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**THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING AND CONSERVATION
UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT MARFORD MILL 19th MAY AT 12:00AM**

Attendance	Eoghan Cameron Oliver McCullough Robin Marshall-Ball Al Gabriel Richard Garner Williams Chris Barker Ian Grindy Alasdair Mitchell John Harlow Ian Coghill Professor Ann Mortimer	Chairman (Dial-in) (Dial-in)
Ex-Officio:	Ian Bell Angela Davies Caroline Bedell Steve Bloomfield Christopher Graffius Gareth Dockerty Colin Shedden Steve Griffiths	Chief Executive Executive Director of Business Management (EDBM) Executive Director of Conservation (EDC) Executive Director of Shooting & Operations (EDSO) Executive Director of Communications & Public Affairs (EDCPA) Director England Director Scotland Director Wales
Minute Secretary	Sandra Forkin	

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Chairman thanked Alasdair Mitchell for all his work on Council and wishes him well for the future.

The Chairman also thanked Director Scotland for all his hard work, he will be sorely missed and wished him well with his retirement.

1. To receive apologies for absence and to note absentees

Apologies have been received from Lord Dear, Claire Sadler, Tommy Mayne and Garry Doolan. Ian Coghill was not present.

2. To confirm confidential items

It was confirmed that items 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, & 13 & 13 were noted as confidential.

3. To identify suggested items of any other business

- E&F Committee for 2023/24
- Co-option

4. Declaration of Interest

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Item 12 - The Chairman, CEO, EDBM, EDC and Ian Coghill

Item 19a – The Chairman and Vice-Chair

Item 7b H&S - Robin Marshall-Ball

5. Minutes of previous meetings

5.1 Minutes of the 22nd March 2023 Council meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 22nd March 2023 were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5.2 Minutes of Executive and Finance Committee 21st March 2023

The Executive and Finance Committee minutes of the meeting of 21st March 2023 were noted.

5.3 Minutes of the 6th April 2023 Wildfowling Liaison Committee *Confidential*****

The Northern Ireland Committee minutes of 6th April meeting were noted.

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

The England Committee minutes of March meeting were noted.

5.3 Minutes of the 22nd February 2023 Deer Management Committee *Confidential*****

The Deer Management Advisory Committee minutes of 22nd February meeting were noted.

6. Matters arising from earlier Council meetings

- Financial Statement

The EDBM gave an update on the tax rebate from Coutts and advised that the financial accounts have now been amended, these will be presented to the AGM on 20th May 2023 for adoption.

7. Health and Safety Report

The EDBM report presented was taken as read.

- a) Monthly Report
- b) H&S 2023 plan

STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL ISSUES

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

The EDCPA report presented was taken as read.

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

The Chairman's paper presented was taken as read.

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

The CEO's report presented was taken as read.

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

The CEO's paper presented was taken as read.

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

The Chairman said in future, the CEO and himself will give an update and then pass to the Chair of A2S, unfortunately he is not present at today's Council meeting.

13. Sustainable shooting Framework *Confidential*****

The EDC paper presented was taken as read.

Decision – Council approved.

SUPPORTING ISSUES

14. Membership and Management Accounts up to end March 2023 *Confidential*****

The EDBM paper presented was taken as read.

15. Any other business by leave of the Chairman

- **E&F Committee**

The E&F Chairman gave an overview of the E&F Committee and thanked the current Committee for their work. The E&F Chairman stated that it is essential to maintain the level of skills on the Committee and as suggested by the Auditors, for continuity he is recommending that the current committee remain, and one more Council member is added. The E&F Chairman recommended that John Harlow be selected onto the Committee for one year, after his excellent application.

The E&F Chairman thanked the other Council members who had applied to be on the Committee.

- **Co-Option**

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The Chairman said that he had been approached by Council members regarding the plan to Co-opt Ian Coghill for another year on Council. The timeline for this should be at the beginning of the next Council meeting in July.

The Co-option was proposed by Oliver McCullough and seconded by Chris Barker

The Chairman asked Council if there were any questions or concerns before he asks Ian Coghill. Council asked if the position of Ian Coghill on A2S if there would be a conflict if he was to be co-opted onto BASC Council, the CEO stated that there has been no conflict declared.

A council member asked if it could be explored to co-opt others onto Council from a diversity point of view. The Chairman stated that the plan will go to the E&F Committee in July as Governance Subgroup are developing recommendations in this area.

The Chairman asked Council if there are any objections to Ian Coghill being co-opted please advise him. There were no objections from Council.

Action - The Chairman will approach Ian Coghill prior to July council meeting.

The Chairman confirmed that the AGM will commence at 10:30am in the DOW.

Date of next meeting

The February Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 12th July at 9:00am – Marford Mill.

Signed:

Date:

Chairman