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THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING AND CONSERVATION
UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD VIA TEAMS MEETING ON 8 JULY 2021 AT 09:00AM

Attendance	Eoghan Cameron Robin Marshall-Ball Ian Grindy Oliver McCullough Al Gabriel Ian Coghill Alasdair Mitchell Professor Ann Mortimer Carl Woodall Paul Shaw Richard Garner Williams Chris Barker	Chairman
Ex-Officio:	Ian Bell Angela Davies Caroline Bedell Steve Bloomfield Christopher Graffius Dan Reynolds Steve Griffiths Colin Shedden Tommy Mayne	Chief Executive Executive Director of Business Management Executive Director of Conservation Executive Director of Shooting & Operations Executive Director of Communications & Public Affairs Director England Director Wales Director Scotland Director Northern Ireland
Minute Secretary	Sandra Forkin	
Present	Garry Doolan	Deputy Director of Communications & Public Affairs

Chairman's Welcome

BASC Chairman welcomed Chris Barker and Richard Garner Williams to Council.

1. To receive apologies for absence and to note absentees

Apologies had been received from Lord Dear and BASC Vice-Chair, Claire Sadler.

2. To confirm confidential items

It was confirmed that items 8, 10, 11, 13, 22, and 23 were noted as confidential.

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3. To identify suggested items of any other business

- Honours and Awards Committee – Robin Marshall-Ball

4. Declaration of Interest

None.

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5. Minutes of previous meetings

5.1 Minutes of the 21st May 2021 Council meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 21st May 2021 were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5.1 Minutes of the 22nd May 2021 Council meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 22nd May 2021 were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5.3 Minutes of Executive and Finance Committee 20th May 2021

The Executive and Finance Committee minutes of the meeting of 20th May were noted.

6. Matters arising from earlier Council meetings

- *Gun Trade Banking Issues*
The Executive Director of Communications and Public Affairs advised that the Head of Policy and Campaigns and Council member Paul Shaw have been in communication. The commercial sector has looked to set up an arrangement with a bank, but this has not proved possible, there are two issues to investigate further: -

1) Whether it is possible to set up a better online purchase system for the gun trade and the commercial sector are looking at this.

2) It is up to the business to find sympathetic banks and building strong relationships with them locally.

BASC's Chairman stated he is interested in the reasons why businesses who deal with firearms are seen as high risk beyond the face value of the word firearms.

Council member Paul Shaw stated that the idea of dealing with local branches is good however things change quickly.

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Council Member Paul Shaw and Head of Policy and Campaigns are working together to look at the size of the problem to take this forward for businesses. A statement has been created and is ready to go detailing all the problems, but Paul Shaw believes this has not been issued to-date.

BASC's Chairman asked if it is worth discussing in more detail with the APPG.

The Executive Director of Communications and Public Affairs believes the statement has been published on social media but will chase.

- *NE Partnership Agreement*

The Executive Director of Conservation gave an update in relation to the NE Partnership Agreement and advised that the final draft will be circulated to the Executive group as there were no comments received from Council. The Executive Director of Conservation is recommending that this should be promoted and launched in a face-to-face meeting.

The Executive Director of Communications and Public Affairs asked the question if this could be signed in the BASC hospitality area at the Game Fair.

7. Health and Safety Report

The Executive Director of Business Management's report presented was taken as read.

The Executive Director of Business Management gave an overview of the report and there had been one question received in relation to old first aid kits, it is advised that the old first aid kits are donated to the cadets to use for training purposes.

8. Confidential Item

9. Shooting Future – Oral

10. Strategic Risk Register *Confidential*****

11. Covid-19 Update *Confidential*****

12. Quarter 2 investment portfolio update*Confidential*****

The Executive Director of Business Management's paper presented was taken as read.

The Executive Director of Business Management advised that this is an interim report and gave an overview of the report.

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13. Re-placement of Finance and Payroll software – High Level Business Case*Confidential*****

The Executive Director of Business Management's paper presented was taken as read.

14. Amendment to delegation of expenditure approval limit

The CEO paper presented was taken as read.

The CEO gave an overview of the paper presented and advised that the paper was also presented to the E&F Committee meeting held on 7th July 2021..

BASC's Chairman stated, this gives a great amount of transparency for all Council members to see in relation to the expenditure.

15. Council timetable for 2022

The Executive Director of Business Management's paper presented was taken as read.

The CEO gave an overview of the paper presented.

Discussions took place in relation to conflicts with events, the CEO advised that a central BASC calendar will be available moving forward.

16. Executive and Finance Committee – Membership - Oral

The E&F Chairman gave an update on the E&F Committee and what is being looked at and gave an overview of the Committee and what he is asking from Council today.

The E&F Chairman advised that Council member Chris Barker will be joining the E&F Committee, Robin Marshall-Ball, Ann Mortimer, and Alasdair Mitchell will continue being part of the E&F Committee if Council endorse this in today's meeting.

Council discussions took place in relation to the E&F Committee and attendance at the meetings as either an observer or a member of the Committee. Council member Carl Woodall stated that he would be interested in attending the meetings and asked if these could be recorded if he was unable to attend a meeting due to work commitments.

BASC's Chairman stated that the meetings are recorded in which the minutes are based upon. The CEO advised that the dissemination of confidential E&F business via video recording would be undesirable. A video recording has no material advantage over the audio recording.

The CEO stated that he would investigate if it was possible to share one of the meetings audio recordings, however this would not be routine but just a one off.

17. Animal Welfare Bill - Oral

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The Executive Director of Communications and Public Affairs gave an update on the two Animal Welfare bills.

The Executive Director of Communications and Public Affairs stated that a brief for the second reading debate had been produced (62 amendments were tabled during the first reading debate). A meeting with the APPG had been arranged to discuss the bill. The bill in essence sets up an animal sentience bill.

The Executive Director of Communications and Public Affairs stated that this is a PR bill and got a rough ride during its committee stage.

BASC's Chairman asked if we have a strategy to engage with the back benches, the Executive Director of Communications and Public Affairs confirmed that we do.

Council discussed the science behind the bill, but it was stated that this is a PR bill.

18. Government Review of Evidence – Game Farming

The Executive Director of Conservation stated that the paper presented is an update and for information and gave an overview of the paper.

Council discussions took place in relation to the details within the paper around laying cages and the difference between UK and EU legislation.

The CEO stated that we must be supporting our members who shoot in the short term and long term. We also need to get those who rear game currently to abide by today's standards and let's move on from there, we can work with the partnership organisation and take all these points into account and get to a sensible and mutual agreement.

19. Wild Justice – Burning and Gamebird Release

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

The Executive Director of Conservation gave an overview of the paper presented.

Council discussions took place in relation to hen harriers and raptor persecution.

20. Police Licencing Dept – failure to carry out security visit and implications - Oral

The Executive Director of Communications and Public Affairs updated Council in relation to the Police Licencing Dept.

The Executive Director of Communications and Public Affairs advised that by early August all firearms licensing teams should be operating a full service.

21. Game Fair Update – Oral

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The CEO gave an update in relation to the Game Fair and that it is going ahead full steam and gave an overview of BASC's attendance at the Game Fair.

The CEO advised Council that we do have sufficient resilience should there be any Covid issues.

Director England stated that we do not have full capacity of staff as usual due to Covid and we are planning to keep staff safe at the Game Fair and will have plans in place to prevent any risks.

22. Chairman's Report *Confidential*****

**23. Chief Executive's Report (including updates from Exec Directors)
*****Confidential*******

24. Any other business by leave of the Chairman

- Honours and Awards

Robin Marshall-Ball gave an update to Council and in particular the new Council members in relation to the honours and awards system that was currently in place and is not fit for purpose. The Honours and Awards Committee intends to design a new process for Council's approval. The new awards system and will be announced in the S&C in January 2022.

BASC's Chairman thanked Robin Marshall-Ball and the Committee for their work so far in getting the honours and awards on the right track.

25. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 7th October – Venue to be confirmed.

Signed:

Date:

Chairman