

**MINUTES OF MEETING AT BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17th
MARCH 2010 AT 11.00 AM.****Present**

Mrs Philippa Foster Back	Chair
Mrs Caroline Burgess	Permanent Committee on Geographical Names
Dr Adrian Fox	British Antarctic Survey
Mr John Killingbeck	Royal Geographical Society
Lt Cdr Jonathan Marshall	Hydrographic Office
Ms Lesley Peto	BAT Desk Officer, Polar Regions Unit, Overseas Territories Dept, Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Ms Jane Rumble	Polar Regions Unit, Overseas Territories Dept, Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Dr Mike Thomson	<i>Expert Member</i>
Mr Paul Woodman	<i>Expert Member</i>
Ms Alison Martin	Secretary

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Dr J.R. Shears (BAS), Prof J.A. Dowdeswell, Director, Scott Polar Research Institute, Dr K. Crosbie and Mr P.J. Geelan.

2. Minutes of the last meeting, held on 8th October 2009

Two minor additions were made before the minutes were agreed. Dr K. Crosbie was added to the list of those present and "... , rather than formally as *South Palmer Land.*" was added to the end of the final sentence of item 11.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting**i) Meeting with Google Earth representative**

Following on from the meeting that had been held at BAS, Dr Fox informed the committee that Henk Brolsma, SC-AGI Chairman, had been pursuing the Google Earth link on behalf of SCAR CGA. Dr Fox informed the committee that SCAR was trying to find a technical solution to the allocation of names to features. As Google Earth (GE) require just one location per named feature, the option of positioning according to the centre of the feature as derived from all of the features lower down in the hierarchy of that feature, a system known as *convex hull*, was being looked at. It was accepted that this could lead to the development of a non-politically biased positioning system. The question of multiple names per feature was also discussed. GE's preferred option of giving all names for a feature separated by a slash was noted. This could lead to lengthy naming lists for any one feature, especially where there are 4 or 5 names for a feature within the CGA. It would be hard to avoid this if political concerns are to be taken into consideration. The order of names given in these lists was also discussed. There were several options for listing the names. It was agreed that the best option would be to list the names alphabetically, according to the specific part of their name.

ii) Potential Names for Use

After considerable discussion it was agreed that the list of deceased people worthy of consideration for place-naming should be maintained, *to capture the names of deceased people from older expeditions to Antarctica who had made a considerable contribution, but had yet to be honoured by a place-name.* However, it was agreed that APC would continue to look for individuals who had made a significant contribution to Antarctic knowledge or life and continue to try to place people's names in areas that were associated with that person's career.

The BAS Club would be asked to provide further information regarding the career and accomplishments of people who they would like to see honoured in this way.

iii) Draft Licence Agreement

It was suggested that as well as a password generated when a person registers, that they should also be given a licence number. A few amendments were made to the draft:-

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4. Secretary's report [APC(10)01]

This was noted.

5. Place-name decisions [APC(10)02]

These were noted.

6. Guidelines Review [APC(10)03]

After considerable debate it was agreed that name changes are not undertaken lightly, as it is defying APC policy and international guidelines. The use of only part of a dual surname, hyphenated or unhyphenated, would remain APC Policy. Each case would be assessed on its own merits. The guidelines for Personal names would be amended to :-

With rare exceptions, forenames and the use of more than one part of a surname are unlikely to be approved, *but will be assessed on a case by case basis. The titles or the names of partners or pets*

7. **ACAN Response**
These were noted
8. **New Place-name Proposal – English Coast [APC(10)04]**
It was difficult to determine the exact position for the Chilean feature, Cabo Smyley. This could be the same position as the proposed Cape Trathan, or very close to it. It was agreed that a new name was required for scientific purposes. It was agreed that the feature under consideration would be named *Cape Smyley*, in deference to the Chilean name which took historical precedence, although more research was required to ascertain its exact position, the cape to the east at approximately 72°23'40"S 77°37'20"W would be named *Cape Marchesi*, after Cmdr. Victor Marchesi, Master of the William Scoresby, and the coast in between would be named *Trathan Coast*.
9. **Comparison of SCAR CGA with GEBCO [APC(10)05]**
The use of *Seachannel* as a generic in place-names within the Antarctic was unprecedented and in marine features it is normally used to name a particular type of topographical feature on the sea bed. On this basis it was decided that the name *Loper Channel* would not be changed.
10. **Proposed amendment to place-name – Fallières Coast [APC(10)06]**
It was agreed that the presence of rock where Reynolds Ice Rise was indicated that it was either an island or islands. With the current level of evidence it was agreed that *Reynolds Ice Rise* would be amended to *Reynolds Island* with the new description as given. The Secretary would await any further evidence from BAS Operations with regard to the other features.
11. **New Place-name Proposal – Alexander Island [APC(10)07]**
Two of the proposals had been withdrawn from this paper prior to the meeting (*Polarview Island* and *Cape Fleming*). The other place-name under review, *Attenborough Strait*, was found acceptable.
12. **New Place-name Proposal – Unclaimed Sector [APC(10)08]**
It was thought a bit odd to name a feature after a piece of equipment, Autosub, although not without precedence (c.f. *Muskeg Gap*, *Otter Glacier*, *Beaver Glacier*). It was decided to name the feature *Jenkins Ridge*, after Dr Adrian Jenkins.
13. **New Place-names Proposal – Deception Island [APC(10)09]**
All of the names in this proposal were agreed. *Perchuc Cone*, *Benguela Gully*, *Caliente Hill*, *Albufera Lagoon*, *Downie Ridge*, and *Pisagua Hill*.
14. **New Place-names Proposal – Alexander Island [APC(10)10]**
It was agreed that names were required for all of the features indicated. In order to avoid confusion with and proximity to *Eros Glacier* it was decided that *Eris Glacier* would be transposed with *Haumea Glacier*, *Balakirev Glacier*

was accepted and *Lovell Glacier* (after Sir Bernard Lovell, astronomer) was agreed instead of *Asteroid Glacier*.

15. New Place-name Proposal – Palmer Archipelago [APC(10)11]

The name *Sidell Spur* was approved.

16. Place-name Amendments

The letter from Chairman of the BAS Club supporting the proposal was noted. With reference to the discussion already taken place under item 7, it was agreed that Edwards Island would be renamed *Wynne-Edwards Island* (as a matter of individual identity) and *Lefèvre Point* would remain unchanged.

17. New South Shetland Island Maps

The committee expressed their approval of the new maps and thanked the Secretary for all her hard work in compiling them. With regard to *Sotos Point* in Discovery Bay which appeared to have disappeared due to calving of the ice, the Secretary was asked to present the evidence in a separate paper to the committee. The committee would then decide if it still existed and if so, where it should be placed on the map.

18. Any Other Business

i) The letter regarding the naming of way points from Christchurch, New Zealand to McMurdo Station, Ross Sea was given for information. It was noted that APC had no jurisdiction over way points for air navigation. Dr Fox informed the committee that BAS MAGIC, in collaboration with SPRI, was planning to print a double sided map to commemorate the centenary of the first trek to the South Pole. One side would map the achievements of the heroic age from de Gerlache's voyage to the IGY Year in 1957, showing the routes taken and state of geological knowledge. The other side would contain historical notes. A folded map would be for sale. A Poster map would be produced for schools.

ii) Palmer Land. Following on from APC(09)11 at APC(09) 2nd Meeting, clarification was sought over the reason for not adopting the name Ellsworth Land. It was noted that Ellsworth Land was a name associated with the unclaimed sector of Antarctica, and according to the CGA, was very largely situated there. *It was therefore not ideal to extend the name into the southern part of the Antarctic Peninsula, within BAT.*

iii) Governance of Committee – The committee was asked to consider whether they would like to see any new members on the committee, either as ad hoc or expert members. It was mooted that both the wider academic society and the historical interests could be better represented. *Members were also asked to reflect on whether the balance between expert and ad hoc membership was correct, noting that currently only the Chair and the one ad hoc member are on fixed term appointments, and that the Committee was invited to consider whether there were expertise gaps on the Committee that*

would benefit from new ad hoc membership Members were asked to bring their ideas to the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 2.45pm.