

THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING AND CONSERVATION

CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MARFORD MILL, ROSSETT, WREXHAM, ON THURSDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2013

Present: Martyn Howat, Chairman
Alan Balfour
Paul Culley
John Dryden
Lee Freeston
Peter Glenser
Neil Griffiths
Robert Irvine
Alan Jarrett
Mike Sherman
John Thornley
Alisdair Troup

Ex-Officio Members:	John Swift Philippa Bursey Christopher Graffius Steve Bloomfield Meurig Rees Richard Ali Colin Shedden	Chief Executive Director of Business Management Director of Communications Director, English Regions Director, Wales Chief Executive Designate Director, Scotland
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In attendance:	Tim Russell Alan McCormick David Ilsley	Item B2 Item D1
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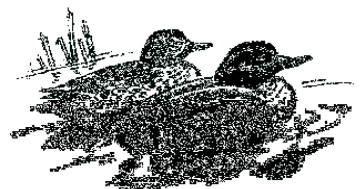
Minute Secretary: Amanda Taylor

A few moments' silence were observed in memory of staff member Jane Harris at the commencement of the meeting.

A.1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Helen Cormack, David de Gernier, Michael Hardy, Sir Roger Jones, Mike Smith and Tommy Mayne.

Council were informed that Helen Cormack had resigned. It was agreed the vacancy would be carried over to the 2014 election. The Chairman will write her a letter of thanks on behalf of Council for her service on Council.



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A.2. To confirm Confidential agenda items

It was agreed that Items B.1, C.5 and D.1 be treated as confidential.

A.3 To identify suggested items of Any Other Business

Items for 'Any Other Business' to be discussed under Agenda Item D.1 were noted.

A.4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

A.5 To confirm the minutes of Council meeting 24 January 2013

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

A.6 To take matters arising from earlier Council meetings.

There were no matters arising.

A.7 To take the Action Points outstanding from earlier Council meetings

A.7.1 Objects

To be brought back to Council in March 2013.

A.7.2 Key Function Indicators

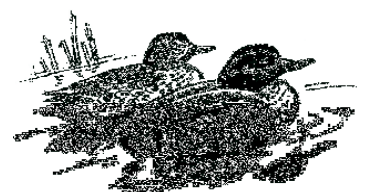
An annual report will be presented in July 2013. To be discussed with Richard Ali.

A.7.3 WHT Progress Report and Development Plan

A report will be presented in October 2013.

A.7.4 Sport and Recreation Alliance's Voluntary Code of Good Governance for the Sport and Recreation Sector

A Working Group will meet on 26-27 February 2013 with the Chief Executive Designate involvement. Recommendations will be brought back to the March 2013 Council meeting.



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A.7.5 Advisory Committees' Annual Reports

A report will be presented to the May 2013 Council meeting.

A.7.6 Risk Management Register

To be monitored by E&F and reported on at the November 2013 E&F meeting and brought back to the January 2014 Council meeting.

A.7.7 Land purchase

To be brought back to the April 2013 Council meeting.

A.7.8 Chairman election process

To be discussed at the Governance Workshop on 26-27 February 2013.

A.7.9 Council meeting attendance figures

To be discussed at the Governance Workshop on 26-27 February 2013 with suggestions going to Council in July 2013.

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

B1.1 To approve the agenda

An outline agenda had been circulated to Council members. No motions for debate had yet been received from members.

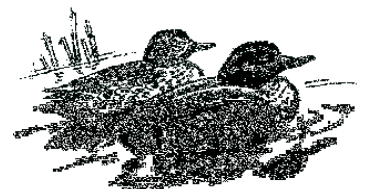
B1.2 To invite suggestions for consideration for honours and awards

The Director of Business Management invited suggestions from Council, to be submitted to her, ideally in time for the April Council meeting.

B1.3 To approve the arrangements for conducting the Council ballot

Council approved the format of the ballot paper and the appointment of Baker Tilly as scrutineer.

One candidate had applied for the Northern Ireland vacancy. There were a further four applicants for the two national vacancies.



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There was a discussion concerning the eligibility for election of one applicant who had previously been elected for two terms, resigning for personal reasons before the end of the second five-year term. Having carefully considered the rules, the Chief Executive had determined that the candidate was ineligible and in so determining had triggered a dispute between an officer of the Association and a member.

Accordingly, under Rule 3 (i)(i) the matter was referred to Council for its final and binding decision. Council decided that, having been elected for a second term, the applicant was currently ineligible to stand for election, and would not again be eligible until five years had elapsed. It remained to be determined whether the five years' ineligibility ran from the time of the Council member's resignation or from the expiry of the term for which the member had been re-elected.

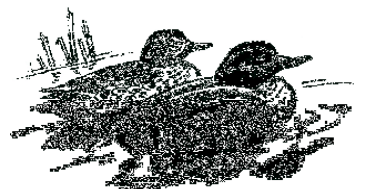
B2 To receive a presentation from Peter Watson, Executive Director, Deer Initiative, on the work of the DI

Peter Watson gave a presentation to Council on the Deer Initiative, going into the history of the Partnership, its members and aims, highlighting the growth in numbers and range of wild deer, native, introduced and invasive non-native. He talked about the impacts on agriculture and forestry of deer grazing and browsing and the high level of road traffic accidents involving deer. The Deer Initiative works with a wide range of stakeholders to promote the sustainable management of deer.

B3 To receive a presentation from Andrew Bacigalupo, Chairman of The British Bowhunters Association, on 'The Shape and Trends of Bowhunting in the UK, EU and Globally'

Andrew Bacigalupo and his team gave a presentation to Council on bowhunting and how the British Bowhunters Association is seeking to promote it in the UK, where this form of hunting is currently proscribed. They are keen to be affiliated to BASC and are currently hoping to work on a trial in Scotland to demonstrate the efficacy of archery equipment as a hunting tool.

Following discussion, the Chief Executive was asked to prepare a brief paper identifying issues for consideration, to be presented at the next Council meeting.



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B4 To receive a paper on insurance covers provided by BASC for its members

David Ilsley had circulated a paper. He explained the policies currently available to members through BASC and the amount and frequency of claims. He felt the cover currently provided was adequate for members' needs. There are some voluntary policies about to be offered, e.g. cover for 4x4 vehicles and ATVs. D&O cover will also be available shortly for societies and clubs. Specialist cover for legal expenses is being investigated.

C1 To receive the minutes of Council's Committees

C1.1 Northern Ireland Committee held 6 January 2013

The minutes were not yet available but it was hoped they would be ready for next month's meeting.

C2 To receive the Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report was accepted as presented.

C3 To receive the Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive expanded on his report, giving further details of the meeting with the LAG, and noting that, next month, John Harradine would be attending a conference in Berlin on non-lead rifle ammunition.

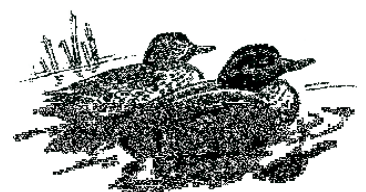
He told Council he had had a meeting with Lord Home to introduce him to Richard Ali and to consider a possible successor as president of the Association.

C4 To receive the Director of Communications' Report

The Director of Communications' Report was accepted as presented.

C5 To approve the Director of Business Management's Report

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



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D1 To take Any Other Business by leave of the Chairman

Alan Balfour and Colin Shedden have arranged to meet the Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS) to discuss the issue of the use of non-lead ammunition, it having come to light that permission agreements referred to a move to this by 2015. They will report to Council following their meeting.

John Thornley raised the question of BASC's presence at the Shooting Show and pointed out that it had generated a lot of new members. The Chief Executive felt the amount of resource currently devoted to it was adequate. Steve Bloomfield will be examining resources put into all shows.

Colin Shedden circulated copies of *Shoot in Scotland* to members of Council.

Council were invited to sign a retirement card for Sheila Potter.

Council were advised by the Chairman that he was unable to chair the c meeting in March and that the vice chairman Mike Sherman had kindly agreed to chair the meeting.

D2 Date of next meeting 21 March 2013

It was confirmed that the next meeting of Council will take place on Thursday 21 March 2013.

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Chairman

Date

