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THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING AND CONSERVATION
UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT MARFORD MILL 22 MARCH AT 9:00AM

Attendance	Eoghan Cameron Claire Sadler Oliver McCullough Robin Marshall-Ball Al Gabriel Richard Garner Williams Chris Barker Ian Grindy John Harlow Ian Coghill Carl Woodall	Chairman Vice Chair
Ex-Officio:	Ian Bell Angela Davies Caroline Bedell Steve Bloomfield Christopher Graffius Gareth Dockerty Colin Shedden Steve Griffiths Tommy Mayne	Chief Executive Executive Director of Business Management (EDBM) Executive Director of Conservation (EDC) Executive Director of Shooting and Operations Executive Director of Communications and Public Affairs (<i>Via Teams for the political update only</i>) Deputy Director of Shooting and Operations Director Scotland Director Wales Director Northern Ireland
Minute Secretary	Sandra Forkin	
Present	Garry Doolan	Deputy Director Communications & Public Affairs (DDCPA)

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. To receive apologies for absence and to note absentees

Apologies have been received from Lord Dear, Alasdair Mitchell, Ann Mortimer and Christopher Graffius

2. To confirm confidential items

It was confirmed that items 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, were noted as confidential.

3. To identify suggested items of any other business

None

4. Declaration of Interest

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Chairman, CEO, EDBM and Ian Coghill – Item 12
Chairman and Vice-Chair – Item 19a

5. Minutes of previous meetings

5.1 Minutes of the 9 February 2023 Council meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 9th February 2023 were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5.2 Minutes of Executive and Finance Committee 8 February 2023

The Executive and Finance Committee minutes of the meeting of 8th February 2023 were noted.

5.3 Minutes of the 23 February 2023 Wildfowling Liaison Committee *Confidential*****

The Northern Ireland Committee minutes of 10th February meeting were noted.

5.4 Minutes of the March England *Confidential*****

The England Committee minutes of March meeting were noted.

6. Matters arising from earlier Council meetings

None

Council were asked to contact the EDBM if there are any items arising from earlier Council meetings not addressed under the agenda.

7. Health and Safety Report

The report presented was taken as read. The CEO gave an overview of the report presented and the actions that have been taken to date in relation to H&S.

STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL ISSUES

8. Political Affairs Report *Confidential*****

The EDCPA report presented was taken as read. The EDCPA joined the meeting by telephone to give an update.

9. Chairman's Report *Confidential*****

The Chairman's paper presented was taken as read. The Chairman gave a summary of the report presented and highlighted some areas of importance.

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10. Chief Executive's Report *Confidential*****

The CEO's report presented was taken as read. The CEO gave an overview of the paper presented and highlighted some areas of importance.

11. Strategic Risk Register *Confidential*****

The CEO's paper presented was taken as read.

12. Aim to Sustain (Oral) **Confidential*****

This had already been covered within the Chairman's report.

13. Species Reintroduction

The EDC paper presented was taken as read. The EDC gave an overview of the paper presented and is asking Council if they approve the policies that have been put in place.

Decision – Council approved the following positions;

- BASC will support species reintroductions where all other avenues of species recovery have been explored or attempted unsuccessfully and where evidence demonstrates that reintroduction would not only be successful but is necessary for landscape-scale species recovery.
- Species reintroductions, especially those of wide-ranging species, require consultation and joined-up working between landowners and managers and BASC is supportive of these types of landowner-driven conservation collaborations.
- BASC believes that species reintroduction projects should adhere to International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) guidelines on reintroductions, relevant country level reintroduction codes and have long-term monitoring and management plans in place to trigger non-lethal or lethal control options should undesirable outcomes occur.

14. BASC Wildlife Fund

The EDC paper presented was taken as read. The EDC gave an overview of the paper presented and the launch of the new BASC Wildlife fund.

Council queried tenure length on the committee and it was confirmed that it will fall in line with and adopt the same rules as the advisory committees. The CEO raised that the Head of Finance should be an advisor and not a voting member.

The Vice Chair asked how the funds would be ringfenced. The EDBM stated it would be ringfenced in two areas and will have its own balance sheet reserve and income and expenditure would be separated into its own centre code. The trustees will make the decisions,

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and this will not come to Council for endorsement but if there is a requirement for funding, it will be taken to the E&F Committee for ratification.

The EDC referred to the recommendations within the paper: -

Decision – Council approved the recommendation with regards to the BWF committee’s membership, with the amendment that the Head of Finance does not have a vote.

Decision - Council approved for the EDC to continue to chair the BWF committee.

Decision – Council approved the appointment of Council members Richard Williams, John Harlow and Caroline Bedell as ex officio trustees to the Wildlife Habitat Charitable Trust (WHCT). Amendments will be made to the BASC Chairman and Vice-Chair role descriptions to reflect this change.

Decision - Council approved the change to the BASC policy on making donations to BASC Council will make an annual donation to the Wildlife Habitat Charitable Trust (WHCT), provided Council is satisfied this shall not compromise the BASC’s finances, nor prejudice its future funding requirements. The requirement to make a donation and donation value, will be agreed in December based on the forecasted outturn for the year. It will then be ratified at the first Council meeting of the following year. In addition, the WHCT may approach BASC to request further donations within the year. Donations must be based on a business case which meets the objectives of BASC and WHCT. Donations will be in addition to the administrative services already provided to the WHCT by BASC..

SUPPORTING ISSUES

15. Membership and Management Accounts *Confidential*****

The EDBM paper presented was taken as read. The EDBM gave an overview of the paper presented.

16. BDL AGM

The EDBM presented the agenda items.

Apologies were noted, as per Council.

EDBM asked the AGM to approve that the Directors of BASC Direct Limited should remain as BASC Chairman, Vice-Chair, E&F Chairman.

Decision - Council approved that they remained as directors.

EDBM presented the BASC Direct Ltd Annual Report and Financial Statements for adoption.

Decision - Council approved the Annual report and financial statements.

EDBM asked the AGM to approve the re-appointment of the Auditors, WR partners LLP

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Decision - Council approved the re-appointment of the Auditors, WR Partners LLP

AOB – It was confirmed that there was no AOB

The Chairman closed the BDL AGM and re-opened the Council meeting.

17. BASC Annual Report and Financial Statements for year ending 31st December 2022

The Annual Report and Financial Statement for 2022 were taken as read.

E&F Chairman introduced the Annual Report and Financial Statement that had been presented by the EDBM. He stated that the work undertaken to produce these statements had been outstanding and a credit to the EDBM and her staff, particularly when a key member of staff has been on long term sick leave.

The E&F Chairman confirmed there is a final adjustment which needs to be made to the accounts relating to the portfolio investment with Coutts. Due timings, the Coutts tax report related to the portfolio had only been received today. This will result in a further positive adjustment to the income and expenditure account.

The EDBM asked Council to approve the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 31st December ahead of them being placed before the AGM for adoption on the 20th May 2023. Noting that they will be adjusted to include the tax refund related to our portfolio investment with Coutts.

Decision - Council approved for the BASC annual report and financial statements for year ending 31st December 2023 to be placed before the AGM for adoption, noting the adjustment to be made as stated by the EDBM.

18. Honours and Awards

The H&A Chairman referred to the paper presented.

Decision - Council approved the recommendation list of award recipients. The two HLM nominations will be presented to the AGM.

19a. Motion for AGM

The paper presented was taken as read. The Vice-Chair gave an overview of the paper presented and asked Council to approve a motion to amend the timing of election for the Chairman, Vice-Chair and Chair of E&F Committee.

Decision - Council approved the motion outlined in paper 19a as detailed above and this will be presented at the AGM for adoption.

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19b. Motion for AGM

The paper presented was taken as read. The EDC gave an overview of the paper and is asking Council to approve the change in wording in the constitution to strengthen the conservation objects of the Association as per the recommendation within the paper.

Decision - Council approved the motion outlined in paper 19b as detailed above, and this will be presented at the AGM for adoption.

22. Any other business by leave of the Chairman

Date of next meeting

The February Council meeting will take place on Friday 19th May 2023 at 12:00pm – Marford Mill.

Signed:

Date:

Chairman