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**THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING AND CONSERVATION
CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD VIA TEAMS MEETING ON 25 MARCH 2021 AT 09:00AM**

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

Chairman's Welcome

1. To receive apologies for absence and to note absentees

Apologies had been received from Lord Dear.

2. To confirm confidential items

It was confirmed that items 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20 and 21 were noted as confidential.

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3. To identify suggested items of any other business

- Gun Trade banking
- Council Strategy Session
- Welsh Seat

4. Declaration of Interest

It is noted that Robin Marshall-Ball declared an interest in Item 16, Elections and Gun Trade under AOB, BASC Chairman, BASC Vice-Chair and E&F Chairman declared an interest in item 13 – Governance Review.

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5. Minutes of previous meetings

5.1 Minutes of the 11th February 2021 Council meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 11th February were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5.2 Minutes of Executive and Finance Committee 11th February 2021

The Executive and Finance Committee minutes of the meeting of 11th February were noted.

6. Matters arising from earlier Council meetings

- GWCT Package – the CEO confirmed that the announcement has been released and has been very well received.

7. BGA *Confidential*****

8. Confidential Item

9. Health and Safety Report

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

10. SLC Future *Confidential*****

11. Strategic Risk Register *Confidential*****

12. Covid-19 Update *Confidential*****

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13. Governance Review *Confidential*****

14. BDL AGM *Note: Council meeting to close and re-open after BDL AGM*****

BASC Chairman opened the BDL AGM meeting

The Executive Director of Business Management referred to the papers presented.

The Executive Director of Business Management asked for a show of hands if Council were happy for the Directors of BASC Direct Limited to continue in post.

- Council agreed.
- For – 10 votes
- Against – 0 votes
- Abstain – 0 votes
- Declined to vote – 1

The Executive Director of Business Management gave an overview of the adoption of the BASC BDL Accounts that had been provided.

The Executive Director of Business Management referred to the financial statements, the Executive Director of Business Management asked the E&F Chairman if he would like to add anything, there were no comments from the E&F Chairman regarding the individual accounts.

The Executive Director of Business Management asked Council to vote.

- Council adopted the accounts.
- For – 10 votes
- Against – 0 votes
- Abstain – 0 votes
- Declined to vote – 1

The Executive Director of Business Management requested confirmation that the AGM is happy to continue with Whittingham Riddell as the appointed auditors for 2021.

- Re-appointment of auditors – 10 votes
- Abstain – 0 votes
- Rejection of auditors – 0 votes
- Declined to vote – 1

BASC Chairman closed the BDL AGM meeting

BASC Chairman re-opened the Council meeting

15. BASC Annual Report and Financial Statements for year ending 31st December 2020

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

The E&F Chairman referred to the paper presented and gave an overview of the details within the paper and gave an update from the E&F Committee meeting held on 24th March 2021.

BASC E&F Chairman thanked all staff for their hard work.

BASC Chairman asked for those in favour of adopting the accounts as recommended by the E&F Chairman to raise their hands.

- approval of The Annual Report and Financial Statements – 10 votes
- Abstain – 0
- Rejection of the Annual Report and Financial Statements – 0 votes
- Declined to vote - 1

16. AGM *Confidential*****

17. Council Elections *Confidential*****

18. Lead Update

The Executive Director of Shooting & Operations paper was taken as read.

The Executive Director of Shooting & Operations gave an overview of the paper presented, the first year of the first year of the transition and the difficulties this has brought during lock-down, however, he commented that some impressive work has been done.

The Executive Director of Shooting and Operations gave an overview on shot-game.

Council discussions took place in relation to cartridge manufacturers.

Council discussions took place in relation to the 5-year transition.

19. Chairman's Report *Confidential*****

The paper presented was taken as read.

20. Chief Executive's Report *Confidential***
(Including updates from Executive Directors)**

The paper presented was taken as read.

21. Any other business by leave of the Chairman

- Gun Trade Banking – Paul Shaw

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Paul Shaw gave Council an update in on the gun trade in relation to banks closing accounts because the shops deal in guns. Things appear to be changing and becoming harder for gun shops and trades to secure banking arrangements.

Paul Shaw advised that there have been some issues with pay pal accounts, shops are having to stop using this type of payment platforms. This is affecting the gun trade shops. Paul Shaw stated that he is asking Council to see if there is anything that can be done to help gun trade shops.

Council discussions took place with how this is affecting gun trade shops and clubs.

Deputy Director of Communications and Public Affairs suggested that Head of Policy and Campaigns contacted Paul Shaw to see if he can offer assistance to raise the profile of a campaign. The Head of Policy and Campaigns has some experience in dealing with this.

The CEO agreed and asked to gather the evidence, the CEO advised Council that we will see if we can widen the campaign.

BASC Chairman stated that he has some links to the Banks and asked Council if they had any as well, please put these forward.

- Strategy Session – BASC Chairman

BASC Chairman emailed Council in February stating that a strategy session would normally take place in March, however with a strategy session being held in October 2020, we hope to do this face to face and as per email and the next Strategy session will be postponed and refreshed in March 2022.

- Co-option – Welsh Seat – Director Wales

The Chairman updated Council on the vacancy of the Welsh Seat and co-option had been raised as a way to temporarily fill the vacancy.

The Chairman asked the Director of Wales to lead on this item and asked if there was a need for co-option between elections, and if so, what skills are required.

It was noted that the Wales Political Officer commenced her employment with the Association in March 2021.

22. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Friday 21st May at 09:00am – (Virtual)

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Signed:

Date:

Chairman