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**THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING AND CONSERVATION
CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT MARFORD MILL ON 13 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 09:30AM**

Attendance	Eoghan Cameron Claire Sadler Ian Coghill Robin Marshall-Ball Professor Ann Mortimer Peter Watson Ian Grindy Oliver McCullough Sally-Anne Bloomfield Paul Shaw Carl Woodall Sarah Turner Alasdair Mitchell	Chairman Vice-Chair
Ex-Officio:	Ian Bell Angela Davies Caroline Bedell Christopher Graffius Dan Reynolds Dr Colin Shedden Steve Griffiths Tommy Mayne Garry Doolan	Chief Executive Executive Director of Business Management Executive Director of Conservation Executive Director of Communications & Public Affairs Director England Director Scotland Director Wales Director Northern Ireland Deputy Director of Communications & Public Affairs
Minute Secretary	Sandra Forkin	

Chairman's Welcome

1. To receive apologies for absence and to note absentees

Apologies had been received from Lord Dear, Martyn Jones, Steve Bloomfield and Cara Richardson.

2. To confirm confidential items

It was noted that items 8, 9, 11, 16, 17 & 21 were noted as confidential.

3. To identify suggested items of any other business

A request for Wild Game Guide to be added.

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4. Declaration of Interest

Alasdair Mitchell, Peter Watson, Robin Marshall-Ball, Oliver McCullough, Tommy Mayne and the CEO declared an interest in Concessions (Veterans) Item 10 on the agenda.

5. Minutes of previous meetings

5.1 Minutes of the 28th November 2019 Council meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 28th November were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5.2 Minutes of Executive and Finance Committee 28th November 2019

The Executive and Finance Committee minutes of the meeting of 28th November were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5.3 Minutes of the Wildfowling Liaison Committee meeting 26th November 2019 (for information only)

The Wildfowling Liaison Committee minutes of the meeting of 26th November were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5.4 Minutes of the Scottish Committee meeting 19th November 2019 (for information only)

The Scottish Committee minutes of the meeting of 19th November were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

6. Matters arising from earlier Council meetings

None

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7. Governance Review Update (Oral) *CONFIDENTIAL*****

The Vice-Chair referred to the paper issued and is taken as read.

8. Lead *CONFIDENTIAL*****

9. Health and Safety report

- **Monthly Report**
- **Security Report (Oral update)**

The H&S report was taken as read.

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The Executive Director of Business Management gave an update on the fire that occurred in the stable building at Marford Mill on Friday 7th February 2020.

10. Investigation (Oral) *CONFIDENTIAL*****

11. Membership Concessions

The Executive Director of Business Management gave an overview of the paper that had been issued and advised Council of the recommendation that had been put forward and the reasons for this.

12. Policy Positions

The Executive Director of Communication and Public Affairs referred to the paper that had been issued. The Executive Director of Communications and Public Affairs asked Council for approval on the following: -

Airgun licencing in England and Wales

Council agreed an additional paragraph to be added into this paper. Council approved with the additional paragraph.

BIG Bags

Council discussions took place around bag sizes and whether this should be included within the position. It was agreed that we should not refer in the policy as “big bags” but the focus and policy should be on “sustainable bags” not actual size of the bag. Discussions took place around the proposed options that should be carried forward.

Council agreed that the wording should be revisited.

Burning

Discussions took place around the wording; it was agreed that the Executive Director of Communication and Public Affairs is to re-word as below.

- Controlled burning of vegetation in the uplands is an essential tool in wildfire management and mitigation. Burning can increase biodiversity. Its use is highly site dependant and, therefore, it is incorrect to say that you should always burn or never burn.

Council agreed the amendment.

Mandatory competence testing

Approved by Council.

Firearms licencing

Approved by Council.

Lead ammunition

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Council discussions took place around this position; it was agreed by Council that the policy should be the joint statement. The Executive Director of Communications and Public Affairs will amend accordingly.

Shoot Licencing

Policy to be amended to:

BASC is opposed to the introduction of shoot licensing as shooting is already subject to an appropriate regulation. There is no evidence that a licensing scheme would be any more effective.

Council Approved.

The Executive Director of Communications and Public Affairs confirmed further BASC positions will be brought to future Council meetings.

13. 2019 Council Declarations of Interest Report

The paper presented was taken as read.

14. Honours and Awards

The paper presented was taken as read.

15. Motions for the AGM from Members (Oral)

The Executive Director of Business Management advised Council that no member motion has been received. However, following today's Council meeting there will be one brought to March Council meeting.

16. Chairman's Report *CONFIDENTIAL*****

The Chairman's paper was issued to Council at the meeting and was taken as read.

17. Chief Executive Report *CONFIDENTIAL*****

The CEO's paper presented was taken as read.

18. Executive Director of Communications and Public Affairs Report

The Executive Director of Communications and Public Affairs Report was taken as read.

19. Executive Directors of Shooting and Operations Report

The Executive Director of Shooting and Operations Report was taken as read.

20. Executive Director of Conservation Report

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The Executive Director of Conservation's report was taken as read.

The Executive Director of Conservation gave an overview of the paper and items noted within.

21. Executive Director of Business Management's Report *CONFIDENTIAL*****

The Executive Director of Business Management's Report was taken as read.

22. AOB

Council discussions took place around the re-writing of the Wild Game Guide. The Executive Director of Conservation confirmed that the Head of Taste of Game and Training and Development Quality Assurance Officer are dealing with this. There is a meeting being held on the 3rd March, and it was discussed that the correct line needs to be in place and what the line is BASC are looking at.

Further discussions will take place. It was agreed all Council members to be copied into any documentation concerning this area.

23. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 26th March 2020 at 9:30am, Marford Mill

Signed:

Date:

Chairman