

London Rugby League Foundation

Reports and Financial Statements

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Trustee Directors

The Directors of the London Rugby League Foundation (the "charity"), who served the year and up to the date of this report unless as otherwise stated, are its trustees the purpose of charity law and throughout the report are referred to as the trustee

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Charity Number

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The trustees present their report together with the audited financial statement for the year to 30 November 2016.

Structure and governance

Constitution

London Rugby League Foundation is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission.

Appointment of Trustee Directors

The names of the trustee directors during the year appear on the information sheet.

The trustee directors have instituted an on-going programme of training on their roles and responsibilities under charity law.

Remuneration of trustee directors

None of the trustee directors receives remuneration or benefit as set out in the Charity's constitution.

Risk Management

The trustee directors have reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed including Reputation, Health and safety and Financial and systems have been established to manage those risks.

Objectives and activities

To promote community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities for the playing of sports capable of improving health with particular focus on rugby league activities;

To provide and assist in providing facilities for sport, recreation or other leisure time occupation of such persons who have need for such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interest of social welfare and with the object of improving their conditions of life;

To advance the education of children and young people through such means as the trustee directors think fit in accordance with the law of the charity; and

For the general purposes of such charitable bodies or for such other exclusively charitable purposes in each case as the trustees may from time to time decide.

Achievements, performance and future plans

The core purpose of the London Rugby League Foundation is to grow the number of people playing and engaged in rugby league in Greater London and the surrounding counties. In 2016, the Foundation has secured its role as the lead organisation for the development of the sport in London, underpinned by an ongoing financial commitment from the Rugby Football League.

The Foundation received £130,000 to support the delivery of Sky Try and central staff costs in 2016, plus an additional grant of £16,000 for the delivery and management of the Satellite Clubs project in London and the South East. A significant additional source of income in 2016 came from a Sport England grant of £100,000 for the delivery of a new pilot project (Tagged) to increase participation in Higher Education. The project spans

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Achievements, performance and future plans (cont)

two financial years for the Foundation, and funding is being sought to extend the project beyond the existing term of the pilot.

The Foundation is currently on a stable financial footing with sufficient unrestricted income to meet the requirements of the charity's reserves policy.

The Foundation has met all the internal requirements of the RFL for good governance, and continues to review requirements and policies to maintain governance excellence. A further piece of work has begun to ensure the organisation meets the appropriate standards set out in A Code for Sports Governance, published by Sport England and UK Sport on 31 October 2016.

The Foundation employs a small core team of staff to deliver on a project basis but the majority of coaching continues to be delivered through a combination of contracted delivery partners, consultants and part time coaches, to maximise value for money on delivery. The Foundation has benefitted from a new partnership with The Royal Foundation of The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry, joining a consortium of five other employers to deliver Coach Core, a sports coach apprenticeship scheme. In August 2016, the Foundation recruited two apprentices as part of a cohort of 19 apprentices across the consortium. One Foundation apprentice was then deployed with a partner club, London Skolars, to support the delivery of Sky Try in North London.

The Foundation remains focussed on delivering projects to grow participation and engagement in rugby league, working directly with 19 of the 21 junior community clubs across the South East to varying degrees based on location, resource and suitability for partnership work. This work ranges from support on facility development or club management through to direct delivery in local schools to drive growth in participation.

Sky Try remains the primary route to increasing participation in schools and community clubs, and in 2016 the Foundation delivered coaching to over 5200 primary school participants and 2000 secondary school participants through this project. In addition to Sky Try, the Foundation was commissioned by the RFL to deliver a Satellite Club programme in London, with a similar aim of transitioning school participants to community clubs to create sustained long term growth.

In 2016, the Foundation successfully applied to Sport England for a grant of £100,000 for the delivery of a tag rugby league pilot offer in Universities in the South East. The project is underway and the offer is currently being delivered in 10 HE institutes, with the aim of creating a new market of rugby league participants and future customers. If successful, the Foundation will look to extend funding to continue delivery into a second year to fully understand the potential of the offer, with a view to developing a national recreational offer in the HE sector over time.

The development of non-contact rugby league offer with a broader appeal will play a greater role in increasing future participation in rugby league, particularly in the education sector. Rugby league will feature in the 2016-17 London Youth Games for the first time, with a primary school tag rugby league festival featuring representatives from every borough in London. An opportunity to develop a recreational/non-contact pathway through education exists as a route to widening the pool of regular rugby league participants long term, in partnership with the RFL.

The Foundation continues to work closely with the region's professional clubs, in particular London Broncos who are currently licensed to run a full-time Academy programme, drawing on the player pool from the community clubs in the region.

The Foundation delivers two elements of the player pathway in the South East, the England Talent Pathway (formerly Embed the Pathway) programme of coach education and player development days, and the London Origin programme. The Foundation remains the biggest single national partner of the RFL delivering England Talent Pathway training to coaches, with 88 coaches from 16 community clubs trained since April 2015. Furthermore, the Foundation has continued to manage the delivery of coach education in the region qualifying 50 new coaches in 2016, which represents around 20% of the total qualified coach workforce

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locally.

2016 has proved a successful year for the Foundation, with a strong financial basis for future development, and a growth in income, primarily driven by the development of the Tagged offer with Sport England. Project activity will continue to expand into the next financial year, as developing partnerships realise greater value for money.

The priorities for 2017 will be the development of a long term strategic partnership with the RFL, to ensure the long-term viability of development programmes, plus the diversification of income streams to protect against the potential fluctuation of grant funding.

Financial Review

The statement of financial activities is set out on page 6 and shows the surplus of the charity at 30 November 2016 amounting to £44,915 (2015: £63,993). The Foundation's financial position as at 30 November 2016 is that net assets of £108,908 exist.

Reserves Policy

There are £95,127 in free reserves held by the charity at the year end. The trustees have determined that the charity should maintain free reserves equal to four months of unrestricted expenditure with the aim of safeguarding the charity against future fluctuations both in its income and in its expenditure. The trustees plan to maintain its free reserves over the next 2 years to continue to meet this target.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the board of trustee directors and signed on its behalf by:



Trustee: B Barwick

Date:

12/5/2017

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I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 November 2016 which are set out on pages 6 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Examiner

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a Certified Public Accountant.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- * Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Charities Act);
- * Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act); and
- * State whether particular matters have come to my attention

My report is made solely to you as Trustees pursuant to the Charities Act 2011. My examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the Trustees those matters I am required to state in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Trustees for my examination, for my report, or for the statement I have made.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- * to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 have not been met; and
- * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2016 £	Total 2015 £
Incoming resources					
Voluntary Income					
Donations		30,562	-	30,562	13,017
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Rugby League		121,196	177,917	299,113	205,797
Total incoming resources		151,758	177,917	329,675	218,814
Resources expended					
Charitable activities					
Rugby League	-	146,305	- 183,272	- 329,577	- 153,226
Support Costs		-	-	-	-
Governance costs	-	1,175	-	- 1,175	- 1,595
Total resources expended		- 147,480	- 183,272	- 330,752	- 154,821
Net outgoing resources & net movements in funds	5	4,278	- 5,355	- 1,077	-
Extraordinary items		45,992	-	45,992	
Balance b/f at 1 December 2015		44,857	19,136	63,993	-
Balance c/f at 30 November 2016		95,127	13,781	108,908	63,993

All gains and losses recognised in the year are included above.

The notes on pages 8 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

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	Notes	2016 £	2015 £
Current assets			
Debtors	3	21,255	3,695
Prepayments		-	-
Cash at bank and on hand		112,324	89,625
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		133,579	93,320
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	4	- 24,671	- 29,327
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Net current assets		108,908	63,993
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Net assets		108,908	63,993
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Financed by:			
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	7	95,127	44,857
Restricted funds	8	13,781	19,136
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		108,908	63,993
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For the year ended 30 November 2016 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The trustee directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved and authorised for the issue of behalf of the trustee directors on,

B Barwick



Date:

14/05/2017

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1. Status

The London Rugby League Foundation is a charitable company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

2. Accounting policies

Accounting periods

The accounting reference date of the charity is 30 November.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and are in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005, applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006. The principal accounting policies adopted in preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

Incoming resources

Incoming resources from charitable activities are recognised as earned (as the related goods and services are provided).

Voluntary income including gifts/donations that provide core funding or are of a general nature are recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred.

- * Charitable activities include those direct costs associated in the delivery of the Dance and Rugby League programme and support costs;
- * Governance Costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Fund accounting

The unrestricted fund comprises those monies which may be used towards meeting the charitable objectives of the charity at the discretion of the trustee directors.

The restricted funds are monies raised for, and their use restricted to, a specific purpose, or donations subject to donor imposed conditions.

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3. Debtors	2016	2015
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	-
Other debtors	21,255	3,695
4. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	2016	2015
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	-
Tax and social security	-	13,795
Other creditors	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	24,671	15,533
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	24,671	29,328
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5. Staff costs consist of	2016	2015
	£	£
Wages and salaries	95,314	57,214
Social security costs	9,305	4,704
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	104,619	61,918
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The average number of employees during the year was 3.6 (2015: 1.2). There were no employees who received remuneration of £60,000 or greater during the year or prior year.

The trustee directors received no remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year or prior year.

6. Net outgoing resources

This is arrived at after charging:	2016	2015
	£	£
Independent examiners fee	600	600
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7. Analysis of net (liabilities)/assets	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
	Funds	Funds	2016	2015
	£	£	£	£
Net current assets	95,127	13,781	108,908	63,933