



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2010 **MINUTES**

17th April 2010 at 10.00am

Imperial College Huxley Building, 180 Queens Gate, South Kensington, London, SW7 2AZ

The meeting was opened by the Chairman, Martin Dixon, who welcomed all those attending – especially new members. He thanked Tim Robinson for arranging an interesting agenda for the Spring Meeting and Brian Hillman for all his work as organiser in previous years

1. Apologies were received from MC Black, John Burgess, Owen Ward, Ken Geddes, Gavin Coulthard, Bob Clary and Steve Underwood.
2. The motion to adopt the Minutes of the 2009 AGM held at The Royal School of Mines on 18th April 2009, was proposed by Terry Wiseman, seconded by Stewart Wild, and passed by members with one abstention.
3. The Chairman took the opportunity to summarise some of the information contained in the Chairman's Report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting:
 - Subterranea Britannica celebrated its 35th birthday in 2009, and successfully recruited 1,000 concurrent members for the first time. He added that the membership for 2010 had already reached 940, which was very encouraging. Renewal rates were about 95%, which was very high and demonstrated that members valued what Sub Brit membership offers.
 - He said that last year had been very active, with two days of talks; three issues of Subterranea; three committee meetings; two study weekends; many day trips (often organised by members); an active exchange of e-mail messages; and over one million "hits" on the Subterranea Britannica web site. The Chairman thanked all those who had been involved in these activities.
4. The Chairman explained that, as a Company limited by guarantee, it was for the Directors to approve the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2009 (which had been previously circulated), but the committee was keen that members should be kept fully informed.

Terry Wiseman proposed a formal vote of thanks to Sue Monsell for all her work on the accounts, and Sue then proposed a similar vote for Nick Catford for his work as Membership Secretary. Both were supported by members present.

5. A motion that “nominations for election be considered “en bloc” was proposed by Richard Lamont, seconded by Mike Stace, and passed “*nem con*”.
6. A motion to elect the following Officers and Committee for 2010/2011 - Martin Dixon (Chairman); Linda Bartlett (Vice Chairman); Sue Monsell (Treasurer); Roger Starling (Secretary); Nick Catford (Membership Secretary); Paul Sowan (Member); Bob Templeman (Member); Hugh Ainsley (Member); and Andrew Smith (Member) - was passed “*nem con*”.

Andrew Smith noted that MC Black had decided not to stand for re-election, and proposed a formal vote of thanks to him for his contributions to Subterranea Britannica whilst on the Committee over many years.

The meeting closed at 10.20am