NEWMARKET LIONS CLUB (C.I.O.)

Registered Charity No 1183895

TRUSTEES REPORT for the YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 2022

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Charty Account - Fundraising

The year to June 2022 was quite encouraging. A slow return to life 'post-lockdown' produced modest income from various events. Principal among these was the 'Snowdrop Stroll' at Landwade Hall, Exning, jointly with the Rotary Club of Newmarket. Our own Car Boot Sale also produced a satisfactory sum.

Charitable Grants and expenditure

Two Charitable Grants of note were made; the largest (just under £900) being to the Newmarket Community First Responders. This group works at the behest of (but without any funding from) the East of England Ambulance Service to provide life support at incidents, pending arrival of an EEAS ambulance. Given the well-publicised way in which EEAS resources are currently severely stretched, and mindful that the First Responders provide all their own equipment etc from their own resources, the decision was taken to grant them our entire share of the Snowdrop Stroll proceeds. This is a valuable and praiseworthy adjunct to the Emergency Services on which everyone depends.

The other grant of note was to Burwell Print Centre (£400) to replace life-expired digital printing equipment. BPC supports and trains people with learning difficulties to provide quality printing and finishing services. This grant continues our long association and support for this excellent community enterprise.

Insurance is an unavoidable expense, arranged through Lions Clubs International, to cover Public Liability and Employee (i.e. Members and helpers) Protection. The extremely modest level of claims for legitimate expenses will be noted.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES Collection of used spectacles (destined ultimately for reuse in developing countries) remained largely in abeyance - Chichester Lions Club Processing Centre being still unable to accept further consignments.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Account should be thought of as an Administration account and derives from Membership Fees (Dues) and other personal contributions; no monies from Charitable Fundraising activities are used for this purpose. The annual Charter Anniversary Dinner (normally a useful supplementary source of income), and the major social event of our calendar, could not be held again this year. Despite this, and a fairly static total membership, we managed a small surplus during the year thanks to members selling personal items and making additional unsolicited donations. Such generosity is greatly appreciated.

OUTLOOK FOR 2022-23

A question mark hangs over the possibility of repeating the Snowdrop Stroll charity fundraiser in Spring 2023, due to the sad death of Mr Simon Gibson (Snr.) and subsequent sale of his Exning Estate lands on which the event was held. It is hoped that an accommodation might be found with the new landowner, since permanent loss of this event would be a severe blow.

There is a strong case for channelling a portion of proceeds of every fundraising event into a contingency reserve. This was formerly Club policy which has fallen into disuse. As cash reserves continue to dwindle each year this may again come to be seen as a useful device to ensure funds will always be immediately available to meet requests for emergency/humanitarian relief etc

Recruitment, and retention, of Members is being addressed, with energetic efforts by certain of the current Membership, but it remains extremely difficult. Attracting prospective members of suitable calibre is a problem common throughout the voluntary Community Service Club sector.

Signed, 17th November, 2022

P.M.L. Stannard D.J. Hough B.J. Hough P.J. Edwards

President / Trustee Secretary / Trustee Treasurer / Trustee Trustee

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CHARITY a/c

RECEIPTS	Fete Sideshows	 Rugby club Fete 	61.00
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- Soap Box Derby 60.00

Car Boot Sale 302.60

Snowdrop Stroll 915.64

Bucket Collections - Car Boot Sale 105.64

- Hallowe'en 12.30

- Easter 40.63

50.00

Total Income 1,497.81

PAYMENTS

<u>Charitable Grants</u> Newmarket Community First Responders 891.64

Burwell Print Centre 400.00

Lions Clubs International MD Youth Programme 46.00

1,337.64

<u>Other Outgoings</u> LCi 3rd Party Liability Insurance 44.30

RBL Remembrance Day Parade Wreaths

Publicity Display Stand 82.02

Sideshow Expenses (pitch fees, prizes etc.) 83.28

Hallowe'en Competition Prizes 50.00

Food Safety Certificate Course 24.00

333.60

Total Expenditure 1671.24

Deficit - 173.43

SUMMARY Opening Balance b/fwd (at 1st July, 2021) 3,662.30

Deficit over year (to 30th June 2022) - 173.43

Balance at Year end (30th June, 2022) 3,488.87

REPRESENTED BY:

Cash at Bank (June '22 Statement) 3,413.42

Cash in hand 75.45

3,488.87

ASSETS - monies on permanent loan to Membership a/c £350.00

LIABILITIES - none known

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140.00

MEMBERSHIP a/c

RECEIPTS Member's Dues 500.00

Meeting Fines 45.00

Members donated expenses 35.40

Members Fundraising Stall 114.50

694.90

PAYMENTS LCI International Dues (half year to 31/12/21)

LCI Multiple District and District Dues (") 158.45

LCI – International Dues (half year to 30/06/22) 136.00

LCI Multiple District and District Dues (") 161.55

596.00

Surplus **98.90**

SUMMARY Opening Balance (1st July, 2021) 585.33

Surplus over year 98.90

Balance at Year end (30th June, 2022) 684.23

REPRESENTED BY

Cash at Bank (June '22 statement) (no uncleared cheques) 658.26

Cash in hand 25.97

6**84.23**

ASSETS - NIL

LIABILITIES - monies on permanent loan from Charity a/c £350.00

<u>GENERAL NOTES</u> The loan of £350.00 from the Charity a/c to the Membership a/c is a standing item. <u>Its purpose</u> is to obviate the need for overdraft facilities and the Bank Charges that would inevitably arise (these accounts being subject to Business Account rules). This situation might possibly arise when large sums are remitted to Lions Clubs International, principally to cover bi-annual Membership Dues. <u>This arrangement</u> is likely to remain in place for the foreseeable future, and for as long as an adequate credit balance exists within the Charity Account.

Audit completed and signed by the Auditor, C. Whitaker, (Finance Manager, Newmarket Town Council) on xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Signed by The Trustees and Adopted at the Business Meeting of Members on xx xxxxxxx, 2022

PML Stannard, DJ Hough BJ Hough, P Edwards
President/Trustee Secretary / Trustee Trustee Trustee