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**THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING AND CONSERVATION
CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT MARFORD MILL ON 25 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 10:00AM**

Attendance	Eoghan Cameron Claire Sadler Ian Coghill Martyn Jones Robin Marshall-Ball Alasdair Mitchell Professor Ann Mortimer Cara Richardson Paul Shaw Peter Watson Carl Woodall Ian Grindy Sarah Turner (Dial in)	Chairman Vice-Chairman
Ex-Officio:	Ian Bell Angela Davies Caroline Bedell Christopher Graffius Dan Reynolds Tommy Mayne Dr Colin Shedden	Chief Executive Executive Director of Business Management Executive Director of Conservation Executive Director of Communications and Public Affairs Director England Director Northern Ireland Director Scotland
Minute Secretary	Sandra Forkin	

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

1. To receive apologies for absence and to note absentees

Apologies had been received from the President, Oliver McCullough, Sally-Anne Cockerill and Steve Bloomfield.

2. To confirm confidential items

The Chairman confirmed that there were no confidential items.

3. To identify suggested items of any other business

Ian Coghill asked to add funding for defending the Dyfi to be added to the agenda.

Carl Woodall asked for a discussion on hunting in Africa and what is BASC's position to be added to the agenda.

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4. Declaration of Interest

Professor Ann Mortimer and Martyn Jones declared an interest in Item 5 – Council Size and Seats for Election 2020.

Sarah Turner confirmed she would not be re-standing. Therefore, she has no conflict of interest regarding item 5.

5. Council Size and Seats for Election 2020

The CEO confirmed the paper has been issued with regards to the overall size of Council and the recommendations are noted in the paper.

6. Governance Review (Oral)

The Vice-Chair gave an overview of the Governance review that has been carried out so far.

A slide was presented with the background of what the Governance review would entail and the level of detail which will be carried out during the review. There was discussion regarding the level of detail. The Vice-Chair stated that the level of detail was required to ensure a robust Governance review. This was agreed.

The Vice-Chair also advised Council that this review is to make sure that we are satisfied with our fiduciary responsibilities.

- What is required of us on Council?
- Are we fit for purpose?
- What does it mean to be on Council?

The Vice-Chair and team will be working to a tight but achievable timeframe. The work will be aligned to FCA rules and regulations.

Council thanked the Vice-Chair for her work so far.

7. Security and Safety (Oral)

The CEO updated Council.

8. Raptors

The Executive Director of Conservation distributed a paper on Wildlife Crime – Proposals to Address Raptor Persecution in the UK.

9. Pheasant and Partridge Rearing/Laying Cages

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The Executive Director of Conservation distributed a paper for discussion on Pheasant and Partridge Rearing – Code of Practice Review.

The Director of Wales gave an update on the situation in Wales and expected a Welsh Government review next calendar year. The next meeting with the Welsh Government is scheduled for October.

10. AOB

Dyfi

Alasdair Mitchell asked Council if the remit for the Dyfi, £10k budget for legal costs, that had previously been agreed could be widened to include other advice and work.

Trophy Hunting – Africa

Further discussion to take place.

Employment Tribunal

The CEO gave Council an update on the Employment Tribunal.

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 24th October 2019, Marford Mill

Signed:

Date:

Chairman