



Minutes

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

Wednesday 11th January 2017
20:15 to 21:00

Meadhurst Sports Club, Sunbury-on-Thames, London

Secretary:

Minutes taken by Becky Conway

Attendees:

Becky Conway (Secretary)
Ken Collins (Treasurer)
Cedric Meyer
Mark Poole
Helen Atkinson
Tony White
Roger Scrivens
Jenny Mallinson

Apologies:

Ian Russell, William Heaps and Rob Higgon

Agenda Item	Details	Action:
Apologies for Absence	1. Apologies for absence were received from Ian Russell, William Heaps and Rob Higgon.	
Minutes of Last Meeting	2. Minutes of the last AGM held on Wednesday 10 th February 2016: Reference was made to the minutes which had been published on THSUK SR website. Minutes were accepted by all present.	
Matters Arising	3. Matters Arising – no matters arising from the minutes.	
Chairman’s Report	4. Maik Weidt stepped down as Chairman of the Southern Region in December 2016, thus election for this position is require.	
Secretary’s Report	5. See report below detailing past and future events in the region. There was a discussion on the cancelled Student event in May and Helen Atkinson exampled about the Alan Ingham Award and asked those present to encourage students and recent graduates to enter.	
Treasurer’s Report	6. Financial activity in 2016 has been low (Jan 16 – Jan 17), with a total expenditure of £277.80 (details of what this comprises of can be found in the attached report). I have submitted quarterly accounts to the national body satisfying the auditing and VAT returns. The bank account balance at the end of 2016 is £3005.75 in credit.	
Election of Committee Members	7. Election of Committee members <i>Chairman</i> – Maik Weidt stepped down from post. Mark Poole volunteered his services for the positons and was thus elected. <i>Secretary</i> – Becky Conway to continue in post <i>Treasurer</i> – Ken Collins to continue in post	

<p>Suggestions for Future Events</p>	<p>Regional Representatives to THSUK – Mark Poole kindly offered to represent the Southern Region and was thus elected.</p> <p><i>Committee Members</i> William Heaps Rob Higgon Joe Collins</p> <p>8. Suggestions discussed were as follows:</p> <p>Ken Collins suggested an event at Garmin may be of interest to THSUK SR members and RIN. Ken also mentioned his recent attendance to a presentation by Westminster Boskalis on UXOs and the Portsmouth Dredge and suggested it might be of interest to our members.</p> <p>Ken highlighted his worry over asking speakers to present due to the low number of attendees from THSUK at our events. There is currently a huge reliance on RIN members to make up the numbers. A discussion on other ways to attract our members to event followed and it was identified that the Student populations across the meetings are where we should focus our efforts and encourage them along to our meetings. Therefore, more thought should be given to venue locations to ensure students can attend.</p> <p>As there are several Universities within the Southern Region which run related courses to Hydrography the idea of holding a regional student event was discussed. Helen Atkinson reminded the committee that THSUK Education Sub Committee may be able to help and support.</p> <p>Other possible event ideas included the Receiver of Wrecks, MCA Civil Hydrography and explore the link between the Southern Joint Branch of IMarEST. It was suggested that Ocean Business in April would be a good opportunity to discuss with Corporate Members the possibility of hosting or sponsoring events.</p> <p>Mark Poole enquired about the geographical spread of Southern Region members with regards to event locations. Becky Conway said that she had produced a heat map using member's post codes and the main clusters were around Southampton/Portsmouth, London and Banbury.</p>	<p>Treasurer & Hon. Sec.</p>
	<p>Any Other Business</p>	<p>9. There was no other business and the meeting closed at 21:00.</p>

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Since the last AGM on the 10th February 2016 the following meetings have been held:

Events:	
February 10th	<i>‘The Mulberry Harbours – Past and Present’ by Chris Howlett at Warsash Maritime Academy</i>
March	Oceanology International 16 – THSUK AGM Wednesday 16 th March
April 21st	Joint meeting with the RIN – ‘The Future of GNSS’ by Prof. Terry Moore, held at Warsash Maritime Academy
May 11th	Student Presentation Event, NOC, Southampton – Cancelled
September 27th	‘Antarctic Endurance 2016’ by Cdr Tim Walker FRGS RN, held at Warsash Maritime Academy
October 12th	‘An Update of the Buster Crabb Mystery’ by Dr John Bevan, held at The Diving Museum, Gosport
November 16th	‘A “Behind the Scenes” insight into Fugro’s involvement in the search for the missing Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370’ by Wayne Reynolds, held at Warsash Maritime Academy
December 8th	‘Locating and Managing Unexploded Ordnance in the Thames’ speakers included Stuart Leakey (PLA), Richard Hamilton (SAND Geophysics), Lee Gooderham (Ordtek Limited), held at UCL
Future events:	
January 11th	‘The Force Multiplier Effect: Using Autonomous Surface Vehicles for Hydrographic Survey’ by ASV, held at BP, Meadhurst Sports Club, Sunbury-on-Thames
February 15th	A visit to the Marine Robotics Innovation Centre, NOC Southampton
March	TBC – Joint meeting with East Anglia Region, held in London
April 4-6th	Ocean Business 2017
April 27th	‘The Navigation of Navigation’ by Prof David Last FRIN, Joint RIN meeting to be held at Warsash Maritime Academy

Attendance numbers still fluctuate from month to month with our meetings attracting other guests from RIN and NI. As always, any suggestions of possible speakers, themes, venues etc. would be gratefully received to attract a wide variety of attendees and to keep the schedule interesting for all!

I’m happy to hand over the role of Hon. Secretary to anyone who has some fresh event ideas!

Becky Conway

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(1) Financial activity in 2016 has been low, expenditure of £277.80

date	item	amount	balance
01/01/2016	starting balance		3283.55
27/01/2016	Hydrographic Soc - pens (speaker gifts)	50.00	3233.55
16/02/2016	meeting catering	40.00	3193.55
18/04/2016	Audit fee	30.00	3163.55
14/10/2016	meeting catering	57.80	3105.75
14/10/2016	venue hire -Diving Museum	100.00	3005.75

(2) I have continued to submit quarterly and annual accounts to the Hydrographic Society

(3) I am happy to stand for re-election



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