

Council Meeting Synopsis

IN ATTENDANCE:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Carline Deal (CD), Alex Denny (AD), Samantha Holgate-Davey (SHD), Emma James (Hon Secretary) (EJ), Richard Pettifer (Hon Treasurer) (RP), Sophie Rennie (NDO) (SR), Andrew Shenstone (Chair) (AS), Samantha Holgate-Davey (SHD), Yasmine Thorn (YT) (Vice Chair)

DATE:

16th June 2026

START TIME:

19:00

LOCATION

Online via Teams

VICE PRESIDENTS

Tony Marshall (TM), Brian Cumming (BC)

HQ COLLEAGUES

Sophie Heptonstall (SH)
Chris Horan (CH)
Wendy Meadows (COO) (WM)

INVITED GUESTS

APOLOGIES

Harry Gould (Life VP), Dave Bell (DB), Michelle Haywood (MH), Catherine Howarth (CH), Jane Maddocks (JM) Lisa Shafe (LS), Mary Tetley (CEO) (MT)

Note-taker: Pam Roberts

Welcome & Opening Administration

- a. AS welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- b. April and May Minutes were approved, with no feedback or comments.
- c. Actions to be covered at the July meeting.
- d. Conflicts of Interest – None noted.
- e. AOB – none were raised.
- f. WM, SH and CH were present as HQ representatives.

Election results

AS confirmed election results: Catherine Smith, Alex Denny and Carline Deal being elected as Council Members, Yasmine Thorn as Vice Chair and Emma James as Honorary Secretary and congratulated

the successful candidates. The results have been published and will be announced formally at the AGM. Special Resolution: voting open until 22 June with results to be declared at the AGM.

Insurance renewal

WM summarised the insurance renewal quoting process: – three quotes were supplied and compared. Conclusion to remain with current insurer who continues to provide most suitable cover with no change to the cover provided. WM confirmed that the information on insurance is up to date on BSAC website.

Non-Executive Director – For Approval

AS summarised the background to the proposal to nominate a second NED, which is included in our AoA. Several candidates were considered and Antonella Mulè (AM) interviewed by a BSAC panel. AM has extensive experience of working in international business, strategy, finance, data analytics, media and banking and has a broad range of knowledge and skills to bring to the role.

Proposal: AS proposed, EJ seconded: to appoint Antonella Mulè as a Non-Executive Director.
Votes for: unanimous - **approved**.

MMI and Finance

RP provided a brief summary of the MMI and current financial position. Income, expenses and profit are all in line with budget, and membership is behind last year but not as low as had been forecast. Cash is behind budget, explained by the lasting effect of later income from Sport80 DD payments.

RP reiterated the main concern continued to be declining membership. 2025 audited results showed a loss of £40k stemming from unbudgeted spend.

AGM Slides Run-through

SH and CH joined the meeting

CH ran through AGM slides with each speaker. CH confirmed that live voting at the AGM would be reflected in final results shown on the final slides. CH showed the invitation email to registered members and explained that it would be sent out 48 hours before the AGM.

Wreck Legislation / Hyperbaric chambers

SH provided an update on actions regarding the upcoming Armed Forces Bill, which includes new legislation regarding wrecks. Feedback had been received from members, and the MoD and Navy had been approached.

SH then updated council on the recent lobbying concerning hyperbaric chambers.

MEETING CONCLUDED

20:30

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