



Minutes of the AGM held on Thursday, 21st March 2019 at 1930 hrs at The Duke of Cornwall Hotel, Plymouth.

Item No	Description	Action
1. Apologies	<p>Paul Coslett, Roger Kingwill, Trevor Cornford, Nigel May, Val & John Thorn, Jean Scholar, Victoria Rickinson, Mike Tarver.</p> <p>Chairman, Paul Davies, welcomed our two speakers, Isobel Williams and John Dudeney. He also reminded Members to ensure that they had their raffle tickets for the splendid prize of 4 nights for two at Hilton Hotel, Malta, kindly arranged by Brigette.</p>	
2. Minutes of the last AGM, held Thursday, 22 March 2018.	<p>The Minutes of the 2018 AGM held on 22 March 2018 were noted. Proposed: Tony Rose. Seconded: Don Kerr. Agreed.</p> <p>PD noted that last year the Society had celebrated its 10th Anniversary</p>	
3. Chairman`s Report.	<p>Copies were distributed to the Meeting and Chairman summarised its contents. The major event had been "Scott150" last June. PD thanked Julie Ellis and Brigette Dixon, the main organisers, for their hard work. The event had even been featured on BBC Spotlight. His full report.is to be found on the Society website.</p> <p>On behalf of the AGM and the membership, PD thanked Val & John Thorne for their hard work and sent our best wishes to them both. Today, Val is standing down as Membership Secretary, but they will continue as Members.</p>	
4. Membership Report	<p>On behalf of Val Thorne, Julie Ellis advised that current paid up membership stands at 55. Most members pay by Standing Order (£10 pa) and the Society`s year runs from 1 April to 31 March.</p> <p>There is a vacancy for Membership Secretary on the Committee.</p>	
5. Treasurer`s Report	<p>Brigette Dixon circulated her Financial Statement, dated 28 February 2019. The difference between income and expense at "Scott150" was only £1.52, out of a budget of £10,000.00. Well done!</p> <p>To date, the donation cheques to both the school and church following the event remain uncashed. The bank advised that they must be cashed by end April 2019. BD will remind them both. Theses sums have already been debited in the account.</p> <p>Current balance: +£2.280.27</p> <p>BD answered a number of questions from Members.</p> <p>Proposed: Julie Ellis. Seconded: Denis Wilkins. Carried.</p>	

<p>6. Election of Officers and Committee for 2019.</p>	<p>Paul Davies will be standing down as Chairman. He proposed Julie Ellis to be his replacement. Seconded: John Killingbeck. Carried.</p> <p>Hon Treasurer: Brigette Dixon has agreed to continue in post. Proposed: Don Kerr. Seconded: Fiona Brijnath. Carried.</p> <p>Hon Secretary: John Woodward. Proposed: Denis Wilkins. Seconded: Tony Rose. Carried.</p> <p>Membership Secretary: Val Kerr. Proposed: Bob Jay. Seconded: Paul Davies. Carried.</p> <p>Committee: Tony Rose, Paul Coslett, Don Kerr, Nigel May. Proposed: Bob Jay. Seconded: Fiona Brijnath. Carried en bloc..</p> <p>There remain two vacancies on the Committee: Nancy Whitmarsh volunteered. Proposed: Don Kerr. Seconded: Tony Rose. Carried.</p>	
<p>7. Proposed change to the Constitution, regarding terms of office for President and Vice Presidents.</p>	<p>The Constitution is to be found upon the Society website.</p> <p>In addition to:- “A President, Vice Presidents and Patrons can be appointed by the Committee and will be invited to attend all meetings. Patrons will be lifetime appointments”, to be added:- “The President and Vice Presidents shall serve for three years and can be re-appointed for a new term if the committee so decides”.</p> <p>Proposed: Denis Wilkins. Seconded: Bob Jay. Carried.</p>	
<p>8 .Comments from Membership.</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p>9. AOB</p>	<p>Denis Wilkins thanked Paul Davies for all his hard work as Chairman.</p> <p>John Killingbeck is standing down as President and will be handing over the position to Paul Davies. He spoke to express his thanks for the honour of representing the Society as its President and thanked everyone for their help with the preparations for the successful “Scott150” event last June. He had been speaking recently with the Lord Lieutenant, who was impressed by the enthusiasm of children at Ford Primary School.</p> <p>The AGM was brought to a close by Julie at 2000 hrs. ***</p> <p>After a short break, we were treated to a most interesting double presentation by Isobel Williams and John Dudeney on the Scottish naturalist, polar scientist and oceanographer, William Speirs Bruce. They have quite recently published their book entitled “William Speirs Bruce: Forgotten Polar Hero”.</p> <p>Isobel spoke first, on the life and times of WSB, who lived 1867 – 1921. John followed, talking of the man`s myth and legacies.</p> <p>Isobel and John answered several questions before Julie presented the Vote of Thanks to our speakers. She invited Isobel to draw the winning ticket for the raffle - which had raised £230.00 for Society funds. The winner was Paul Coslett.</p> <p>The Meeting was brought to an end by our Chairman at 2125 hrs.</p>	