

Minutes

The Hydrographic Society of the United Kingdom (Southern Region) Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 10th December 2008

20:00 to 21:00

SS Shieldhall, 48 Berth Eastern Docks, Southampton

**Secretary:
Attendees:**

Neil Pittam
William Heaps (Chair)

Malcolm Bowdidge (ABPmer)
Sarah Belcher (ABPmer)
Ian Russell (Seaconsult UK)
Ted Read (Ohmex)

Apologies:

Lisette Rimmer (Treasurer)
Dirk Bakker

Agenda Item

Details

Action:

Apologies for Absence

1. Apologies for absence were received as detailed above

Minutes of Last Meeting

2. The minutes were taken as read

Proposed: Ian Russell

Seconded: Neil Pittam

Will be
posted on
the website
with
previous
Minutes.
(WH)

Matters arising

3. Lisette Rimmer has resigned as Treasurer

Chairman's Report

4. A full copy of the Chairman's report is attached to these minutes.
5. Finances are sound.
6. Soundings will contain the latest updates on branch activities.

Secretary's Report

7. A full copy of the Secretary's report is attached to these minutes.
8. Upcoming meeting programme detailed.

Treasurer's Report

9. There was no formal treasurer's report, but up to date accounts were submitted to the Society Auditors before Lisette resigned.

**Election of Committee
Members**

10. No members contested the post of "Chairman". William Heaps kindly accepted the nomination to continue in post for a further year, which was proposed by Ian Russell, seconded by Neil Pittam and carried by the attendees.
11. No members contested the post of "Secretary". Neil Pittam kindly accepted the nomination to continue in post for a further year, which was proposed by William Heaps, seconded by Ted Read and carried by the attendees.
12. In light of Lisette Rimmer resigning as "Treasurer", Sarah Belcher offered to take this post. This was proposed by Ian Russell, seconded by Ted Read and carried by the attendees. Sarah kindly accepted the nomination to continue in post for a year.

<p>Any Other Business</p>	<p>13. Chairman advised that a 'clean out' of the southern Region's circular email list was required. An email will be sent to all querying if the email address was still in use and if so, would they like to stay on the list and be informed of future events.</p> <p>14. Chairman requested suggestions for improved advertising / attendance of Society events. Attendees suggested contacting the Nautical Institute and Prof Andrew Bradbury of The Channel Coast Observatory to enquire about advertising through them. It was suggested that attendance at meetings could be improved by obtaining Continuing Professional Development certificates under the IMarEST scheme. It was suggested that Vic Abbott or Andrew Bradbury nominate this request.</p> <p>15. It was proposed that a Southern Region event was held in 2009 to promote the Society. A discussion ensued with the consensus being that combining hydrography (coastal Lidar, tideless surveying, OS Model, VROS VORF) with Spatial Data Infrastructure (Seazone, UKHO, pilot project updates for ICH, ICZmap involving CCO and the EA) would be a suitable theme. The Secretary and Russell are to meet in January to discuss further.</p> <p>There was no other business and the meeting closed at 21:00</p>	<p>William Heaps.</p> <p>William Heaps.</p> <p>Neil Pittam.</p>
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Secretary's Report – 10th December 2008

Since the last AGM on the 29th November 2006 the following meetings have been held :

2007

January - Tim Hallpike - Solent University - Hydrographic Surveying at Southampton Solent University

February - Meeting onboard R.V. Callista with tour

The Ocean Business 2007 meeting in **March** was an excellent evening, both in terms of the presentations and the attendance level, with the most attendees since moving the monthly meetings to SS Shieldhall in Southampton. 3 presentations were made :

- Andrew Hoggarth - CARIS - Managing Large Hydrographic datasets with a focus on Bathymetry and it's Metadata
- Martin Dean – ADUS - The advantages of high resolution multibeam surveys on wrecks
- Peter Robinson - C-MAX - The CM2 Sidescan Sonar System

April - Peter Hobson - Admiralty Surveys - Hawkeye II Lidar

May - Tor-Erik Djupos - Trimble Virtual Reference Service (VRS)

June - BBQ onboard SS Sheildhall. A very successful evening, so much so that it is now a regular calendar event!

September - Dave Mould - Tsunami Detection System

October - Simon Squibb - The Management of Aggregate Dredging Licences off the East Anglian Coast

December - Wyn Williams - IMarEST and Hydrography

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February - William Heaps - Pilot Portable Units - Experiences gained during extended trials in the port of Southampton

April - ROV demonstration night with 2 presentations :

- Charlie Foll - Atlantias Marine - Underwater Inspection products, including Videoray
- James Douglas - SAAB Seaeeye - Electric powered Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROV), including the portable Seaeeye Falcon ROV

May – Ian Anderson - Halcrow Group - Combining Kinematic Motion-compensated 3D Datasets for Coastal Zone Management

June - BBQ onboard SS Sheildhall

September - Nick Green – Ixsea – Ixsea's Underwater Positioning Systems

We have an interesting series of presentations planned for next year and hope to build the profile of the Southern Branch and its meetings. If anyone (members and non-members alike) have any suggestions for doing this, or requests for presentations from a certain organisation or on a certain topic then please let me know (contact details above). Volunteers are always welcome so don't be shy!

Neil Pittam



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Chairman's Report - 10th December 2008

Regrettably, due to an organisational blunder, we missed our AGM in 2007, but with this meeting we are now back on schedule to have annual meetings at the end of each year, in line with the meeting and reporting schedule of THSUK.

Neil has done an excellent job with arranging meetings for the region, though the committee has been disappointed with attendance on some occasions. This can partly be attributed to the completion from other events, and Neil has been trying hard to avoid clashes, and programme meetings around other organisations, to try and make our own more attractive. We have also been skipping some meetings where there are clear clashes, for example with Hydro8 last month. We also suspect that the very buoyant state of the industry has kept members away, as they have been busy working!

Thanks are also due to our recently retired Treasurer, Lisette Rimmer, who has left Southampton to take up a job in Plymouth. Our finances remain relatively healthy, with only modest outgoings to hire our meeting venue. Other events such as our very popular summer barbeque are self-financing, thanks to the help of the committee and friends in running them.

Our email notification list has become rather outdated, and Neil and I have a New Year resolution to update it! Please make sure that any friends or colleagues who may be interested in our meetings send in their email details to us, so that they can be added to the list. Our web page on the main THSUK site has been kept up to date by Neil over the last couple of years, so keep checking it for latest news.

As ever volunteers to speak, or even just leads to likely speakers are always welcome.

I will conclude with thanks to all of you who continue to support us, and special thanks to our hosts on the Shieldhall who always make us welcome to their unique meeting venue.

William Heaps