

**MINUTES OF MEETING AT BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY HELD ON TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2008 AT 11.00 AM.****Present**

Mr P.J. Woodman	Chairman
Mrs C. Burgess	Permanent Committee on Geographical Names
Dr A.J. Fox	British Antarctic Survey
Mr P.J. Geelan	<i>Expert Member</i>
Mr J. Killingbeck	Royal Geographical Society
Ms Katherine Henry	Assistant Desk Officer, BAT, Polar Regions Unit, FCO.
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
Dr M.R.A. Thomson	<i>Expert Member</i>
Ms A. Martin	Secretary

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

The Chairman welcomed Mr John Killingbeck as the new representative of the Royal Geographical Society. Apologies for absence were received from Dr Kim Crosbie.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting, held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2007**

One amendment was made to the minutes. In Item 10, the text was amended to *It was noted that Captain Peter Skog had made only two submissions to the UK Hydrographic Office.*

**3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting****i) Investigation of features in Wordie Bay**

After assessing the evidence from satellite imagery, and hearing the Secretary's report of there being no air photography that clearly showed the features owing to sea ice cover, it was decided that the evidence was inconclusive. The Secretary was asked to continue to try to acquire evidence; the investigation would remain as *work in progress*.

**ii) King George Island coordinates**

After considering the two sets of coordinates, those from the SCAR KGI project and those taken from the LIMA mosaic, it was decided that the committee would use those taken from the LIMA mosaic. It was accepted that the LIMA mosaic was likely to be the source for the updating of most coordinates within BAT and therefore the most appropriate set to use for KGI would be the LIMA derived coordinates.

**4. Secretary's report [APC(08)02]**

The committee repeated their concern that the link between geographical information and mapping appears to have been broken with the contract work being undertaken on the South Georgia Gazetteer. It was reiterated

that an approach to Harriet Hall, Chief Executive of the Government SGSSI regarding the production of a new map would be made at a later date, once the current work had been completed.

The limitations of the LIMA data at large scale were discussed. Lt. Cmdr. Marshall concurred that the UKHO also have difficulties when charting small, off-lying features using the new imagery.

**5. Place-name decisions [APC(08)03]**

All place-names were ratified.

It was noted that the SCAR CGA administrator had voiced concern that the two toponyms Napier Ice Rise and Napier Island were for the one feature but had generated separate feature unique identity numbers.

**6. Postal Assessments**

These were noted.

**7. ACAN Response to APC(08) 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting**

These were noted.

**8. New Place-names Proposal – Vega Island [APC(07)18rev]**

The name **Waterfall Cliffs** was approved.

**9. New Place-name Proposal – ACAN Names [APC(08)04]**

There was some discussion concerning the approval by ACAN of these names without prior recourse to APC.

The following names were approved: *Amsler Island*, which was thought to be useful for staff at Palmer Station; *Hewitt Bay* and *Holt Inlet* which were considered to be useful from a maritime, navigational viewpoint.

The following names were not approved: *Comer Range*, It was noted that the Mr Comer's philanthropic work had concerned the Arctic, rather than the Antarctic and the use of his name here seemed to be inappropriate. The committee questioned whether the feature needed a name, well defined as it was with a named peak at either end, and too small to be considered a Range. It was also pointed out that the area had seen a lot of the early flying in the Antarctic and perhaps a name associated with the early flying teams would be more appropriate. *Hall Glacier*, as no further evidence was given the proposal was rejected. *Jaegyu Knoll* was rejected on the grounds that the feature probably did not require a name, it being 200m below sea level.

However, it was agreed that it would be appropriate to mark Mr Jaegyu's death from such tragic circumstances. The Secretary was asked to research the potential use of his name elsewhere. *Skane Nunatak* was rejected on the grounds that the feature probably did not require a name, Cape Monaco being a much larger feature and close by. *Spillane Fjord* was rejected on the grounds that a single glacier, Crane Glacier, fed the fjord and that perhaps Crane Fjord would be a more appropriate choice of name if it were not already in the CGA.

**10. New Place-names Proposal – Lemaire Channel [APC(08)05]**

It was noted that Cape Renard was no longer a cape, but that the name and feature were so well known that it would be inadvisable or confusing to amend the name. However, the feature description would require alteration. It was also noted that the channel separating Cape Renard from False Cape Renard had formed well before 2005.

The names *Renard Island* and *Una Peaks* were approved.

It was suggested that the information should be made available to IATO via their newsletter.

**11. New Place-names Proposal – Oscar II Coast [APC(08)06]**

The name *Vaughan Inlet* was approved.

**12. NERC Data Grid Portal**

There was support for the NERC data grid portal, however, it was decided that APC data would not be made directly available on it. There could be a hotlink from the NERC site to the APC site but no direct access from the NERC to the APC data. The committee also wished to make the point that there were already links to the SCAR-CGA via the APC website and that they would appreciate it if the links to SCAR were maintained via the APC website, rather than via a NERC website.

The Secretary informed the committee that NERC was also working on a further system whereby some scientific data would be viewable on *Google Earth*. The point was made that it might be possible to include BAT place-names amongst this data.

Although the committee supported this idea, it was agreed that the Secretary would investigate, with BAS MAGIC, about putting the BAT place-names on *Google Earth* independently of NERC.

**13. SCAR-AGI document**

The committee were interested in knowing if the document was to be presented at SCAR and/or the Antarctic Treaty Meeting. As no reply had been received from Mr Brolsma no further comment was given.

**14. APC Website Statistics**

These were noted.

**15. Wikipedia and Google Earth**

The Secretary demonstrated the range of use of Antarctic Place-names on Google Earth and Wikipedia. All of this material is in the public domain and can be freely amended and added by anyone with access to the web. Apart from the approach to Google Earth described above (Item 12) it was agreed that the APC would not involve itself in the adding or amending of details on these sites, although it would watch the developments.

**16. Any Other Business**

*BAS Club* – A letter was presented from the Secretary of the BAS Club. It requested that APC formally recognise all former BAS and FIDS staff that had died in the Antarctic. The committee repeated their decision from the previous meeting that they had no policy *per se* for recognising deceased members of staff, but that they would welcome proposals from the BAS Club, which provided adequate information for the committee to assess the suitability of each proposal. It was also agreed that the Secretary could research the names on the list so that they could be used should the need for a name arise on a relevant feature.

*SCAR Standing Resolution on the Distribution of Maps* – It was agreed that APC would continue to provide hardcopy maps for the SCAR map depositories. It was also agreed that new APC maps could be made available digitally on the SCAR map catalogue. It was suggested that a cost analysis of the hardcopy production and distribution should be prepared.

*Antarctic Treaty Secretariat access to APC web feature server* – A request had been received from the Antarctic Treaty Secretariat to have access to the APC web feature server. It was agreed that Jane Rumble would speak to Jan Huber (Antarctic Treaty Secretary), that a hotlink would be agreed but that direct access to the server would not be agreed.

The date for the next meeting was set for Tuesday November 18<sup>th</sup> 2008.  
The Meeting closed at 14.00 pm.