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MINUTES OF THE 2002 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE REMOTE SENSING AND PHOTOGRAMMETRY SOCIETY

Tuesday 22nd October 2002, 5.30 pm, DTI Conference Centre, 1 Victoria Street, London

The attendance of the AGM is recorded in Annex 1.

The Chairman opened the AGM at 5.35 pm and welcomed all members to the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from: P Aplin, A P Cracknell, V Lawrence, J Elder, R Kirby, K McManus, P Selmes, M Wickett, S Winterbottom and J Young

2. Adoption of the Agenda

It was proposed by T Cary that the Agenda was adopted and seconded by E Wickens. All were in favour.

3. Minutes of the 2001 Annual General Meeting

The Chairman, I Downey, asked members to notify him of any errors. K B Atkinson indicated that there was a spelling error in Item 7 - Appointment of Independent Examiner. The name "D T Cook" was therefore amended to read "D T Cooke" after which the 2001 AGM Minutes were signed by I Downey as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Annual Review and Accounts

I Downey explained why the accounting year had changed. The previous Societies had differing accounting periods, and the new Society has adopted 1st April to 31st March. The Annual Review reflected this change and covered a 9 month reporting period. Members were referred to the reports from ex-officio Officers and other Officers as well as to the Accounts in Annex 3.

- 5.1 *Chairman's Report.* I Downey reported to this item and it was noted that new RSPSoc Council members have brought with them spirit and enthusiasm over the past year to bring the new Society forward. RSPS2001 had been a very successful meeting and the link with ISPRS was highlighted. It was noted that I Dowman, Secretary General of ISPRS, was present at this AGM. This year's meeting on "Digital Imagery Data Standards" along with a meeting back in February, should progress this subject further. The Thompson Symposium had been a success and an enjoyable experience.

The Publications Committee was thanked with respect to its work overseeing the Society's publications. The Photogrammetric Record will be published jointly between the Society and Blackwell Publishers, at an increased frequency of 4 issues per year and the International Journal of Remote Sensing will increase to 24 issues per year. The Newsletter, the main mechanism for communicating with the membership, is evolving and hopefully members will recognise the recent improvements.

Staff at the Nottingham Office were then thanked for their work throughout the year.

The future strategy of RSPSoc had been discussed at a special Council meeting during the Thompson Symposium in April and some of this will be determined by the outcome of this year's Autumn meeting. Key points will be notified to members before Christmas for consideration.

There had been much progress in the new Society and I Downey thanked both K Bowden and E Wickens for steering the Society during the merger phase to its new form. The foundations were laid for the new Council and the Chairman very much looks forward to working with the new Society.

5.2 *Hon. Gen. Secretary's Report.* J Finch reported to this item. Council membership had not changed during the merger but John Allan had left Council and was thanked for his work. E Wickens, Co-Chairman during the merger, was leaving Council and will be missed. E Wickens was thanked for all his work. Beyond this, the new Society is evolving, changing and continually developing. J Finch thanked K Laughton, R McCabe and R Crossley at the Nottingham office for their support.

5.3 *Hon. Treasurer's Report.* The Hon. Treasurer, R Taft, referred members to his report and, in particular, Annex 3, the Accounts. The Society is currently showing a net asset value of £182,950 and the last year expenditure of around £90K demonstrates that we are adhering to the policy of maintaining an asset to sustain 2 years of operation. It should be noted, however, that the loss for the year 2001/2002 (£-17,445) was a result of an overstatement of revenue by both of the former Societies in recognising subscription income beyond the life of each society. These subscription amounts should have been recorded as creditors and transferred to the new society but it is too late now to amend any previous accounts that have already been sent to Companies House.

It was noted that at present there was no major income raising programme, therefore the Society cannot commit itself to any great expenditure programme. RSPSE Ltd can be used to raise income and the Treasurer asked for any ideas on projects to be notified to one of the Officers.

The Treasurer then asked for any questions from the floor. The Chairman, I Downey, asked for clarification that, with reference to the overstatement in the accounts of the previous Societies, cash and revenue should be seen as separate items. The Treasurer

noted the Chairman's observation and confirmed that the total cash was indeed in the Society's account.

There were no further questions.

6. Results of Council Elections

The Hon. Gen. Secretary, J Finch, gave details of the ex-officio Officers of RSPSoc who had been elected by Council. They are as follows:

Chairman	Ian Downey
Hon. Gen. Secretary	Jon Finch
Hon. Treasurer	Robert Taft
Vice-Chairman	Jim Chandler

The results of the Council elections were then announced. It was noted that there had been a ballot this year as there had been 6 nominations for only 4 elected Council places. The following have been elected onto Council:

Paul Aplin
Philippa Mason
Clare Power
Jon Shears

The Student Representative, Ed Wallington (Edinburgh University), who will shadow Jim Adams (Nottingham University) for one year.

7. Appointment of Independent Examiner

R Taft gave brief details on D Cooke's background in dealing with charity accounts and suggested that he be re-appointed.

K Atkinson proposed that D Cooke be appointed as the Independent Examiner. D Tait seconded this and all were in favour.

8. AOB

The Chairman asked if there was any further business. Thanks were given to the autumn meeting organisers, R Payne and E Wickens. They had experienced great difficulties organising this meeting and RSPSoc owed them a great debt of thanks.

Finally, K Atkinson informed the AGM that this month's Photogrammetric Record notes V Brown's retirement. V Brown has given tremendous service to this publication since 1976 which the AGM noted and congratulated. Congratulations were also given to the Record on reaching it's 100th edition.

There being no further business the AGM closed at 6 pm.

Annex 1

THE REMOTE SENSING AND PHOTOGRAMMETRY SOCIETY AGM 2002

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LIST OF ATTENDEES

D Andrews
K Atkinson
V Brown
P Bryan
T Cary
J Chandler
M Clowes
I Dowman
I Downey
J Finch
J Gates
I Harley
A Holmes
T Kavzoglu
K Laughton
D Long
S Marsh
P Marshall
P Newby
E Peters
C Power
D Rhind
E Seaman
J Shears
A Smart
M Stuttard
R Taft
D Tait
S Tovey
S Trigg
V Thorne
E Wickens