THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING AND CONSERVATION

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

Present:	**Robert Irvine, Chairman**	
	Mike Sherman, Vice Chairman	
	Alan Balfour	
	Helen Cormack	
	Paul Culley	
	John Dryden	
	Lee Freeston	
	David de Gernier	
	Peter Glenser	
	Martyn Howat	
	Sir Roger Jones	
	Mike Smith	
	John Thornley OBE	
	Alisdair Troup	
Ex-Officio Members:	**John Swift**	**Chief Executive**
	Philippa Bursey	**Director of Business Management**
	Glynn Cook	**Director, Wales**
	Christopher Graffius	**Director of Communications**
	Tommy Mayne	**Director, Northern Ireland**
	Meurig Rees	**Director, Wales (designate)**
	Colin Shedden	**Director, Scotland**
In attendance	**Simon Clarke**	**Item B4**
	Bill Harriman	**Item B3**
	Tom O'Carroll	**Item B4**
Minute Secretary	**Diane McKenzie-Hodkinson**	

A.1. <u>Apologies for Absence</u>

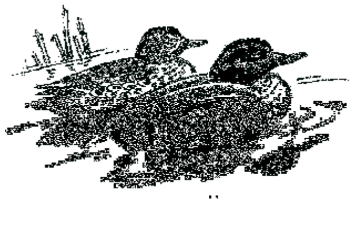
Apologies were received from Neil Griffiths, Ray Walters and Claire Zambuni.

A.2. <u>To confirm Confidential agenda items</u>

It was agreed that item C5 – Director of Business Management's Report be treated as confidential.

A.3 <u>Declarations of Interests</u>

No interests were declared.



A.4 To confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on 20 October 2011 *(incorporating amendments agreed by the Chairman)*

The minutes were confirmed as being a true and accurate record of the meeting.

A.5 To take Matters Arising from the meeting held on 20 October 2011

It was agreed that discussion of "best use of legacy money", mentioned under Agenda Item C5, should be included on the Action Point table for the January meeting.

There were no other matters arising.

A.6 To take the Action Points outstanding from earlier Council meetings

A.6.1 Objects

Recognising the AGM timetable, and that this topic is being taken forward by the E&F, a report will be provided to the January or February 2012 meeting of Council.

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

The Director of Business Management reported that identification of a suitable solution was being hampered by the poor quality of broadband in rural areas; she would endeavour to progress the matter as quickly as possible.

A.6.3 Key Function Indicators

A report will be presented in July 2012.

A.6.4 WHT Progress Report and Development Plan

A report will be presented in October 2012.

A.6.5 Land Purchase by BASC

This is will continue…

A.6.6 Canada Geese

An update on Canada Geese will be provided in 2012.

A.6.7 Sport and Recreation Alliance's Voluntary Code of Good Governance for the Sport and Recreation Sector

This is being taken forward by the Executive and Finance Committee.

A.6.8 Gameshooting and Gamekeeping Committee

The membership of the Gameshooting and Gamekeeping Committee would be discussed under Agenda Item B1.

A.6.9 Advisory Committees' Annual Reports

The format for the Advisory Committees' Annual Report to Council would be discussed at a meeting of the Advisory Committee officers following Council.

B.1 To confirm the membership of the Gameshooting and Gamekeeping Advisory Committee

Council approved the committee membership proposed by the Gameshooting and Gamekeeping Advisory Committee Chairman, Paul Culley.

B.2 To decide the Budget for 2012 and confirm subscription rates

Council was presented with a budget paper for 2012. The Director of Business Management explained the principles on which it is founded, especially that, as requested, it reflects a break even out turn with subscription levels unchanged . It was noted that while the Best Practice programme would be taken forward it was uncertain what costs might be incurred in 2012 and no provision had been included. As the funding needs become clearer so decisions can be addressed, one option being to apply legacy funds.

After discussion it was confirmed that there would be no increase in subscription rates for the coming 2012/13 subscription year.

B.3 To receive a presentation from the Director of Firearms entitled 'Political briefing on fees/airguns/response to Cumbria'

Bill Harriman gave a very positive and informative presentation on the successful handling by BASC of the aftermath of the Cumbria shootings, on moves to impose a minimum age for the holding of a shotgun certificate, on potential changes in the level of fees for certificates and the length of time now being taken to deal with certificate administration.

Thanks were extended to the Firearms Team for their excellent work.

B.4 To receive a presentation from the Head of Press Relations entitled 'BASC films'

Simon Clarke took Council through the history of the Communications building, the steps taken to provide BASC with its own film-making facility, the key broadcasting technologies being used and topics planned for 2012. Films are available to those outside of the shooting community on You Tube and social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter.

Tom O'Carroll who records and edits the films was complimented on his work, in particular the choice of accompanying music.

B.5 <u>Forward Plan 2013 – 2017: Report of findings from the Situation Review</u>

The Chief Executive tabled the results of the Situation Review which reflected SWOT analyses in respect of both BASC and shooting sports; he thanked the Council members and senior staff who had responded and noted that while in many areas the two respondent groups expressed similar views, BUT in some there were distinct differences of emphasis and priority. The results will assist drawing up the Forward Plan 2013 – 17 and feedback from Council members would be welcomed.

C.1 <u>To receive the minutes of Council's Committees</u>

C.1.1 <u>To approve the minutes of the Executive & Finance committee meeting held 22 September 2011</u>

The Minutes of the Executive and Finance Committee of 22 September 2011 were approved.

C.1.2 <u>To note the minutes of the Executive & Finance committee meeting held 20 October 2011</u>

The Minutes of the Executive and Finance Committee of 20 October 2011 were noted.

C.1.3 <u>To receive the minutes of the Northern Ireland committee meeting held 13 September 2011</u>

Council approved the recommendation that the BASC logo be used on the Snaring Code of Practice.

The Minutes of the Northern Ireland Committee of 13 September 2011 were noted as presented.

C.1.4 <u>To receive the minutes of the Wildfowling Liaison committee meeting held 10 September 2011</u>

The Minutes of the Wildfowling Liaison Committee of 10 September 2011 were noted as presented.

C.2 <u>To receive the Chairman's Activities Report</u>

The Chairman's Activities Report was accepted as presented.

C.3 <u>To receive the Chief Executive's Report</u>

The Chief Executive reported that Robert Irvine was to take on the chairmanship of the Shoot Summit for 2012.

Following Rob Gray's departure from the Lead Ammunition Group, and having received no suggestions from BASC Council, he had approached Lord Mancroft who had accepted the invitation to join the group. The Lord Mancroft lists shooting as one of his main interests and is heavily involved with drug and alcohol abuse charities. He is Vice-Chairman of the Countryside Alliance and Chairman of the Standing Conference for Countryside Sports.

On the Dyfi, negotiations are proceeding with RSPB towards a 36 year lease. The Deed of Grant is awaited for approval and signing by the clubs. BASC is continuing to fund the clubs' legal costs.

The Chief Executive requested that the minutes record a vote of thanks to Annette Cole for stepping into the breach in the South West region following Jamie Stewart's departure.

The Chief Executive also requested that following all the staff appraisals completed over the past few weeks, the minutes record due recognition of and thanks for the dedication, hard work and achievement of all staff during 2011.

The Chief Executive's Report was accepted as presented.

C.4 <u>To receive the Director of Communication's Report</u>

The Director of Communications' Report was accepted as presented.

C.5 <u>To approve the Director of Business Management's Summary Report</u>

The Director of Business Management's Summary Report was accepted as presented.

D.1 <u>To take Any Other Business</u>

D.1.1 <u>John Humphreys and 'Roaring Emma'</u>

The Director of Communications updated Council on the proposal that 'Roaring Emma' be purchased from John Humphreys; some clubs had made donations but the total of monies received and pledged was well short of the sum required to secure the gun. In the circumstances all donations would be refunded.

It was suggested that John Humphreys' lifetime achievement should be recognised with the presentation of an original painting. It was hoped that this could be done in partnership with the IPC shooting magazines.

D.1.2 Glynn Cook

In light of his forthcoming retirement, a presentation was made to Glynn Cook; his contribution to BASC and to Council over many years was acknowledged with grateful thanks and kind wishes for the future.

D.2 Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of Council will take place on Thursday, 26 January 2012, commencing 9.00 a.m.

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Chairman

Date …………………………………………………………