

Minutes

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

Wednesday 9th December 2009

20:00 to 21:00

SS Shieldhall, 29 Berth Eastern Docks, Southampton

**Secretary:
Attendees:**

Neil Pittam

William Heaps (Chair)

Sarah Belcher (ABPmer)

Billy Johnson (ABP Soton)

Ian Russell (Seaconsult UK)

Julian Seaman (Shoreham Port)

Rob Higgon (Westminster Dredging)

Maik Waidt (THLS)

Mark Poole (BP)

Apologies:

Mark Stevens

Dickie Barter

Edward Salter

Mike Osborne

Tim Hallpike

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

Matters arising

3. Formal thanks to Mike Osborne for his contribution to planning the Marine SDI Symposium in October.

Chairman's Report

4. A full copy of the Chairman's report is attached to these minutes.

5. Finances are sound following the Marine SDI Symposium in October.

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. A full copy of the Treasurer's report is attached to these minutes.

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

Election of Committee Members	<p>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 Sarah Belcher and carried by the attendees.</p> <p>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 Julian Seaman, seconded by Rob Higgon and carried by the attendees.</p> <p>12. No members contested the post of "Treasurer", Sarah Belcher kindly accepted the nomination to continue in post for a further year, which was proposed by Neil Pittam, seconded by Billy Johnson and carried by the attendees. Sarah kindly accepted the nomination to continue in post for a year.</p> <p>13. An invitation for additional committee members was offered to attendees. Maik Waitt and Mark Poole accepted.</p>	
Any Other Business	<p>14. Suggestions for future events were invited. A suggestion to visit EMU's facilities was proposed.</p> <p>15. Chairman requested suggestions for improved advertising / attendance of Society events. Neil Pittam suggested that a more formal / structured approach to academia in the region should be made.</p>	<p>Neil Pittam.</p> <p>Neil Pittam.</p>
	<p>There was no other business and the meeting closed at 21:00</p>	



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Secretary's Report – 9th December 2009

Since the last AGM on the 10th December 2008 the following meetings have been held :

2009

February - Mr N Ackroyd, Director of Data Collection and Management, Ordnance Survey – How changes in land navigation and mapping have impacted Ordnance Survey over the last century and what the future holds. RIN joint meeting at Ordnance Survey, Southampton.

April - Peter Lancaster (Location & Timing KTN) - Where to now with GNSS

May - Dr Sally Basker - E-Loran. RIN joint meeting at Warsash Maritime Academy.

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

September - Stephen Auld - 3D imaging sonar the Echoscope.

October – Symposium – Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure. Reading.

December – AGM.

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!

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Chairman's Report 9th December 2009

2009 has been most notable in the Southern Region for the organisation of our seminar in Reading last October. The day was a great success with some excellent papers, high profile attendees, and many positive comments afterwards. All the presentations are on the web site if you missed the day! Furthermore, we were able (thanks to generous sponsorship support) to make a healthy profit for our region, which will allow us to run our monthly meetings free of charge to all attendees for a considerable period into the future.

With the now traditional exception of our summer (not that you would have known from the weather) Barbeque, most of our meetings have been notable for poor attendance, particularly from our own members. My thanks continue to go to the local RIN branch for helping us avoid some very embarrassing turnouts, especially when speakers have freely given their time, and often travelled some distance to speak.

This is a perennial problem, and I would ask once again for your feedback regarding meeting venue, subjects for presentations, and how we can attract more of our own members.

We carried out the promised cull of the email list to target those who remain interested in our activities, but despite still sending out over 100 emails to members and others who positively confirmed an interest, we struggle to attract even a small percentage of them to our events. And yet the Reading seminar attracted over 80 individuals willing to pay over £80!

My thanks as ever, to those who have supported us during the year, to my fellow committee members for their considerable efforts, and of course to the Shieldhall for continuing to put up with us!

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Hon Treasurer's Report 9th December 2009

Annual Expenditure 2009

At the start of the year the society held £776.57, following the symposium at the end of the year the account now stands at £4,705.44.

07/01/2009	Neil Christmas food refund	£ 30.54		£ 776.57
15/04/2009	Fliers for symposium	£ 55.00		£ 721.57
11/06/2008	Bank Charges for letter to solicitor	£ 28.75		£ 692.82
30/06/2009	William - food refund for BBQ	£ 16.27		£ 676.55
03/07/2009	pay pal set up		£ 0.02	£ 676.57
03/07/2009	pay pal set up		£ 0.06	£ 676.63
06/07/2009	BBQ money		£ 50.50	£ 727.13
06/07/2009	Symposium stand sea zone		£ 150.00	£ 877.13
08/07/2009	Neil - games refund	£ 24.00		£ 853.13
03/09/2009	Bob Earl advert	£ 109.25		£ 743.88
23/09/2009	Sept meeting	£ 30.00		£ 713.88
09/09/2009	Symposium delegates		£ 1,200.00	£1,913.88
24/09/2009	Symposium deposit for venue	£ 500.00		£1,413.88
16/10/2009	Symposium delegates		£1,500	£2,913.88
26/10/2009	Symposium delegates		£388	£3,301.88
27/10/2009	Symposium delegates		£ 2,037.00	£5,138.88
02/11/2009	Refund XY associates	£ 200.00		£4,938.88
05/11/2009	Paypal symposium		£ 1,400.00	£6,338.88
05/11/2009	NCS symposium		£ 150.00	£6,488.88
16/11/2009	Printing for symposium	£ 51.75		£6,437.13
18/11/2009	UKHO symposium		£ 100.00	£6,537.13
25/11/2009	Bradfield college	£2,551.69		£3,985.44
07/12/2009	PLA symposium		£ 170.00	£4,155.44
08/12/2009	Symposium delegates		£ 200.00	£4,355.44
09/12/2009	Symposium delegates		£ 350.00	£4,705.44