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**THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING AND CONSERVATION
CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT MARFORD MILL ROSSETT
ON THURSDAY 28 MARCH 2019 AT 9.30AM**

Attendance	Peter Glenser QC Oliver McCullough Ian Coghill Ian Grindy Martyn Jones Robin Marshall-Ball Alasdair Mitchell Professor Ann Mortimer Cara Richardson Claire Sadler Paul Shaw John Thornley OBE Peter Watson Carl Woodall	Chairman
Ex-Officio:	Ian Bell Angela Davies Christopher Graffius Caroline Bedell Steve Griffiths Dr Colin Shedden Dan Reynolds	Chief Executive Executive Director of Business Management Executive Director of Communications and Public Affairs Executive Director of Conservation Director Wales Director Scotland Director England
Minute Secretaries:	Jayne Danby and Sandra Forkin	
In Attendance	Alex Gibson Matt Ellis	Consultant (Item 7) Head of Scientific (Item 9)

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

1 To receive apologies for absence and to note absentees

Apologies had been received from Lord Dear, Eoghan Cameron, Sally-Anne Cockerill, Sarah Turner, Steve Bloomfield and Tommy Mayne.

It was noted that Dan Reynolds would join the meeting as soon as possible.

2 To confirm confidential items

The Chairman confirmed that items 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, elements of 22 relating to an ET meeting, 23 and 27 were confidential.

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3 To identify suggested items of any other business

Social media was identified as an additional item of business as well as some items by the CEO.

4 Declarations of interest

Peter Watson declared an interest in item 11 as he is a BGA board member.

John Thornley, Martyn Jones and Peter Glenser declared an interest in item 18 as they are Directors of BASC Direct.

Ian Coghill and Ian Grindy declared an interest in Item 16 with regards to election policy and procedures.

5.1 Minutes of the 13 February 2019 Council meeting

The minutes of the 13 February 2019 Council meeting were considered. The following amendments were necessary:

Item 8, top of P5 – Focus in “Uplands Focus Group” to be removed.

Item 14, meet with to be replaced by met.

Item 17, top of P10 – should say that “BASC and clubs will put in a complaint”.

With those amendments, the minutes were signed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

5.2 Minutes of the 13 February 2019 Executive and Finance Committee meeting

The minutes of the 13 February 2019 Executive and Finance Committee meeting were signed as a true record of that meeting.

Council noted that there will be no further action regarding the item related to the NRA and Bisley.

5.3 Minutes of the 8 February 2019 Wildfowling Liaison Committee meeting

The draft minutes were noted.

Council raised some concern regarding the accuracy of the minutes. It was confirmed by the Chair of the Wildfowling Liaison Committee that these are only draft minutes for Council information. Currently the minutes are with the committee for comment.

6 Matters arising from earlier Council meetings

There were no matters arising.

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7 Investigation update (oral) *CONFIDENTIAL*****

Only elected and co-opted Council members, the CEO and the Executive Directors were present for this part of the meeting. Alex Gibson joined the meeting.

John Thornley updated the meeting on investigation matters:

8 BASC policy positions *CONFIDENTIAL*****

Documents relating to this agenda item were circulated at the meeting.

9 Lead Ammunition *Confidential*****

Matt Ellis joined the meeting.

Caroline introduced a lead ammunition update.

10 Committees

Update on the Wildfowling Committee (oral) – The Chairman of the Committee informed the Council that a positive meeting had taken place. However, parts of the terms of reference may need to be revisited.

The committee expressed their thanks and commendations to Ian Danby for the excellent work he undertook and professionalism in dealing with the Dyfi issues with Natural Wales.

The Committee has three recommendations:

England Committee – The England Director noted that Sean Adamson had joined the England Committee.

11 BGA Update *Confidential*****

Item redacted as confidential

12 BGA proposal *Confidential*****

Item redacted as confidential.

13 Constitution *Confidential*****

Item redacted as confidential.

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14 Vice-Presidents *Confidential*****

Item redacted as confidential.

15 AGM Honours and Awards – Decisions

The Executive Director of Business Management presented Louise Murray's paper regarding Honours and Awards. It was noted that a considerable number of nominations had been put forward and the financial cost of servicing nominations at the AGM was significant. Council agreed that Special Presentation awards should therefore be presented at the Game Fair instead of the AGM. Only Honorary Life Memberships and specific awards will be presented at the AGM.

Council agreed that the first two nominations for Honorary Life Memberships (Alan Wykes and Robert Mackay) are to be deferred to the Scottish AGM next year. Alan Marshall who was nominated for the Ian Richardson Trophy and Paul Mayfield were also deferred until the next AGM in Scotland.

Council agreed that the following people were to be nominated for the following awards:

Nomination	Award	Location where award is to be presented
Garry Bowes	Honorary Life Membership	AGM
Dawn Warr	Honorary Life Membership	AGM
Dennis Kurle	Honorary Life Membership	AGM
Paul Wallace	Honorary Life Membership	AGM
Robert Crofts	Honorary Life Membership	AGM
Bob and Sheila Webb	Honorary Life Membership	AGM
Hugh Thomas	Honorary Life Membership	AGM
Devon Wildfowlers	Stanley Duncan Conservation Trophy	AGM
Dave Goffin	Ian Richardson Cup	AGM
Steve Scott	Special Presentation	Game Fair
Basingstoke Air Rifle and Pistol Club	Special Presentation	Game Fair
Graham and June Perry	Special Presentation	Game Fair
David Penn	Special Presentation	Game Fair
Keith Watson	Special Presentation	Game Fair
David and Chloe Hildrith	Special Presentation	Game Fair
Janet Butcher	Special Presentation	Game Fair
Ralph Skripek	Food Ambassador	n/a

16 Members Disciplinary procedure *Confidential*****

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17 Audit, accountancy, tax and Scrutineer tender recommendations

A paper outlining the tender panel's recommendations was circulated by email earlier in the week. Hard copies were provided to Council at the beginning of the meeting.

Council approved the Tender Panel and the Executive and Finance Committee's recommendation that Whittingham Riddel are appointed auditors – this proposal will now go to the AGM for approval.

Council approval the Executive and Finance Committee's recommendation that UK Engage are appointed scrutineers.

The Council meeting closed for the next item.

The BASC Direct Limited AGM meeting was opened

18 BASC Direct Limited – AGM including adoption of financial statement for year ending 31 December 2018

The minutes of the BASC Direct Limited AGM are noted in a separate document.

The BASC Direct Limited AGM was closed.

The Council meeting was re-opened

19 Approval of Group and Associations financial statements for year ending 31 December 2018

The Group and Association's financial statements for year ending 31 December 2018, as reviewed and agreed by the Executive and Finance committee were approved by Council to go forward to the AGM for adoption.

20 Expressions of interest for BASC Chairman and Vice-Chairman, oral *Confidential*****

Item redacted as confidential.

21 Plaudits and Complaints

The document was taken as presented. The CEO will review the plaudits and complaints process.

Cara Richardson left the meeting.

22 Chairman's Report (oral) *Confidential*****

The Chairman delivered an oral report at the meeting. Partly redacted as confidential.

Bill Harriman and the Chairman attended the Crown Prosecutors' meeting in Cardiff.

The Chairman attended:

- the Shoot Liaison Committee and the Countryside Alliance party.
- Met Kerry Ellis of the Young Farmers Club – the Chairman recommended that some time is devoted to YFC meetings.

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- Visited Newton Rigg College.
- BSSC lunch where matters political were discussed with Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown and others.

23 Chief Executive's Report *Confidential*****

The Chief Executive's report was circulated at the meeting.

24 Executive Director of Communications and Public Affairs' Report

The Executive Director of Communications and Public Affairs' report was presented.

It was noted that there were issues around Section 1 shotguns. It was agreed that this is a matter for the BSSC.

The RSPB are appealing the outcome of the judicial review that they have lost. Also, Yorkshire water and University of Wales, Betws Hall are reviewing their shooting leases. Council noted the increase risk this has on shooting.

Medical panels – A group of BASC members who are also doctors will conduct checks for members who are being overcharged. The firearms team is working on this as a temporary fix for the current issues that members are experiencing.

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25 Executive Director of Shooting and Operations' Report

The Executive Director of Shooting and Operation's report was taken as read.

26 Executive Director of Conservation's Report

The Executive Director of Conservation's report was taken as read.

It was noted that questions can be directed to her via email. Comments are particularly welcome on the adaptive harvest management report which was circulated at the start of the meeting.

27 Executive Director of Business Management's report *Confidential*****

The Executive Director of Business Management's report was noted.

28 Council forward plan

Council noted the forward plan as circulated.

It was agreed that this is no longer required as an agenda item.

29 Health and Safety report – Monthly Update

Council noted the report, as presented by the Executive Director of Business Management.

Council requested that the report is moved higher up the agenda.

30 Any other business by leave of the Chairman

The Chairman proposed that Philippa Davies, Ralph Skripek and Rachel Green be appointed food ambassadors. A job description is to be drawn up.

It was raised by Council that recently the Association has been targeted by several social media posts that were extremely negative towards the Association. Council noted that responses to these negative posts is managed and usually ignored as responding to them often results in further negative publicity.

Jayne Danby was presented with flowers and thanked for taking Council minutes for the last 2 and half years.

31 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 23 May 2019.

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Signed:

Date:

Chairman