

**MINUTES OF MEETING AT BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2007 AT 11.00 AM.****Present**

Mr P.J. Woodman	Chairman
Mrs C. Burgess	Permanent Committee on Geographical Names
Dr K. Crosbie	<i>Ad hoc</i> member
Dr A.J. Fox	British Antarctic Survey
Lt Cdr J.E.J. Marshall	Hydrographic Office
Ms J. Rumble	Polar Regions Unit, Overseas Territories Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Dr J.R. Shears	British Antarctic Survey
Ms A. Martin	Secretary

**1. Apologies for absence and new members**

Apologies for absence were received from Prof J.A. Dowdeswell, Scott Polar Research Institute, Dr Hattersley-Smith, Royal Geographical Society, Mr P. Geelan and Dr M.R.A. Thomson, expert members, and Mr S Ross, PRU, FCO.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting, held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2006**

The minutes were approved by all present.

**3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting**

*HRH The Princess Royal* – Ms Rumble expressed her gratitude to Dr Fox and Ms Martin for the production of the framed map for HRH The Princess Royal. The committee was informed that the naming of *The Princess Royal Range* was announced at a dinner reception for the Royal party at Rothera and the framed print was presented to HRH The Princess Royal at a Reception at Buckingham Palace. Dr Fox showed a copy of the map to the committee.

*Incomplete place-naming – Waterfall Cliffs [APC(06)21]* – following on from the proposal at the last meeting to name some coastal waterfalls in the *Keltie Head* area of *Vega Island*, the Secretary informed the committee that she had been unable to find visual evidence of the waterfalls, nor had she been able to identify their exact location. The proposal remained as work in progress as she was still awaiting further evidence from Dr Thomson. Dr Crosbie and Dr Shears would also provide input.

*Website Disclaimer* – It was agreed to adopt the disclaimer presented at the meeting. It was agreed that the Disclaimer would have its own page on the website and that a title Disclaimer would appear on the side menu.

*APC Website* - the website statistics were noted. The Secretary informed the committee that BAS was launching a new website on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007. The URL address for the APC website home page, which is hosted on the BAS website, would change from [www.antarctica.ac.uk/Resources/APC](http://www.antarctica.ac.uk/Resources/APC) to [www.antarctica.ac.uk/about\\_antarctica/geopolitical/antarctic\\_place\\_names/](http://www.antarctica.ac.uk/about_antarctica/geopolitical/antarctic_place_names/) although there will be a simple default that can be used [www.antarctica.ac.uk/apc/](http://www.antarctica.ac.uk/apc/)

and this will automatically be redirected to the functional URL. All hits to the old site will be redirected to the new URL address. Ms Rumble informed the committee that Dr Mike Richardson, former Head of PRU at the FCO was to be involved with the writing of a new website for British Antarctic Territory, which would also have links to the APC website.

*Place-name proposal (APC(06)16) Ashworth Glacier* – The Secretary informed the committee that the New Zealand Geographic Board had approved the name *Ashworth Glacier*.

**4. Secretary's report [APC(07)04]**

It was agreed that the FCO would send its last remaining copies of *BAS Scientific Report No. 113* to the Secretary who would be the sole point for sale and distribution of the publication. The price would now be £50 per pair. The outreach work undertaken by the Secretary was noted. Dr Shears agreed to support the positioning of the article written for the BAS Club Newsletter on the BAS website. It was agreed that the Secretary should attempt to have a presence at the BAS conference that is held in September each year for all people who go to the Antarctic.

There was considerable discussion regarding the hosting of the SCAR-CGA by the Australian Antarctic Data Centre (AADC) server. It was noted that this had not been discussed at the last SCAR Expert Group on Geospatial Information meeting. While supporting the fact that the CGA was to be maintained, given the unnegotiated way in which the agreement had been arrived at, the committee expressed concern about other roles regarding the SCAR CGA that the AADC intended to take on.

**5. Place-name decisions [APC(07)05]**

All place-names were ratified.

**6. Coordinate Amendments [APC(07)06]**

These were noted.

**7. Postal Assessments**

It was agreed that the Secretary could continue to seek approval for changes of descriptions in the postal assessments.

**8. ACAN Response**

No response had been received from ACAN prior to the meeting. The Chairman informed the committee that Lou Yost, formerly Secretary to ACAN had been appointed Acting Executive Secretary of the US BGN. The role of Secretary to ACAN had been taken over by Roger Payne, retired Executive Secretary of BGN.

**9. New Place-name Proposal – Charcot Island [APC(07)07]**

The name **Rils Nunatak** was approved.

**10. New Place-names Proposal – King George Island [APC(07)08]**

After considerable discussion it was agreed that in circumstances where there were very complex and conflicting issues surrounding the choice of place-

names, mainly as a result of large numbers of foreign names already extant, the APC would invoke a category of ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of a name. Acknowledgement of a name would be used where the APC recognises that a foreign name exists for the feature but insufficient evidence exists to properly determine the history and precedence of the name. The name is also likely to contravene one or more APC guidelines for naming. Acknowledged names would be distinguished in the BAT gazetteer by a distinguishing mark (^) and a preliminary sentence. They would be available for use on all charts, maps and publications. Acknowledgement therefore falls short of full approval; rather it is acknowledged that such names are in use and are the preferred choice for use although they don't meet the standards for an approved name.

The names *approved* are:-

**Bellingshausen Dome** is approved for the feature proposed as Collins Ice Cap.

**North Pass** is approved for the feature proposed as North Valley

**Artigas Beach**

**Cross Mesa** is approved for the feature proposed as Cruz Mesa

**Square Rock Point** is approved for the feature proposed as Half Point

**Ardley Lake**

**Dyke Point** is approved for the feature proposed as Doris Point

**Yanou Lake**

The names that are only *acknowledged* are:-

**Klotz Valley** (on both sides of an intermediate spur)

**Sehnem Point** is acknowledged for the feature proposed as *Escobar Point*

**Fuschloger Beach**

**Gaoshan Lake**

**Grande Valley**

**Belén Beach**

**Belén Lake**

#### 11 **Secretary's Note, Exchange of Information Working Paper – ATCMXXX**

It was noted that the paper titled *The Importance of Unambiguous and Consistent Georeferencing* had not been approved by COMNAP, although it might have been passed by the COMNAP Executive Committee, outside of the meeting. The question was raised as to why it had been presented by COMNAP as it was not obviously related to COMNAP business. Furthermore it was pointed out that unique identifiers exist already for all place-names in the SCAR-CGA.

#### 12 **Any Other Business**

Lt.Cmdr Marshall informed the committee that he had received an enquiry from Captain Peter Skog of the MS *Explorer* regarding the use of *Skog Passage* on HO charts. Captain Skog was of the understanding that the name had been approved by ACAN. The Secretary was asked to investigate.

The date for the next meeting was set for Tuesday November 20<sup>th</sup> 2007.  
The Meeting closed at 2.35pm.