several members of the Society attending the national service of remembrance in St Paul's Cathedral and we were pleased to see that our Society featured in the souvenir brochure.</p> <p>This year has been marked by some solid developments by our new committee and I am very grateful to each member for their support and work over the past 12 months. Thanks to the work of the committee the Society now has an accurate database of members and contacts, membership cards, a regular newsletter, patrons, a President, some money in the bank and a new constitution!</p> <p>The Society held two talks in 2012; one by Angie Butler on the Quest for Frank Wild and the other by Isobel Williams about her new biography of Edgar Evans. Both talks were well received.</p> <p>Plans are now being made for an annual Society dinner on Captain Scott's birthday 6 June; the first being held this year at the Yacht Club.</p>	

	<p>The Society is leading plans to commemorate the departure of Shackleton's ITAE from Plymouth in 1914. This event will involve several city agencies and is being supported by a number of polar groups, including the James Caird Society. A key area for development for 2013 is to establish a Society website. The committee is looking for a volunteer !</p>	
4. Membership Secretary's Report	<p>Membership Secretary stated that the current membership stood at 47 paid up members.</p>	
5. Treasurer's Report	<p>The members were all in receipt of a copy of the DCPS Financial report as at 28 February 2013 which stated we had £243.07 to be transferred to Plymouth University for Scott 2012 and had funds of £526.26.</p>	
6. Election of Officers and Committee for 2013/4	<p>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 Jean Scholar and seconded by Roger Kingwell.</p>	
7. Comments from Membership	<p>All were happy.</p>	
8. AOB.	<p>The Chairman said that the Society needed a website and would welcome a volunteer to set one up.</p> <p>The members were informed that the Scott dinner would be held on 6th June 2013 at the RCYC at a cost of £35, interested parties to inform Brigitte Dixon.</p> <p>Also there was an event in June on the Isles of Scilly to celebrate the centenary of the return of the Terra Nova.</p> <p>Barry Gray had also offered to give a talk on the Tim Jarvis led expedition which had re-enacted the James Caird boat journey on Shackleton's epic expedition.</p>	

	<p>The meeting closed at 7.55 and was followed by a quick presentation by Nigel Overton on Plymouth Museums acquisition of Captain Scott's christening chalice. Dr Adrian Fox then gave a talk on the Mapping of Antarctica.</p>	
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