

THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING and CONSERVATION

CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MARFORD MILL, ROSSETT, WREXHAM, ON THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER, 2008

Present:

Robert Irvine Chairman
Michael Alldis
Simon Breasley
Walter Cole
Robert Crofts
Paul Culley
John Dryden
Lee Freeston
Andrew Macfarlane
Peter Pursglove
Michael Sherman
John Thornley
Ray Walters

Ex-Officio Members	John Swift Philippa Bursey Christopher Graffius Simon Hamlyn Roger Pollen Colin Shedden	Chief Executive Officer Director of Business Management Director of Communications Director of Operations Director, Northern Ireland Director, Scotland
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In attendance	Steve Bloomfield	Director, BASC Midland Region - Agenda Item B.3
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Minute Secretary Amanda Forshaw

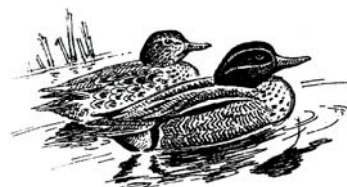
A.1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Glynn Cook, Mike Robinson and Tom Wylie; Jan Andrews was not in attendance.

A.2 To confirm Confidential agenda items.

It was noted that although the paper circulated for Agenda Item B.2 on budgets was not confidential, elements of Council's discussion on this item should be regarded as confidential.

Agenda Items C1 and C7 should also be regarded as confidential.



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A.3. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

A.4. To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15th October, 2008.

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

A.5. To take matters arising from the meeting held on 15th October, 2008

There were no matters arising.

A.6. To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16th October |, 2008

Page 4, Item C.7. - First paragraph. The final sentence is to be amended to read "It was also noted that Steve Bloomfield has been successful in securing sponsorship of £15,000 over three years, for the BASC Gamekeepers' Fair".

Subject to the above amendment the minutes of the meeting having been circulated were approved as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

A.7. To take matters arising from the meeting held on 16th October, 2008.

There were no matters arising.

A.8. To take the tabled action points from earlier Council Meetings.

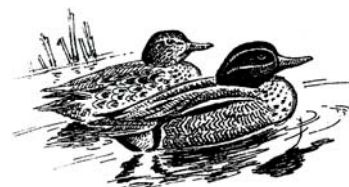
A.8.1. Structure, Role and Function of Principal Officers, Council and Committees

A special meeting of Council was held on Wednesday 15th October, 2008, at which governance matters were discussed. Further detailed papers to be presented to Council on Organisational Structure and Training & Education in the January/February 2009 Council Meetings.

A.8.2. WHT Progress and Development Plan

WHT Trustees to provide Council with a progress report and Business Plan for the forthcoming 3 - 5 year period in October 2009.

A.8.3. Objects



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The Chief Executive to present a review of the Objects of the organisation for consideration at the April 2009 meeting of Council.

A.8.4 Structure, Role and Function of Principal Officers, Council and Committees – Policy & Practice

Consideration of Chairmanship for 2009/2010 at April 2009 meeting of Council, for confirmation at the post-AGM Council.

A.8.5. Structure, Role and Function of Principal Officers, Council and Committees – Policy & Practice

To present a paper to the September 2009 meeting of Council with regard to the possibility of an employed Chairman for a three year term.

B.1. To consider Chapter 3 of the Forward Plan and in particular the section on Vision and Mission

Council received a paper presented by the Chief Executive on the role, relationships, corporate structure and organisation of the Association.

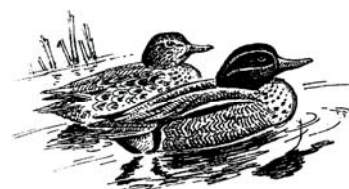
It was agreed to include a review of the presentation of the vision and mission statements of the Association as an action point linked into the review of Objects in April 2009.

B.2. To decide the budget for 2009 and confirm subscription rates

- Council had been presented with a paper outlining the budget for 2009 being proposed by the management team. The Director of Business Management explained the proposals to Council .

Council considered all the proposals and noted the financial implications of reduced membership retention levels as a result of the downturn in the economy, which had not yet had an impact on BASC. Council considered BASC's positioning in the sector and noted that for practical reasons a phased direct debit payment option could not be introduced before 2010.

It was resolved that for 2009/10 all subscription rates save those for members aged under 18 would be increased by £2; all junior membership subscriptions would remain at £20. It was also agreed that, subject to necessary changes arising from the 2008 outturn, the VAT rate change and the forward planning process, the budget as presented should be adopted.



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B.3 To receive an oral report from Steve Bloomfield, Director, BASC Midland Region.

Council received an oral presentation by Steve Bloomfield on his career prior to joining the organisation in February 2008, and on his plans and aspirations for the future in representing BASC's members in the eleven counties falling within the Midland Region.

C.1. To approve the minutes of the Executive & Finance Committee held on 17th July, 2008.

The Minutes of the Executive & Finance Committee were approved as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

C.2. To approve the minutes of the SGM held on 18th September, 2008, for signature by the President.

The Minutes of the Special General Meeting were approved as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

C.3. To receive the Minutes of Advisory Committees

C.3.1. To note the Minutes of the Wildfowling Advisory Committee Meeting held on 30th August, 2008.

There were no recommendations to Council.

The Minutes of the Wildfowling Advisory Committee were noted.

C.3.2 To note the Minutes of the Welsh Committee Meeting held on 26th October, 2008.

It was agreed to defer this item to the January 2009 Meeting of Council.

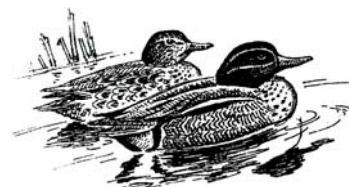
C.3.3 To note the Minutes of the Scottish Committee Meeting held on 2nd October 2008.

There were no recommendations to Council.

The Minutes of the Scottish Committee were noted.

C.4 To take the Chairman's Activities Report

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



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C5. To take the Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive's report had been circulated to Council and was accepted as presented. It was noted that Natural England is in the process of developing a framework for decision-making on designated sites in England. This should be available early in the New Year.

C.6. To take the Director of Communication's Report

The Director of Communications' report had been circulated to Council and was accepted as presented. It was noted that the FAWC report on game farming had been published this month and Council may wish to consider a review of its policy on raised laying cages in the light of the FAWC opinion on this issue.

C.7. To take the Director of Business Management's Report

The Director of Business Management's report had been circulated to Council and was accepted as presented.

C.8. To take the Director of Operations' Report

The Director of Operations' report had been circulated to Council and was accepted as presented.

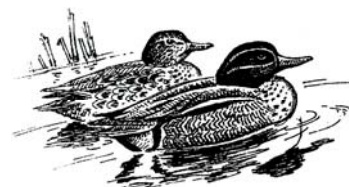
D.1 To take Any Other Business by leave of the Chairman

1. It was noted that Don Ford was awaiting surgery. Best wishes for a speedy recovery will be sent on behalf of Council.
2. James Scott has submitted his resignation as Press and Policy Officer in Scotland and will be leaving on 12th December, 2008.
3. Progress on the merger of the Angling Associations will be monitored.
4. Council members were thanked for their help and support with the BASC centenary activities over the past twelve months.

D.2. Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of Council will be on Thursday 22nd January, 2009, at 9.30 am.

This will be preceded by a meeting of elected Council members only at 9.00 am.



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

