

THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING and CONSERVATION

CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MARFORD MILL, ROSSETT, WREXHAM, ON THURSDAY 20TH MAY 2010

Present: Robert Irvine - Chairman
Michael Alldis
Simon Breasley
Helen Cormack
Paul Culley
John Dryden
Lee Freeston
Michael Sherman
John Thornley
Ray Walters
Claire Zambuni

Ex-Officio	John Swift	Chief Executive
Members	Philippa Bursey	Director of Business Management
	Glynn Cook	Director, Wales
	Christopher Graffius	Director of Communications
	Simon Hamlyn	Director of Operations
	Roger Pollen	Director, Northern Ireland
	Colin Shedden	Director, Scotland

In attendance	Conor O’Gorman	Agenda Item B.1
	John Harradine	Agenda Item B.3

Minute Secretary Amanda Forshaw

Council extended a warm welcome to Harry Abbott and Jonathan Davies, candidates standing for election at the 2010 Annual General Meeting.

A.1. Apologies for absence

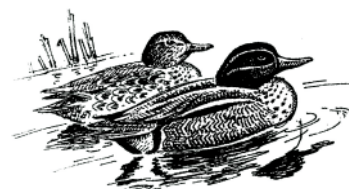
Apologies for absence had been received from Alan Balfour, Robert Crofts, Peter Glenser, Peter Pursglove, Mike Robinson, Mike Smith and David de Gernier, a candidate standing for election to Council.

A.2 To confirm confidential agenda items.

It was decided that Agenda Items C.5 and an item for discussion under Any Other Business should be regarded as confidential.

A.3. Declaration of interests

There were no declarations of interest



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A.4. To confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on 22nd April 2010.

Pg.5- B.5 - Should reflect that details of potential BASC stalking schemes at Apethorpe and in the South West were also discussed.

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.5. To take matters arising from the meeting held on 22nd April 2010.

There were no matters arising

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

A.6.1. Objects

The outcome of the VAT Tribunal appeal is expected by mid-June; a review of the Objects of the organisation will be presented to Council in the autumn.

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 and presented to Council in September or October 2010.

A.6.3. Phased Direct Debits

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

A.6.4. Gamekeeping student members

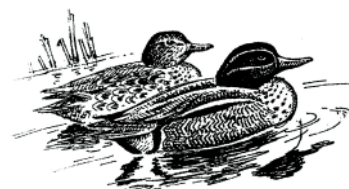
A review of the effectiveness of the membership category for student gamekeepers will be presented to the November 2010 Meeting of Council.

A.6.5. Competence testing

It was noted that Scottish Government has recently announced that they will not be introducing compulsory competence testing in the immediate future.

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.



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A.6.7. Review of Council Committees

For discussion on main agenda.

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.

A.6.9. Shooting Times

It was noted that Chairman and Chief Executive anticipate meeting with the managing editor of the Shooting Times during the summer.

B.1. To receive an oral update on the proposal for a review of the functioning of Council's Committees

Council received an oral update and outline paper on the proposed independent review of the functioning of its committees. The planned stages of the review process were noted and it is anticipated that any recommendations for change will be presented to the September meeting of Council.

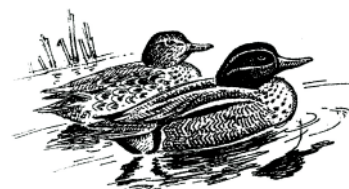
B.2. To receive the annual report on Key Function Indicators

It was noted that due to his other commitments the Chief Executive had been unable to complete his review of Key Function Indicators. He presented a progress report and it was accepted that compilation of the required data was a major exercise. Furthermore, given the slow pace at which KFI's change, it was an exercise better undertaken at more extended intervals. The Chief Executive will present a detailed paper to the July meeting of Council.

B.3. To receive a report from the Director of Research – 'Severe weather wash-up'

Council received an oral summary provided by John Harradine, Director of Research, on the management of the processes resulting from the severe weather experienced in each of the home countries over the winter of 2009/10. Council extended their thanks to the staff of the Research Department for the excellent work undertaken during this difficult period.

(Post meeting note – John Harradine has asked that Simon Clark's press role was hugely important and appreciation is due there too.)



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B4. To receive a presentation from the Director of Communications on the outcome of the General Election

The Director of Communications provided Council with an overview of the potential outcomes of a hung Parliament in relation to shooting sports; it was likely that it could prove beneficial.

C.1. To receive the Minutes of Advisory Committees

C.1.1. To note the Minutes of the Gundog Advisory Committee meeting held on 19th April, 2010

It was recommended that Council revisit BASC's stance on electronic training aids. The meeting believed that BASC's policy needed no change, however, it would be reviewed and the position confirmed outside the meeting, using email.

The Minutes of the Gundog Advisory Committee meeting were noted.

C2. To receive the Chairman's Activities Report

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

C.3. To receive the Chief Executive's Report

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

C4. To receive the Director of Communications' Report

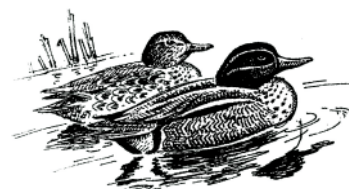
The Director of Communications' report had been circulated to Council and was accepted as presented.

C5. 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. Thanks were extended to the Director of Business Management and her team for the work undertaken under difficult staff circumstances.

C.6. To take the Director of Operations' Report

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



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

D.1.1 Council elections

It was noted that some members have experienced difficulties in using the electronic voting system due to anomalies in postcode addressing formats. It was agreed that the Director of Business look into this problem.

D.1.2 Shooting & Conservation

It was noted that Council members are sent a copy of *Shooting & Conservation* in advance of the general membership mailing; and if they do not wish to receive additional copies relating to their membership these can be suppressed.

D.1.3 Battery-type laying cages and lead

In light of recent concerted criticism of BASC, Council re-confirmed the association's published policies in relation to both raised laying cages and lead ammunition and then considered its response in the context of the membership, the sporting press and the Shoot Summit.

An open letter from the Council chairman would be prepared with the aid of a drafting group for Council members to comment upon; although not present at the meeting, it was agreed that Peter Glenser would be involved in the drafting team.

D.2. Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of Council will be held following the AGM on Saturday 12th June 2009.

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

