

THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING and CONSERVATION

CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE MARFORD MILL, ROSSETT, WREXHAM, ON THURSDAY 22ND APRIL 2010

Present:	Robert Irvine Chairman Michael Alldis Simon Breasley Helen Cormack John Dryden Lee Freeston Peter Glenser Peter Pursglove Michael Sherman John Thornley Ray Walters Claire Zambuni	
Ex-Officio Members	John Swift Glynn Cook Christopher Graffius Simon Hamlyn	Chief Executive Director, Wales Director of Communications Director of Operations
In attendance	Tim Russell David Ilsley Lin Oxley Alan McCormick	Agenda Item B.3. Agenda Item B.4 Agenda Item B.4 Agenda Item B.5
Minute Secretary	Amanda Forshaw	

Council extended a warm welcome to Chris Allen, Neil Griffiths, Sir Roger Jones, Gareth Owen and Steve Willis, candidates standing for election at the 2010 Annual General Meeting.

A.1. Apologies for Absence

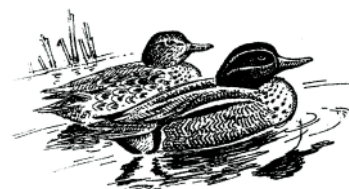
Apologies for absence were received from Alan Balfour, Philippa Bursey, Robert Crofts, Paul Culley, Roger Pollen, Mike Robinson, Colin Shedden and Mike Smith

A.2 To confirm Confidential agenda items.

It was decided that Agenda Items A.6, B.2, C.4, C.6 and C.7 would be treated as confidential.

A.3. Declaration of Interests

Peter Pursglove declared interest in Agenda Items B.4 and C.7.



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A.4. To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18th March 2010.

P.2 – A.5.2. – Defra Lead Ammunition Group – to be amended to read “Council noted that a high level industry led initiative....”

P.4 – B.1. – To be amended to reflect that Council agreed to defer the February 2011 Council meeting by one week in order to provide sufficient time for preparation of the Business Management Reports.

P.4 – B.2. Decision to be amended to read “*Subject to some minor wording amendments Council approved the contents as outlined.....*”.

P.5 – C.5 – Second sentence to be amended to read “It was noted that the Code of Practice for the Welfare of Birds had been laid before Parliament. The Codes recommendations on battery cages reflect Council policy”.

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

A.5. To take matters arising from the meeting held on 18th March 2010.

Arising from the leaking of the Research Advisory Committee’s minutes to Shooting Times, Council members expressed concern regarding breach of confidentiality. It was agreed that Council would continue operating under established working practices in particular regarding the confidentiality of advice from its advisory committees and the Chatham House Rule. It was noted that the Chairman and Chief Executive anticipate meeting the managing editor of the Shooting Times during the summer.

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

A.6.1. Objects

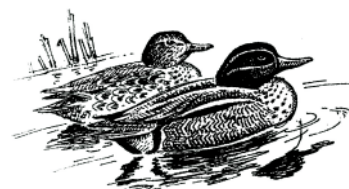
The VAT Tribunal appeal had taken place and a decision on the appeal is expected by mid-June. A review of the Objects will be presented to Council in due course.

A.6.2 Use of teleconferencing and video conferencing to reduce costs and enhance communications.

A review of the available options and their applicability will be conducted once the Communications Centre is operational.

A.6.3. Phased Direct Debits

A preferred phased payment option will be presented with the 2011 budget.



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A.6.4. Gamekeeping student members

A review of the effectiveness of the membership category for student gamekeepers will be provided to the November 2010 Meeting of Council.

A.6.5. Competence testing

Director, Scotland to provide Council with regular updates on progress.

A.6.6. WHT Progress Report and Development Plan

WHT Trustees to provide a progress report and Business Plan for the forthcoming 3 - 5 year period to the October 2010 Meeting of Council.

A.6.7. Review of Council Committees

A formal proposal for a review of the functioning of Council's Committees will be presented to the May meeting of Council.

A.6.8. Succession planning for key positions

A paper will be presented to the September meeting of Council outlining proposals for the establishment of a sub-group to manage the selection of a new Chief Executive.

B.1. To decide in principle the Chairmanship of Council for 2010/2011, to be confirmed at post AGM meeting of Council.

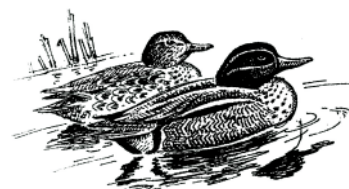
It was the unanimous decision of Council that, in principle, the current Chairman be re-elected for 2010/2011.

B.2. To consider honours, awards and presentations for the AGM 2010

Council had been presented with a paper detailing nominations for Honours, Awards and Special Presentations at the 2010 AGM.

Vice-President

It was agreed that at the AGM Andrew Macfarlane and Martin Salter should be proposed as Vice-Presidents of the Association.



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Honorary Life Membership

It was agreed that Graham Crompton Howe be proposed to the AGM for the award of Honorary Life Membership.

Stanley Duncan Conservation Trophy

It was agreed that Gerald Gray be awarded the trophy.

Tim Sedgwick Trophy

It was agreed that Dennis Hails be awarded the trophy.

Ian Richardson Trophy

It was agreed that Andrew Johnston be awarded the trophy.

Special Presentations

It was agreed that special presentations will be made to Wendy & Bob Pittaway, Barry Morton, Tay Valley Wildfowlers Association, Jack Stewart, Alan Murray and Bob Temple, Mr & Mrs Alan Wykes, Douglas Barr, Charles Critchley, R.B. Alexander, Dave Cunnah, Norman and Iris Towe, Sheila and Trevor Gussey, Jim Oliver, David Mills, and Samantha Williams.

Certain of these presentations would be made at events, such as the CLA, rather than at the AGM itself.

B.3. To receive a presentation on the paper "A review of key drivers for uplands policy".

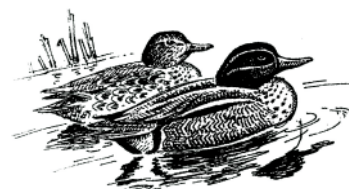
Council received a presentation on a paper prepared by Tim Russell outlining the key drivers for uplands policy.

Council agreed, subject to discussion with the Moorland Association, that BASC will use its political influence to have a North of England Moorland Forum created, on which it should be represented at a senior level.

Council also agreed that should the WAG Welsh Uplands Forum continue for a third term after December 2010, BASC should use its political influence to gain representation on it.

B4. To receive a presentation on services to trade members.

Council received a presentation by David Ilsley and Lin Oxley on current and proposed future services to trade members.



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B5. To receive a presentation on BASC's stalking schemes

Council received a presented on the BASC stalking schemes currently operating at Thirlmere, in Kings Forest and on Arran. Potential stalking schemes at Apethorpe and in the South West were also discussed.

C.1. To receive the Minutes of Advisory Committees

C.1.1. To note the Minutes of the Gamekeepers Advisory Committee Meeting 17th February 2010.

There were two recommendations to Council:-

1. That the Gamekeeping Team/ Advisory Committee would co-ordinate a BASC position on snaring.

Council confirmed that, in consultation with the Gamekeeping Team and the Gamekeepers Advisory Committee, Conor O'Gorman would be responsible for the co-ordination of the BASC position on snaring.

2. The Chairman to take a proposal to Council suggesting that members of other organisations may be invited to Committee meetings on occasion for specific agenda items.

Council confirmed that representatives of other organisations may be so invited as observers.

The minutes and recommendations of the Gamekeepers Advisory Committee Meeting were noted.

C.1.2. To note the minutes of the Wildfowling Liaison Committee Meeting held on 6th March 2010

There was one recommendation to Council:-

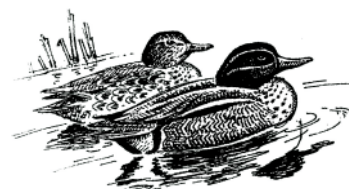
1. That a budget should be made available next year for a wildfowling DVD.

Christopher Graffius confirmed that provision for a wildfowling DVD would be given consideration in context of the 2011 budget.

The minutes and recommendation of the Wildfowling Liaison Committee were noted.

C.1.3. To note the Minutes of the Welsh Committee Meeting held on 7th March 2010

The Minutes of the Welsh Committee Meeting were noted.



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C.1.4. To note the Minutes of the Northern Ireland Meeting held on 4th March 2010.

There was one recommendation to Council:-

1. Progression of Schools of Instruction on Poaching with PSNI

The Minutes and recommendation of the Northern Ireland Committee Meeting were noted.

C.1.5. To note the Minutes of the Scottish Committee held on 11th March 2010.

There was one recommendation to Council:-

1. That the Scottish Committee was surprised that information on the actual shooting interests of members was not readily available and that attempts should be made to capture this information whenever possible, through recruitment and at renewal.

Council noted the committee's recommendation and that encouragement was being given to members to add their interests to their membership records by the web.

The Minutes and recommendation of the Scottish Committee meeting were noted.

C.2. To approve the Minutes of the Executive & Finance Committee Meeting held on 22nd February 2010

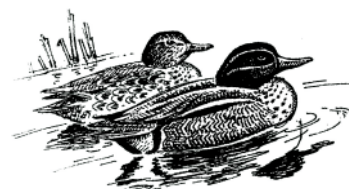
The Minutes of the Executive & Finance Committee meeting were approved.

C3. To receive the Chairman's Activities Report

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

C4. To receive the Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive provided an oral report and informed Council that Roger Pollen, Director, Northern Ireland, was leaving the organisation at the end of May. It has been agreed that, as an interim measure, Tommy Mayne will continue as Country Officer for Northern Ireland, with added responsibilities, and will be supported by Amanda McCallion as Development Officer. The arrangement will be reviewed after six months.



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Council noted that the first meeting of the Lead Ammunition Group is to take place on 26th April 2010. Minutes of the proceedings will be published on a lead ammunition group website to be developed.

C5. To receive the Director of Communications' Report

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

C6. To approve the Director of Business Management's Summary Report

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

C.7. To take the Director of Operations' Report

The Director of Operations' report had been circulated to Council and was accepted as presented. Thanks were extended Council Members and BASC staff and volunteers who had helped at the Gamekeepers Fair at Catton Park.

Simon Hamlyn confirmed that BASC has been awarded a major contract to manage a £1.6 million three-year project to promote shooting, conservation and land management and fishing in the South West of England.

The South West Regional Development Agency [SWRDA] has agreed a partnership team led by BASC South West Regional Director Jamie Stewart to develop the rural sports tourism market and related support industries in the region, including farming, forestry and the food and drink sector.

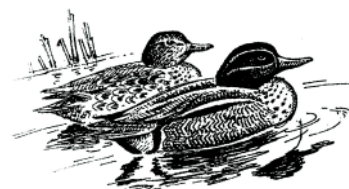
The project will create five full-time jobs, four managed by BASC and focussed on shooting sports, and the fifth managed by partners in the project, the South West Rivers Trust, to promote angling sports.

Once the formal agreement with Defra has been signed, a formal internal and external communications strategy will be implemented.

Council agreed that the Chief Executive could proceed with signing off the South West RDA contract for the rural sports and tourism agreement.

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

There were no matters for consideration.



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D.2. Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of Council will be held at 09.30 hrs on Thursday 20th May 2010. There will be a pre-meeting of elected members only at 09.00 hrs.

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

