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THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING AND CONSERVATION
CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT MARFORD MILL ON 31 MARCH 2022 AT 09:00AM

Attendance	Eoghan Cameron Claire Sadler Robin Marshall-Ball Oliver McCullough Al Gabriel Richard Garner Williams Chris Barker Ian Grindy Alasdair Mitchell	Chairman Vice-Chair (Dialled in) (Dialled in) (Dialled in)
Ex-Officio:	Ian Bell Angela Davies Caroline Bedell Christopher Graffius Steve Bloomfield Dan Reynolds Tommy Mayne Colin Shedden	Chief Executive Executive Director of Business Management (EDBM) Executive Director of Conservation (EDC) Executive Director of Communications & Public Affairs (EDCPA) (Dialled in) Executive Director of Shooting & Operations (EDSO) (Dialled in) Director England Director Northern Ireland Director Scotland
Minute Secretary	Sandra Forkin	
Present	Felicity Marshall	Head of Digital (Dialled in)

Chairman's Welcome

BASC's Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. To receive apologies for absence and to note absentees

Apologies have been received from Lord Dear, Carl Woodall, Professor Ann Mortimer, Paul Shaw, Ian Coghill and Steve Griffiths.

2. To confirm confidential items

It was confirmed that items 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14 and 15 were noted as confidential.

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3. To identify suggested items of any other business

None.

4. Declaration of Interest

Item 17 - Honours and Awards, Chris Barker declared an interest in this item.

Item 11 - A2S, BASC Chairman, CEO, EDC and EDBM declared an interest in this item.

Item 18 - Motion for AGM, all elected and co-opted Council members declared an interest in this item.

5. Minutes of previous meetings

5.1 Minutes of the 10th February Council meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 10th February 2022 were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5.2 Minutes of Executive and Finance Committee 9th February 2022

The Executive and Finance Committee minutes of the meeting of 9th February were noted.

5.3 Minutes of the Scottish Committee meeting 22nd February (for information only)

The Scottish Committee minutes of the meeting of 22nd February were noted.

6. Matters arising from earlier Council meetings

- *Gun Trade and banking arrangements*
BASC Chairman and the CEO had discussed and are currently looking at what if any actions can be taken forward.
- *Marketing and Promotional Materials*
The EDBM confirmed that this is being taken forward by the Membership Recruitment and Retention Group who are due to meet in April.
- *Online Harms Bill*
The EDCPA stated that the online harms bill has not yet been put before Parliament, the bill currently exists in a draft format and covers illegal sales to children. We will have to be vigilant should the bill pass Parliament and look at the codes of practice that the bill provides. Within the bill there is the facility to challenge.
The EDCPA will keep Council updated.
- *Council and Governance Information on the Website*
The Head of Digital advised Council that this is due to be looked into and she will be working with the EDBM to take forward.

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STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL ISSUES

7. Chairman's Report *Confidential*****

The Chairman's report was taken as read.

8. 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.

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

Sentience Amendment

The EDCPA gave an update on the sentience amendment

The Chairman thanked the EDCPA and his team on behalf of himself and Council for all the work undertaken in relation to the sentience bill.

Firearms Licencing

The EDCPA said that the home office firearms licencing fees are being reviewed'.

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

The EDC gave an overview of the work on the habitat regulations and environmental targets that is being carried out and that some papers will be presented by the Head of Environmental Law Research.

The EDC confirmed that the Natural England meeting, which is part of the partnership agreement had taken place.

The EDC updated on the Value of Shooting and advised that a meeting is arranged for 14th April with the Steering group to look at how we are going to go forward.

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

The EDSO updated Council on the upcoming Sustainable Ammo Days and Countryside Clay Shoot and asked Council if anyone has any recommendations for auction lots at the Countryside Clay Shoot to contact the Project Integration Manager.

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The E&F Chairman referred to the UK Reach paper presented by the Director England and advised that in Northern Ireland this situation will be dealt with a lot earlier as consultation will take place next year.

The CEO supported the myth busting article and evidence gathering, and regardless of the impact, we should proceed.

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

The EDBM reminded Council that the E&F papers are available for all Council members to read and review on Teams.

The EDBM advised Council that the audit reports are also on Teams for all Council members to read and review.

The E&F Chairman stated that the E&F meeting with auditors had taken place and wished to thank the EDBM and her team for all the work they have done and the papers that were presented.

9. Health and Safety Report (Confidential)

The paper presented by the EDBM, was taken as read.

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

The CEO's paper presented was taken as read. The Chairman asked if everyone who requested a printed copy received this, this was confirmed.

11. Aim to Sustain (Oral)

The CEO provided an.

12. Snaring

The EDC's paper presented was taken as read.

The EDC gave an update and overview of the paper presented.

13. UK Reach and Transition from Lead

The paper presented by the Director England was taken as read.

14. Impact of war in Ukraine

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The paper presented by the EDBM was taken as read.

SUPPORTING ISSUES

15. Membership and Management Accounts up to end of February 2022
*****Confidential*****

The paper presented by the EDBM was taken as read.

The Chairman closed the Council meeting at 12:05 and opened the BDL AGM

16. BDL AGM
*****Note: Council meeting to close and re-open after BDL AGM *****

1. Apologies

Apologies have been received from Lord Dear, Carl Woodall, Professor Ann Mortimer, Paul Shaw, Ian Coghill and Steve Griffiths.

2. Appointment of Directors

There have been no resignations and no new appointments.

3. Adoption of the Directors' Report and Financial Statements for the Period Ended 31 December 2021

Council Approved.

4. Appointment of the auditors

under section 487(s) of the Companies Act 2006.

Council Approved.

5. Any other business that can legally be undertaken at an annual general meeting

None.

BASC's Chairman closed the BDL AGM meeting and re-opened the Council meeting at 12:07.

17. BASC Annual Report and Financial Statements for year ending 31st December 2021

The annual report and financial statement for year ending 31st December 2021 were presented by the EDBM and were taken as read.

The EDBM advised Council that these were reviewed and agreed by E&F to come to Council for approval.

Council approved the accounts. The EDBM confirmed that they will now go to the auditors for sign off and will then go to the AGM for adoption by the members on the 21st May 2022.

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18. Motion for AGM

The paper and motion presented by the EDBM was taken as read.

Council approved the motion for the AGM. The EDBM confirmed that the motion will now be placed before the AGM for approval.

19. Honours and Awards

The paper presented by the Chairman of Honours and Award was taken as read.

20. Updated Terms of Reference

- a) Executive and Finance Committee
- b) Advisory Committee's *this is being pulled from Council today as there are some discrepancies and will come back to Council*

The Executive and Finance Committee revised terms of reference were presented to Council for approval. The E&F Chairman confirmed that they had been reviewed and agreed by the E&F Committee.

Council approved the amended E&F terms of reference.

21. Any other business by leave of the Chairman

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Friday 20th May, 12 noon – Marford Mill

Signed:

Date:

Chairman