

THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING & CONSERVATION

CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MARFORD MILL, ROSSETT, WREXHAM ON THURSDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2011

Present:

Robert Irvine, Chairman
Robert Crofts
Helen Cormack
Paul Culley
Lee Freeston
David De Gernier
Neil Griffiths
Martyn Howat
Michael Sherman
John Thornley
Alisdair Troup
Ray Walters

Ex-Officio Members	John Swift Philippa Bursey Glynn Cook Christopher Graffius	Chief Executive Director of Business Management Director, Wales Director of Communications
---------------------------	---	---

In attendance	Glynn Evans Peter Marshall	Agenda Item B.3 Agenda Item B.3
----------------------	---	--

Minute Secretary **Amanda Forshaw**

A.1. Apologies for Absence

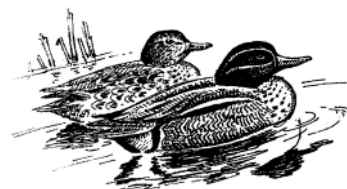
Apologies for absence had been received from Alan Balfour, Simon Breasley, John Dryden, Peter Glenser, Sir Roger Jones, Tommy Mayne, Mike Robinson, Colin Shedden, Mike Smith and Claire Zambuni.

A.2 To confirm Confidential agenda items.

It was decided that Agenda Item C.5 should be regarded as confidential.

A.3. Declaration of Interests

Paul Culley and Mike Sherman each declared an interest in respect of Agenda Item B.1.1. David De Gernier declared an interest in respect of Agenda Item B.1.3.



THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING & CONSERVATION

CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MARFORD MILL, ROSSETT, WREXHAM ON THURSDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2011

A.4. To confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 27th January 2011

Page 4, agenda item B.2: Land for shooting – It was agreed that the Chairman would provide a form of words to reflect the consideration given by Council to the supporting paper.

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

A.5. To take matters arising from the Council meeting held on 27th January 2011

Page 5, Agenda Item B.5 – Lord Home had confirmed his willingness to stand for re-election as President for a further term of three years and, accordingly, this will be proposed at the 2011 AGM.

Page 6, Agenda Item C.3 – Council members were informed that the Severe Weather Management Plan was being revised in light of recent, practical experience.

A.5.1. To consider feedback on responses to BASC's letter sent to the Chair's of ACPO and Police Wildlife Crime Committees.

Council noted a paper on responses to the letter sent to Police authorities in December 2010.

It was agreed that the situation will continue to be monitored.

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

A.6.1. Objects

It was noted that factors pertaining to the legal status of the Association will be considered at the meeting of the working group set up to review the Association's Committees; their recommendations will inform the proposal to be made to Council by the Executive and Finance Committee.

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

The matter remains under review and a report will be made to Council at an appropriate time.



THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING & CONSERVATION

CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MARFORD MILL, ROSSETT, WREXHAM ON THURSDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2011

A.6.3. Review of Council's Committees

Review group meeting in early March to develop practical, deliverable recommendations for consideration at the May meeting of Council. This group will also consider matters pertaining to the legal status of the Association.

A.6.4. Key Function Indicators

An annual report on key function indicators to be presented in July 2011.

A.6.5. National Nature Reserves

A report on Natural England's policies in relation to the future management of National Nature Reserves to be presented to a future meeting of Council.

A.6.6. WHT

WHT Trustees to provide Council with a brief progress report in October 2011.

A.6.7 Land Purchase by BASC

Detailed proposals to be developed for consideration at the March meeting of Council regarding the possible commissioning of a research project to consider the extent to which land for shooting is being lost and gained from all causes.

A.6.8 Wildlife Liaison Officer Posts within Police Constabularies

Matter discussed under Agenda Item A.5.1.

B.1. To decide matters concerning the Annual General Meeting and the Council ballot

Noting the constrained time-frame but also the attraction of a wide, web-based audience, consideration would be given to offering a platform for a public figure to attend and speak at the AGM. Any suggestions should be passed to Christopher Graffius.



THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING & CONSERVATION

CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MARFORD MILL, ROSSETT, WREXHAM ON THURSDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2011

B.1.1. To approve the arrangements for conducting the Council ballot.

Council approved the arrangements for conducting the 2011 Council ballot.

B.1.2. To approve the agenda

Noting that no member motions had been received, Council approved the outline agenda for the 2011 AGM.

B.1.3. To invite suggestions for consideration for honours and awards.

Taking into account the AGM venue and the impending retirement of Glynn Cook as BASC's Director - Wales, and also noting the criteria which had been circulated, Council members were invited to submit nominations for honours, awards and special presentations; these would be considered at the March and April Council meetings. Nominations should be sent to Sheila Potter at Marford Mill.

Council members were also invited to put forward names of people whose contribution might be acknowledged on occasions other than the AGM.

B.2. BASC membership concessions for serving regular and reserve members of HM forces

Council agreed that a discounted category of membership for serving regular and reserve members of H M forces be established. The subscription payable would equate with that paid by club and syndicate member.

B3. To receive a presentation "wood pigeons, gundogs and airguns".

Council received oral presentations by Peter Marshall and Glynn Evans on the work of the newly formed cross-departmental teams established to deal with matters relating to airguns, wood pigeons, and gundogs.

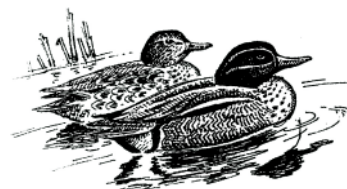
C.1. To receive the Minutes of Advisory Committees

C.1.1. To approve the minutes of the Executive and Finance Committee meeting held on 18th November 2010

The Minutes of the Executive & Finance Committee were approved.

C.1.2. To receive the minutes of the Executive & Finance Committee meeting held on 27th January 2011

The minutes were noted.



THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING & CONSERVATION

CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MARFORD MILL, ROSSETT, WREXHAM ON THURSDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2011

C.1.3. To note the minutes of the Shooting Standards Advisory Committee meeting held on 16th November 2010.

The minutes were noted.

C.2. To receive the Chairman's Activities Report

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

It was noted that following the departure of Simon Hamlyn, Director of Operations temporary arrangements had been put in place to ensure that all responsibilities of this post continue to be fulfilled.

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

The Chief Executive's report had been circulated to Council detailing his activities over the past month.

Council noted that a membership appeal is planned for 2011 focussing on young people and shooting sports.

Noting the venues now being used for the CLA Game Fair as well as the location of a number of other commercially important events, consideration will be given to changing the structure for event management.

C4. To receive the Director of Communications' Report

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

It was noted that the Home Office Minister responsible for firearms had indicated an intention to make a full cost recovery on firearms and shotgun licenses. Noting that full cost varies between police forces, BASC will continue to resist a disproportionate increase in fees.

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.

Council expressed their appreciation of the work undertaken by the Director of Business Management and her staff team in preparing the Association's accounts.



THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING & CONSERVATION

CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MARFORD MILL, ROSSETT, WREXHAM ON THURSDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2011

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

(1) It was agreed that the organisation chart should be updated with the position of Director of Operations left vacant.

(2) It was noted that a WiFi connection is now available in the building. Council members who wish to use it will be provided with access codes.

(3) Noting that the same documents are held on both systems, checks are to be made to ensure that Council Minutes have been posted on both the website and the Extranet.

D.2. Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of Council will be held at 09.30 hrs. on Thursday 17th March 2011 at Marford Mill. This will be preceded by a meeting of elected members only commencing at 09.00 hours.

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

