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**THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING AND CONSERVATION
CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT MARFORD MILL ON 14 JULY 2022 AT 9:00AM**

Attendance	Eoghan Cameron Robin Marshall-Ball Oliver McCullough Al Gabriel Richard Garner Williams Chris Barker Ian Grindy Alasdair Mitchell Carl Woodall John Harlow Ian Coghill	Chairman E&F Chairman (Dialled-in)
Ex-Officio:	Ian Bell Angela Davies Caroline Bedell Steve Bloomfield Dan Reynolds Colin Shedden Steve Griffiths	Chief Executive Executive Director of Business Management (EDBM) Executive Director of Conservation (EDC) Executive Director of Shooting & Operations (EDSO) Director England Director Scotland (Dialled-in) Director Wales
Minute Secretary	Sandra Forkin	
Present	Felicity Marshall	Head of Digital

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, Claire Sadler, Professor Ann Mortimer, Christopher Graffius and Tommy Mayne.

2. To confirm confidential items

It was confirmed that items 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16 and 19 were noted as confidential.

3. To identify suggested items of any other business

- CRM Project - EDBM
- Clarity on the use of chokes with steel shot

4. Declaration of Interest

Item 16, A2S - BASC Chairman, CEO, EDC and EDBM.

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5. Minutes of previous meetings

5.1 Minutes of the 20th May Council meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 20th May 2022 were approved as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

5.2 Minutes of Executive and Finance Committee 20th May 2022

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

5.3 Minutes of the 30th April Wildfowling Liaison Committee *Confidential*****

The Wildfowling Liaison Committee minutes of 30th April meeting were noted.

5.4 Minutes of the 24th May 2022 Northern Ireland Committee meeting

The Northern Ireland Committee minutes of 24th May 2022 meeting were noted.

The E&F Chairman wished thanks to go to the Deputy Director Conservation for attending the previous meeting.

6. Matters arising from earlier Council meetings

- Gun Trade and Banking

The EDBM reported that an article will be published in the next S&C.

- Value of Shooting

The EDC gave an update.

7. Co-option to Council

The Chairman confirmed that Council had electronically approved the co-option.

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

The EDCPA report presented was taken as read. The CEO introduced the paper and then passed to the Country Directors for updates.

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

The Chairman's report was taken as read.

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16. Aim to Sustain *Confidential*** (This item was brought forward to after item 9)**

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.

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

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

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

The EDBM paper presented as part of the CEO report was taken as read.

11. Health and Safety Report * Confidential*****

The EDBM paper was presented and taken as read.

12. Strategic Risk Register *Confidential*****

The CEO's paper presented was taken as read.

The CEO gave an overview of the paper presented and the work that is continuing to take place. Council was requested to pass any corresponding questions, queries, or suggestions to the Project Integration Manager.

13. Raptors – policy paper *Confidential*****

The EDC paper presented was taken as read.

14. Regulation of pest control – alternative to general licences

The EDC paper presented was taken as read.

The EDC gave an overview of the paper presented and asked Council to approve the BASC position statement that has been put forward within the paper.

BASC wants to ensure that people taking and killing 'pest bird' species in the UK can do so confident that they are acting lawfully via clear and understandable rules with minimal

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bureaucratic burden. Any wildlife licencing requirements must facilitate timely and, where necessary, preventative actions.

We will achieve that by continuing to seek improvements to wildlife licensing rules within the existing legal frameworks, and where opportunities arise, seeking new legal frameworks for the taking and killing of bird species.

15. Hares closed season

The EDC paper presented was taken as read.

The EDC gave an overview of the paper presented.

17. UK Reach (Oral)

Director England updated Council on the work that is continuing to take place in relation to UK Reach.

18. NRW and General Licences (Oral)

Director Wales updated Council on NRW and General Licences in Wales.

This was covered in the EDC report.

SUPPORTING ISSUES

19. Membership and Management Accounts up to end of June 2022 * Confidential*****

The EDBM paper presented was taken as read. The CEO and EDBM presented an overview of the current position and activity which is being planned or taking place to improve membership recruitment and retention.

20. Election or reappointment of Committee Chairs/Members

- Honours and Awards

Council approved the paper presented.

- Wildfowling Liaison Committee

Council approved the paper presented.

- England – Approved

Council approved the paper presented.

- Wales – approved

Council approved the paper presented.

- Northern Ireland – approved

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Council approved the paper presented.

- Scotland

Council approved BASC Chairman as Chairman of the Committee and Colin Shedden as Vice-Chair.

- Deer Stalking Committee – approved
Council approved the paper presented.

21. Council Strategy Day (Oral)

The Chairman gave an update on the plans for the Council Strategy Day and asked for two to four volunteers to lead on any specific areas.

22. Council, E&F and AGM Timetable 2023

23. Any other business by leave of the Chairman

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 22nd September at 09:00am – Marford Mill

Council Strategy Session 21st September starting at 10:30. Followed by BASC staff and Council BBQ at 4pm.

October Council will only be arranged if required and will be a virtual meeting on Teams.

Signed:

Date:

Chairman