

# THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING & CONSERVATION

## CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MARFORD MILL, ROSSETT, WREXHAM ON THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2011

**Present:**

**Robert Irvine, Chairman**  
**Alan Balfour**  
**Simon Breasley**  
**Robert Crofts**  
**Paul Culley**  
**John Dryden**  
**Lee Freeston**  
**David De Gernier**  
**Neil Griffiths**  
**Martyn Howat**  
**Sir Roger Jones**  
**Michael Sherman**  
**John Thornley**  
**Alisdair Troup**  
**Ray Walters**  
**Claire Zambuni**

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| <b>Ex-Officio Members</b> | <b>Philippa Bursey</b><br><b>Glynn Cook</b><br><b>Christopher Graffius</b><br><b>Colin Shedden</b> | <b>Director of Business Management</b><br><b>Director, Wales</b><br><b>Director of Communications</b><br><b>Director, Scotland</b> |
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| <b>In attendance</b> | <b>Tim Russell</b><br><b>David Ilsley</b> | <b>Agenda Item B.2</b><br><b>Agenda Item B.3</b> |
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**Minute Secretary**     **Amanda Forshaw**

### **A.1.    Apologies for Absence**

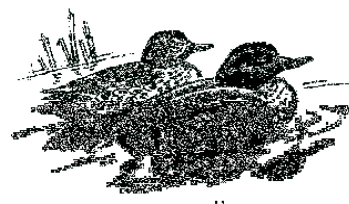
Apologies for absence had been received from Helen Cormack, Peter Glenser, Tommy Mayne, Mike Smith and John Swift.

### **A.2    To confirm Confidential agenda items.**

It was decided that Agenda Item C.4 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 24<sup>th</sup> February 2011

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 24<sup>th</sup> February 2011

Page 3. Agenda item B.1. – Council Members were informed that the newly appointed ACPO lead on firearms has agreed to produce a recorded message for the BASC Annual General Meeting.

Page 5. Agenda item D.1. – WiFi connection – Council members were advised where the access codes could be found.

### 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 had been considered at the meeting of the working group set up to review the Association's Committees; their recommendations will inform proposals to be made to Council by the Executive & Finance Committee.

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

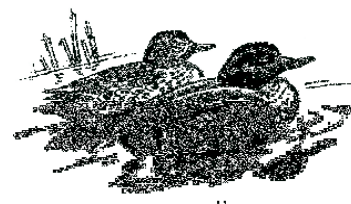
The matter remains under review and a report will be made to Council at an appropriate time.

#### A.6.3. Review of Council's Committees

Review group to develop practical, deliverable recommendations for consideration at the May meeting of Council. Reactions on the part of members of currently constituted advisory committees to the mooted changes were noted.

#### A.6.4. Key Function Indicators

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



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### A.6.5. National Nature Reserves

Noting the government's change of policy with regard to the sale of the forest estate, a report on Natural England's policies for possible disposal of National Nature Reserves to be presented to the July 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

Matter discussed under Agenda Item B.2

### B.1. To approve the Financial Statements for the Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010.

*Council approved the financial statements for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010.*

### B.2. To receive a detailed proposal regarding the possible commissioning of an external research project into the extent to which land for shooting is being lost and gained from all causes.

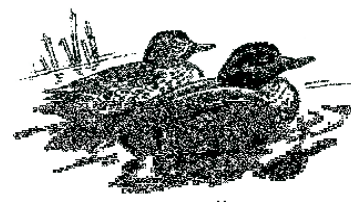
Council received a paper on further investigations undertaken to furnish it with a better of understanding of how shooting opportunities in the UK had changed over the last twenty years. The survey indicated a general increase in availability across all disciplines and accordingly it was recommended that no further investigation be undertaken.

*Council agreed that a similar review should be undertaken in five years.*

### B3. To receive a presentation by the Head of Marketing Membership Services entitled "The new Go-Shooting website".

Council received paper presented by David Ilsley on the updated BASC "Go Shooting" website.

Council extended their thanks to David Ilsley for the comprehensive report presented.



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### **B.4 To receive a briefing by the Director of Communications entitled “BASC – Taste of Game”.**

Council received a paper presented by the Director of Communications outlining a recent review of BASC's work promoting game as food and proposing an overhaul and re-launch of the “Taste of Game” campaign.

### **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 27<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

The Minutes of the Executive & Finance Committee were approved.

#### **C.1.2. To receive the minutes of the Executive and Finance Committee meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2011**

Receipt of the Minutes was deferred to the April meeting of Council.

#### **C.1.3. To note the minutes of the Deer Advisory Committee meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2010.**

There were no recommendations to Council.

The Minutes were noted as presented.

#### **C.1.4. To note the minutes of the Northern Ireland Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010.**

There were no recommendations to Council

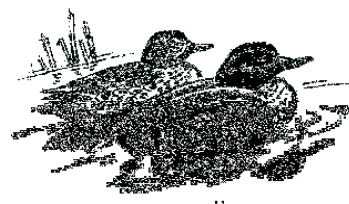
The Minutes were noted as presented.

### **C2. To receive the Chairman's Activities Report**

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

### **C3. To receive the Director of Communications' Report**

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



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### **C4. 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 noted that although she had been on long term sick leave, Janie Walton was about to formally retire from her position with BASC. Council expressed its appreciation of Janie's many years of loyal service on reception.

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

(1) It was noted that BASC is in the process of producing a brief on the increase in population of Canada Geese and the increase in requests for special licenses to deal with this. An update will be provided to a future meeting of Council.

(2) Council was provided with an update on the activities of the London Committee and its fundraising and awareness raising efforts.

(3) Thanks were extended to BASC Council Members, staff and volunteers who helped at the recent Crufts event.

### **D.2. Date of Next Meeting**

It was confirmed that the next meeting of Council will be held at 09.30 hrs on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2011 at Marford Mill. This will be preceded by a meeting for elected members of Council only commencing at 09.00hrs.

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

