

THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING and CONSERVATION

CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MARFORD MILL, ROSSETT, WREXHAM, ON THURSDAY 16th APRIL, 2009

Present:
Robert Irvine Chairman
Michael Alldis
Jan Andrews
Walter Cole
Paul Culley
John Dryden
Lee Freeston
Andrew Macfarlane
Michael Sherman
John Thornley
Ray Walters
Tom Wylie

Ex-Officio Members	John Swift Philippa Bursey Christopher Graffius Simon Hamlyn Roger Pollen Colin Shedden	Chief Executive Director of Business Management Director of Communications Director of Operations Director, Northern Ireland Director, Scotland
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In attendance	David Ilsley Lee Selvester	Agenda Item B.5 Agenda Item B.5
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Minute Secretary Amanda Forshaw

A.1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Simon Breasley, Robert Crofts, Peter Pursglove, Mike Robinson and Glynn Cook.

A.2 To confirm Confidential agenda items.

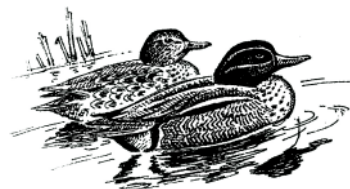
Agenda Items B.1, B.4, B.6, C.4 and C.5 should be regarded as confidential.

A.3. Declaration of Interests

Michael Alldis, Walter Cole, John Dryden, Christopher Graffius, Simon Hamlyn, Mike Sherman and John Swift declared an interest in Agenda Item B.4.

A.4. To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th March, 2009.

The minutes of the meeting having been circulated were approved as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. Council will receive monthly reports on fund-raising and cash flow throughout the build period.



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A.5. To take matters arising from the meeting held on 19th February, 2009

There were no matters arising.

A.6 To take the tabled action points from earlier Council Meetings.

A.6.1. 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.6.2 Objects

Item on main agenda.

A.6.3 Structure, Role and Function of Principal Officers, Council and Committees – Policy & Practice

Item on main agenda.

A.6.4. Structure, Role and Function of Principal Officers, Council and Committees – Policy & Practice

A paper to be presented to the September 2009 meeting of Council regarding the possibility of BASC employing a Chairman on a three year term.

A.6.5. Regional Committees

To be discussed under item B.3 on main agenda

A.6.6. Devolution

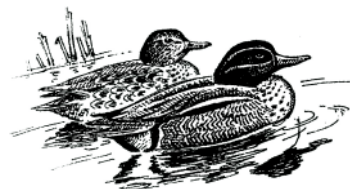
Item on main agenda

A.6.7. Communications Centre development

Item on main agenda

B.1. To decide the Chairmanship of Council for 2009/2010, to be confirmed at the post AGM Meeting of Council.

Council decided in principle that Robert Irvine will be Chairman for 2009/2010. This decision is subject to confirmation at that meeting.



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B.2. To receive a review of the Objects of the Organisation along with a review of the BASC vision and mission statement.

Council had received a paper prepared by the Chief Executive which set out the Objects of the organisation, along with the BASC vision statement and the BASC mission statement. It was noted that the VAT appeal is not yet resolved and a high level governmental review of the status of public benefit organisations is taking place and it was agreed that any changes to the Objects of the organisation should be considered following the outcome of that review.

It was agreed that an update report be provided to the February 2010 meeting of Council.

B.3. To receive a report on devolution

Council received an oral report from the Chief Executive on the meeting of the Working Group held on 15th April, 2009, regarding devolution. It had been the group's unanimous view that BASC's priorities continue to be those of representing sporting shooting across the UK, maintaining good business management, encouraging membership recruitment and providing services to a wide range of audiences; and above all that BASC should remain a unified body for shooting covering all four British home countries while fully respecting individual country and regional needs.

The Chief Executive outlined a number of specific actions that he proposed to take forward and remit to the group for further discussion later in the year. He requested Council's continued support for an extension of the group's mandate.

It was agreed that the working group continues to consider devolution and related matters with an update report to be presented to Council later in 2009.

B.4. To consider Honours, Awards and Presentations for the AGM 2009.

Council had been presented with a paper detailing nominations for Honours, Awards and Special Presentations at the 2009 AGM.

It was noted that there were no nominations for Vice-Presidents.

Honorary Life Membership

It was agreed that Derek Jones, Walter Cole, Julian Novorol, Emrys Heard and Huw Trefor Phillips be proposed to the AGM for the award of Honorary Life Membership.



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Stanley Duncan Trophy

It was agreed that the Great Yarmouth Wildfowling and Conservation Association be awarded the trophy.

Ian Richardson Trophy

It was agreed that Joanna Robertson, Senior Biodiversity Advisor, Countryside Council for Wales, be awarded the trophy.

Tim Sedgwick Trophy

It was agreed that Mike Russell, MSP, be awarded the trophy.

Special Presentations

It was agreed that special presentations be made to David Pryor, Nick Ridley, Duncan Thomas, Simon Trinder, Edi Albert, Peter Knox, Robin Crossley, Simon Cussons, Steve Wilson and Clive Gibbons.

B.5 To receive an introduction to the new BASC website

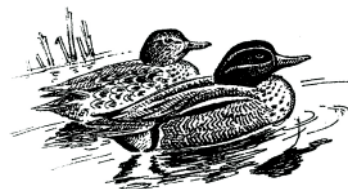
Council received a presentation by David Ilsley, Head of Marketing, and Lee Selvester, Web Manager, introducing them to the new BASC website and outlining plans for enhanced web-based services. Initial priority would be given to the taking of appropriate advertising on the site and to any other commercial opportunities it affords BASC, thereafter it would be developed to enable requests for email newsletters and to enhance the audit trail of substantive changes to ensure that content amendments are properly approved before being posted to the site.

B.6. To receive an update on the Communications Centre development

Council received a written report prepared by the Director of Business Management which sought to address the questions previously raised by Council regarding the proposed Communications Centre development. The paper reviewed the history of the project and the fundraising programme, the reasons for the changes in cost estimate, and the impact that the proposed building might be expected to have on the value of the Association's principal freehold property asset.

It was unanimously agreed that:-

- 1. The Communications Centre development be pursued.*
- 2. The capital build cost budget should be set at £850K (plus VAT) subject to a variance of up to 10%*



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3. *The budget for fitting out the building and the studio should be set at £150K, (plus VAT) subject to a variance of up to 10%. It was anticipated that the cost of fitting out the building would be spread over approximately two years.*
4. *That a working group consisting of the Chief Executive, Director of Business Management, the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman be authorised to agree the relevant contracts and thereafter to monitor and control the project.*

C.1. To receive the Minutes of Advisory Committees

C.1.1. To note the Minutes of the Wildfowling Liaison Committee Meeting held on 28th February, 2009

A recommendation had been made to Council that *Wildfowling* be incorporated into *Shooting & Conservation*, which would widen the audience. This would be based on a minimum of three pages being guaranteed, centred on core wildfowling, plus other wildfowling features. The Director of Communications said that this had been agreed with the Head of Publications.

The Minutes of the Wildfowling Liaison Committee were noted and the recommendation accepted.

C.1.2. To note the Minutes of the Gamekeeping Advisory Committee Meeting held on 18th February, 2009.

There were no recommendations to Council.

The Minutes of the Gamekeeping Advisory Committee were noted.

C.1.3 To note the Minutes of the Scottish Committee Meeting held on 26 February, 2009

There were no recommendations to Council.

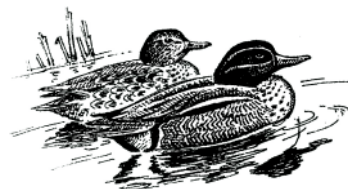
The Minutes of the Scottish Committee were noted. The next meeting will take place on 14th May, 2009, and not on the 21st May as recorded.

C.2 To take the Chairman's Activities Report

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

C3 To take the Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive's report had been circulated to Council and was accepted as presented.



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C.4 To take the Director of Communications' Report

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

The Director of Communications advised Council that a formal complaint had been submitted to the BBC regarding their coverage of an airgun incident in Norfolk; the matter remains to be resolved.

It was noted that some time ago an approach had been made to the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons regarding the issue of tail docking. This will be pursued when the outcome of research into injuries to animals that have not been docked becomes available later in the month.

C.5 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.

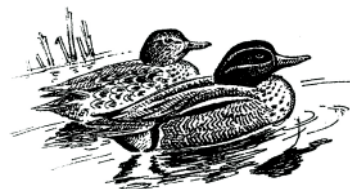
C.6 To take the Director of Operations' Report

The Director of Operations' report had been circulated to Council and was accepted as presented. It was noted that the newly appointed Research Officer is Matt Ellis and not Matt Elliott.

Future venues for the CLA Game Fair had still not been announced

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

- (i) It was noted that in drawing up the 2009 Council meeting timetable meetings would be scheduled on the fourth Thursday in those months in which the third Thursday falls too early to allow adequate time for the preparation of the complex data required for the business management report.
- (i) Concern was expressed regarding stalking schemes being proposed on ground that is already under management.
- (ii) Council was advised that consideration had been given to the introduction of video conferencing facilities; the costs of good quality facilities are currently prohibitive.
- (iii) Council was reminded that a directory of staff names, job titles, etc., is available on the Association's Intranet.



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D.2. Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of Council will be on Thursday 21st May, 2009, at 9.30 am.

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

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

