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**THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING AND CONSERVATION
UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT MARFORD MILL 13 MARCH 2024 AT 09:00AM**

Attendance	Eoghan Cameron Claire Sadler Oliver McCullough Robin Marshall-Ball Richard Garner Williams Chris Barker Ian Grindy John Furbisher John Harlow Professor Ann Mortimer Dr Al Gabriel	Chairman - <i>Dial in</i> Vice-Chair (<u>Chaired the meeting</u>)
Ex-Officio:	Ian Bell Angela Davies Caroline Bedell Christopher Graffius Steve Bloomfield Peter Clark Steve Griffiths Tommy Mayne Gareth Dockerty	Chief Executive Executive Director of Business Management (EDBM) Executive Director of Conservation (EDC) Executive Director of Communications & Public Affairs (EDCPA) Executive Director of Shooting & Operations Director Scotland Director Wales Director Northern Ireland Deputy Director of Shooting & Operations
Minute Secretary	Sandra Forkin	
Present	Garry Doolan	Deputy Director Communications & Public Affairs (DDCPA)

Chairman's Welcome

1. To receive apologies for absence and to note absentees

Apologies have been received from Lord Dear and Ian Coghill.

2. To confirm confidential items

It was confirmed that items 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15 & 16 were noted as confidential.

3. To identify suggested items of any other business

None

4. Declaration of Interest

Item 16 – Conflicts of Interest, All Council members.

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Item 14 – H&A, All Council members

5. Minutes of previous meetings

5.1 Minutes of the 8th February 2024 Council meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 8th February 2024 were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5.2 Minutes of Executive and Finance Committee 7th February 2024

The Executive and Finance Committee minutes of the meeting of 7th February 2024 were noted.

5.3 Minutes of England Committee

The minutes of the England Committee meeting were noted.

6. Matters arising from earlier Council meetings

7. Health and Safety Report

The EDBM report presented was taken as read and the CEO gave an overview of the reports presented.

- 7a) H&S Report
- 7b) H&S Risk Plan

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STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL ISSUES

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

The EDCPA report presented was taken as read. The EDCPA gave an overview of the report and highlighted in detail the following subjects of areas of importance.

- Election October
- Sound moderators
- Fees

Director Scotland gave an update on political issues in Scotland

- Wildlife Management
- Deer Consultation
- Scottish Parliament

Director Wales gave an update on political issues in Wales

- Demonstration of 2000 farmers at Senedd, Cardiff, BASC were in attendance and the event was very well organised

Director Northern Ireland gave an update on political issues in Northern Ireland

- Hunting with Dogs bill to this date

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

The Chairman's paper presented was taken as read and highlighted some areas of importance.

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

The CEO's report presented was taken as read.

The CEO referred to the paper presented and highlighted some areas of importance.

The EDC gave an overview of the paper presented as part of the CEO report and highlighted some areas of importance.

- Schedule II
- Eat Game Awards
- BASC Wildlife Fund

The EDCPA gave an overview of the paper presented as part of the CEO report and highlighted some areas of importance.

- New Content Team

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The new Content Team is doing exceptionally well and have generated good coverage of Crufts and Natural Capital

The EDSO gave an overview of the paper presented as part of the CEO report and highlighted some areas of importance.

- Gamekeeper event at Swinton, BASC CEO was in attendance and a successful event
- Gamekeeper event at South East, BASC Chairman will be in attendance
- Sustainable Ammunition events 2023 / 2024
Discussions taking place for a sustainable ammunition day in Northern Ireland 2024

The DDSO gave an overview of the paper presented as part of the CEO report and highlighted some areas of importance.

- New phone system - A new phone system is in place which helps track the level of customer service being delivered to our members. Since having this in place there has been a significant improvement.

The Director Scotland gave an overview of the paper presented as part of the CEO report and highlighted some areas of importance.

- Gamekeeper event Scotland
- BASC Women in Shooting, Scotland
- Young Farmers
- Wildlife Management Bill

The Director NI gave an overview of the paper presented as part of the CEO report and highlighted some areas of importance.

- Direction of travel in relation to legislation alignment across Northern Ireland

The Director Wales gave an overview of the paper presented as part of the CEO report and highlighted some areas of importance.

- Party Conferences in Wales
- MS Shooting Events

The EDBM gave an overview of the paper presented as part of the CEO report and highlighted some areas of importance.

- CRM Project

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

The CEO's paper presented was taken as read.

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The CEO said that he had nothing else to add and there have been no queries received.

- SR9 has been updated
- SR10 debanking has been added as a risk and this work is on-going

12. Natural England Partnership Agreement

The EDC paper presented was taken as read.

SUPPORTING ISSUES

13. Membership and Management Accounts up to end October 2023 *Confidential*****

The EDBM paper presented was taken as read.

The EDBM gave a detailed overview of the paper presented.

14. Honours and Awards

The H&A Chairman's paper presented was taken as read.

The H&A Chairman gave an overview of the work that the H&A Committee and the effective publicity campaign that had taken place and that a record number for nominations had been received.

The H&A Chairman asked for thanks to be noted to Sandra Forkin for the hard work and the H&A Committee for all their engagement.

This year out of 45 nominations, 18 were deferred as the Committee did not feel they had been submitted with enough information to validate them. An explanatory letter will be sent to the nominators.

It is to be noted that the Vice President and Honorary Life Membership Awards must be submitted to the AGM for approval in May, all awards must be kept confidential until this time.

Council discussed the award recommendations in detail.

Awards to be presented to the AGM for approval in May 2024.

- Vice President
- Honorary Life Membership

Awards to be presented at the Game Fair in July.

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- Stanley Duncan Trophy
- Ian Richardson Trophy
- Prince Philip Distinguished Service Award
- Payne Gallwey Long Service Award
- Special Presentations
- BASC Women in Shooting Award
- Gamekeeper of the Year Award

Decision - Council approved the recommended list of award recipients. The Vice President and HLM nominations will be presented to the AGM in May

15. Register of Interest

The EDBM paper presented was taken as read.

The EDBM gave an overview of the paper presented.

16. Any other business by leave of the Chairman

None

Date of next meeting

The March (Virtual) Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 27th March 2024 at 9:30am.

Signed:

Date:

Chairman