

THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING AND CONSERVATION

CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT MARFORD MILL, ROSSETT, WREXHAM

ON THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER, 2008

Present:	Robert Irvine Michael Alldis Jan Andrews Simon Breasley Walter Cole Robert Crofts Paul Culley John Dryden Lee Freeston Michael Sherman John Thornley Ray Walters	Chairman
Ex-Officio Members	John Swift Philippa Bursey Glynn Cook Christopher Graffius Simon Hamlyn Roger Pollen Colin Shedden	Chief Executive Director of Business Management Director, Wales Director of Communications Director of Operations Director, Northern Ireland Director, Scotland
In attendance	Tim Russell Bill Harriman	Agenda item B2 Agenda item B6
Minute Secretary	Philippa Bursey	

Preliminary remarks

Philippa Bursey would be taking the minutes since Amanda Forshaw was unwell. Council sent her their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

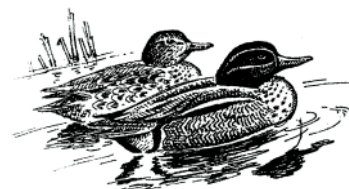
A1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Andrew Macfarlane, Peter Pursglove, Mike Robinson and Tom Wylie.

A2 To confirm Confidential items

It was noted that agenda item C5 should be regarded as confidential. It was subsequently agreed that subject to certain identified exceptions, the discussions under agenda item B4 should also be treated as confidential.

A3 Declaration of Interests



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There were no declarations of interest.

A4 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17 July 2008.

The minutes of the meeting having been circulated were approved as a true and accurate record of the proceedings

A5 To take Matters Arising from the Council Meeting held on 17 July 2008

There were no matters arising.

A6 To take action points

A6.1 WHT New Development Plan

To remain as an action point with a progress report to be presented to the October 2008 meeting of Council.

A6.2 Structure, Role and Function of Principal Officers, Council and Committees

There was to be a special meeting of Council on Wednesday, 15 October at which the governance matters would be discussed; other matters would be considered in the New Year.

A6.3 VAT Appeal

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A6.4 Confidential item

A6.5 BASC Raptor Policy

Agenda item

A6.6 BASC Forward Plan

The Chief Executive to update Council at the meeting in October 2008

A6.7 Coastal Access

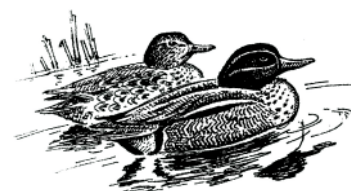
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B1 Confidential item

B2 Confidential item

B3 To receive a progress report on Coastal Access

It was believed that the bill would be on the statute book by August or September of BASC's lobbying would be continued.



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B4 Confidential item

B4 To approve membership of Advisory Committees

B4.1 Conservation and Land Management Advisory Committee

Membership of the committee was approved as presented.

B4.2 Deer Advisory Committee

The listing that had been circulated included Carl Cox as Midlands Regional Director which should be removed and consideration be given to his replacement; also, the membership of two representatives of the Deer Initiative was remarked upon. It was agreed that the committee Chairman should be asked to re-consider the Committee's membership.

B4.3 Firearms and Air Weapons Advisory Committee

Membership of the committee was approved as presented. It was noted that Chris Miles has expertise in relation to air weapons.

B4.4 Gamekeepers' Advisory Committee

Membership of the committee was approved as presented though Mike Tipping, Gerard Gray and Stuart Waugh were noted as being corresponding members. It was noted that Jamie Stewart's job title needs inserting to ensure consistency with the rest of the Committee members.

B4.5 Gameshooting Advisory Committee

Membership of the committee was approved as presented.

B4.6 Gundog Advisory Committee

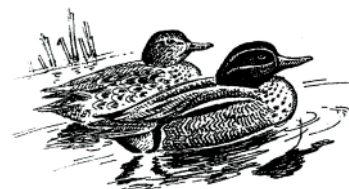
It was noted that the list that had been circulated was not the correct version, while the membership was correct some of the members should be noted as being corresponding and two job titles were incorrect; the Chairman of the committee undertook to circulate by email the corrected list.

B4.7 Northern Ireland Committee

Membership of the committee was approved as presented.

B4.8 Research Advisory Committee

Membership of the committee was approved as presented.



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B4.9 Scottish Committee

Membership of the committee was approved as presented.

B4.10 Shooting Standards Advisory Committee

Subject to the inclusion of Paul Culley as the second Council member, membership of the committee was approved as presented though it was also noted that two job titles had been omitted.

B4.11 Welsh Committee

Membership of the committee was approved as presented though it was noted the Mr Jones' forename should be "Huw".

B4.12 Wildfowling Liaison Committee

Membership of the committee was approved as presented though Andrew Macfarlane's name was capitalised incorrectly.

B5 To receive an oral update on the work of the firearms department

In describing the work of the department Bill Harriman noted that the combined experience within the team exceeded 100 years. He identified the main topics of member enquiries as well reporting on two possible appeal cases for which financial support might be requested; he described BASC's relationship with the Home Office, with ACPO and with individual police forces and licensing personnel; he identified projects on which the team had been working, such as guidance on the Violent Crimes Reduction Act, and warned Council of the likelihood of a new fees order. He also noted other BASC teams and programmes with which the Firearms department was closely involved. From the presentation it was very evident that in recent years working relationships with the Police had improved beyond all recognition.

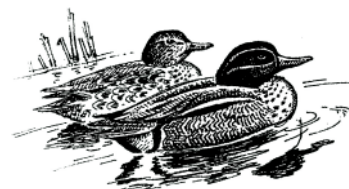
C1 To receive the Minutes of the Advisory Committees

C1.1 To note the Minutes of the Scottish Committee meeting – 26 June 2008.

There were no recommendations to Council but an intention to produce a newsletter for Scottish Gamekeepers had been noted; the publication was expected to be budget neutral since it was to be financed by sponsorship. This highlighted the requirement for the Director, Scotland, not the committees, to be responsible for business decision making. Also, in the context of both the planned, but delayed, development of *The Custodian* and the contractual relationship between BASC and Archant there was a need for him to discuss the matter with the Director of Communications.

The Minutes of the Scottish Committee were noted.

C2 To take the Chairman's Activities Report.



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The Chairman's monthly report had been circulated to Council and was accepted as presented.

C3 To take the Chief Executive's Report

Having been away on holiday the Chief Executive presented an oral report in which he outlined the structure of the forward plan that he would be presenting in October; at that time he would also present a progress report on its implementation.

C4 To take the Director of Communications' Report

The Director of Communications' report to Council had been circulated. In presenting it he highlighted progress in relation to the centenary fundraising programme and noted that a further 25,000 people were to be sent an appeal mailing.

The Director of Communication's Report was accepted as presented.

C5 To take the Director of Business Management's report – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

The Business Management report had been circulated. In presenting it the Director of Business Management pointed out that membership revenue receipts had been strong in early September but the future was very uncertain.

The Director of Business Management's Report was accepted as presented.

C6 To take the Director of Operations' Report

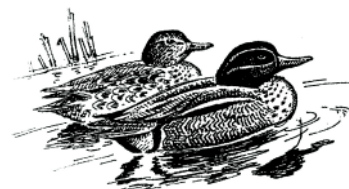
The Director of Operations report had been circulated. In presenting it he advised Council that Stewart Scull had now left BASC and that the opportunity to review the job description was being taken; it was hoped that interviews would be conducted by the end of November. He thanked Council members for the support they had given to the English regional teams during the 2008 show season.

Responding to a question, it was confirmed that in recognition of the success BASC had had in promoting the system and finding a distributor, the Marksman simulator that had been on loan had now been donated to the Association. The finance arrangement that had been set up by BASC was for use by third party purchasers since securing funding is less easy if the asset is one with which the finance house is not familiar.

The Director of Operations' Report was accepted as presented.

D1 To take Any Other Business by leave of the Chairman

1. Philippa Bursey proffered her apologies for the meeting to be held on 15 October 2008 and indicated that she would also arrive late on the following day.
2. Paul Culley also gave his apologies for the meeting on 15 October 2008.



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3. Roger Pollen thanked Robert Crofts for permitting a Ministerial visit to his estate in Northern Ireland.
4. John Dryden reported some confusion in the South West in relation to the pricing of family memberships. It was confirmed that there was a reduced rate for gamekeeper families and that both rates were such that any family with two or more children would enjoy a financial benefit. The Director of Operations agreed to discuss this with the Regional Director concerned so as to avoid any further confusion.
5. It was confirmed that the meeting on 15 October would be convened as a Council meeting and accordingly Ex-Officio members should attend.
6. All Council members were encouraged to stay on to attend the Special General Meeting.
7. Robert Crofts made a presentation to Walter Cole to thank him for his many years of outstanding service to the Gamekeepers Advisory Committee – Robert's words were warmly supported, with applause, by all the members of Council.

D2 Date of the next meeting

There was an additional Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 15 October 2008 commencing at 15.00hrs; the meeting on Thursday, 16 October 2008 would commence at 09.30hrs with a pre-meeting for elected members at 09.00hrs.

Council was also reminded that the date of the subsequent meeting had been changed for operational reasons; it would be taking place on Thursday, 27 November 2008.

Signed.....Date.....
Chairman

