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Minutes of Meeting held on: Wednesday 21st February 2024 at Linlithgow Rose Club

WELCOME: Vice-President George Bird welcomed all the members and visitor Bob Ross.

APOLOGIES:

Ross Jarvie; Jim Hannan; Jim Kelly; Alan Bennie; Andrew Jones; Donald Macdonald; Bill & Anne Duncan; Andrew Jones

ALMONERS REPORT

George reported that Margot Watson is in hospital. Warm wishes for her recovery were expressed.

MATTERS ARISING

The AGM will be held on 20th March. Anyone wanting to stand should intimate their names to the Secretary by the end of February.

The current offer from the Edinburgh Tattoo is for tickets at the 9.30pm performance of the Preview Performance on Thursday 1st August. Tickets would be £41.25.

This would not be treated as a Probud Outing with members responsible for making their own arrangements.

AOCB

None

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

Stuart then was called upon to introduce the speaker, Craig Matheson. Craig then held the audience spell-bound as he described what had drawn him to start the Polar Academy in 2013, originally taking Chris, a pupil from a Falkirk school (and his family) and going through an intensive training regime culminating in him leading his team to the North Pole. Craig talked about the psychology of his approach, aiming to address those youngsters who weren't considered to be achievers and talked illuminatingly about the various issues encountered with parents and teachers who had never considered the kids to be capable of such feats. Craig is in the process of making a step-change from dealing with 30 youngsters per year to 200.

More information is available at their website <https://www.thepolaracademy.org/>

VOTE OF THANKS

A vote of thanks was given by Stuart and supported by the members enthusiastically. Stuart also presented a cheque on behalf of the club.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 6th March when our own John Aitken will lead us somewhere warmer on a “Virtual Tour of India”

Chris Collen

Secretary

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