

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Devon and Cornwall Polar Society held on Wednesday 23rd March 2015 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 Scholar, Henry Guly and Antonia Reynolds.	
2. Minutes of last meeting	The minutes of the 2014 AGM held on 20 March 2014 were read and agreed.	
3. Chairman's Report	Chairman thanked everyone for coming especially as there had been some confusion over the dates. Welcomed the speaker John Dudeney who had travelled down from Cambridge. The Society held two talks in 2014; twin-one on Surgery during the Heroic Age of Exploration by Dr Henry Guly and Denis Wilkins on Scott and Amundsen and the other by Tim Jarvis on the re-enactment of the sailing from Elephant Island to South Georgia which were well attended. The Shackleton 100 event had been an incredible success with people travelling from as far afield as the USA and Australia to be with us. Photos were on the website and a report had been forwarded to the Heritage Lottery fund. Many letters of thanks had been received. JCS, BAS and UKAHT had all given us support. Honorary membership of the DCPS was awarded to Jean Scholar (granddaughter of PO Fred Parsons) who was in at the conception of the Society and had been a staunch supporter through the years.	
4. Treasurer's Report	The members were all in receipt of a copy of the DCPS Financial report as at 28 February 2015 which stated we had Income of £14262.13 and Expenditure of £11977.31. Excess of Income over expenditure is £2284.82.	

<p>5. Resolutions 1 and 2</p>	<p>Resolution 1: From 1 April 2015 membership fees would increase to £10 per annum this would include free entry to paid up members to the lectures held twice a year with Non-members paying £6. This was proposed by Julie Ellis and seconded by Bob Jay all were in favour.</p> <p>Resolution 2: From 1 April 2015 members should pay their subscriptions by standing order. This was proposed by Val Thorne and seconded by Paul Coslett. One against and rest were in favour so the motion was carried.</p>	
<p>6. Membership Secretary</p>	<p>Membership Secretary stated that the current membership stood at 66 paid up members plus 7 honorary members that included the 4 Patrons. The Chairman thanked Val for all her hard work.</p>	
<p>7. Election of Officers and Committee for 2015/6</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 with the inclusion of a new member Vicky Rickinson. This was proposed by Michael Tarver and seconded by Peter Warren.</p>	
<p>8. AOB.</p>	<p>A three-course meal with wine to celebrate Captain Scott's birthday on the 6 June was being held at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel in the Heywood Room. Dress would be lounge suits and the cost was £30 per head. Members were asked to see Bridgett/Val for tickets.</p> <p>On the 7th August the Duke of Cornwall Hotel was holding a reception to launch their Shackleton room DCPS members would be invited. On the same day it was hoped that the blue plaque to Francis Bickerton would be unveiled at Lockyer Place.</p> <p>Mike Tarver has written a new biography on Atkinson, which is to be published shortly.</p> <p>Meredith Hooper has written a radio play on Shackleton, which airs on the 4th of April.</p>	

	The meeting closed at 7.55 and was followed by talk on the Bruce expedition.	