

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/members of Christian Surfers UK on accounts for the year ended 31st December 2016

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Charity no 1070830

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's 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.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 explanations from the 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 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave 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.

Signed: Malcolm Lee

Date: 16 October 2017

Name: Malcolm Lee

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

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CHRISTIAN SURFERS UK

2016 ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY

A SIGNIFICANT YEAR OF CONTINUED GROWTH IN THE
HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN SURFERS, AN EXTREME SPORTS
MISSIONS CHARITY ACTIVE IN THE UK FOR OVER 27 YEARS.

INTRODUCTION

The vision of Christian Surfers UK (CSUK) is quite simply 'to give every surfer and every surfing community the opportunity to know and follow Christ.' That vision statement is carried out through a number of initiatives ranging from individual discipleship to serving at high profile surfing contests throughout the UK and beyond.

Last year was a good year of continued growth, both in activities and significant opportunities to share our faith, and to disciple the lives of surfers. 2017 has really started well with CSUK serving at all three national surf championships (Wales, Scotland and England) for the first time in its history. March saw a really encouraging leadership gathering, with lots of new young leaders, which is really healthy for the future.

We have a very full schedule of events that we will be organising and attending and a small number of the leadership team are already working towards the planning of the Christian Surfers International conference which will be held in south-west France in September 2018.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2016

'Be still and know that I am God' – Psalm 46 v 10

This was our verse of the year and as a result we tried to intentionally carve out time to listen more for what God was calling us to do before setting plans in place. This resulted in another year of positive relationship building and fresh initiatives in the surfing community that we are called to serve.

National Gathering

As we have for the last 23 years, we met with over 120 of our 'tribe' in June at the Tubestation in Polzeath.

24th Jesus Surf Classic

Our busiest event since the longboard categories were given their own contest, with over 150 entrants in eight categories. The surfing and also the skateboarding on our mobile skatepark were of a very high standard. For the first time the prize money for the women's open event was the same as for the men's event, which went down well in the surfing community. A fantastic weekend of serving.

Strengthened partnerships

We saw some significant new partnerships developed, including serving the Scottish Surf Federation for the first time at their national championships up in the far North East of Scotland, as well as at a number of their other events; we now serve at all of the surfing national championships in the UK, which is fantastic.

With a focus on church partnerships we have worked hard to develop further the number of churches that are interested, and indeed are actively involved, in our work. This is very healthy for the future.

We continue to pray for breakthrough in the lives of the surfers whom we have got to know over the last 20 years through the ministry and, once again, God has been gracious with stories of lives having been changed and disciples discipled. If there are any further questions about anything in this brief report, please don't hesitate to contact CSUK's National Director, Phil Williams (phil@christiansurfers.co.uk).

VISION STATEMENT

VISION STATEMENT (What's our big dream?)

That every surfer and every surfing community has opportunity to know and follow Jesus

MISSION (What do we do?)

We share the good news of Jesus with surfers, following Him together in community, empowering others to do the same

WE ARE:

Gospel-centred – Bible based, Jesus, discipleship, prayer and empowered by the Holy Spirit (Matt 28 18-20)

Servant-hearted – humility, trust, sacrificial, empowering (Matt 20 26-27)

People of integrity – accountability, character, authentic, international, inclusive, relational, partnerships (Titus 2:11-12, James 4:17, Galatians 3:28)

Surfers – life to the full, adventurous, risk-taking, mobilising surfers to reach surfes (John 10:10)

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES/CORE STRATEGIES

Connecting – Choosing to create opportunities and platforms that will help initiate relationships.
e.g. our personal surfing, media, movie nights, camps, outreach contests etc.

Discipling – Choosing to create opportunities and platforms that introduce and grow surfers in their life-long relationship with Jesus.
e.g. local missions, Bible studies, camps, national movements, prayer etc.

Serving – Choosing to create opportunities and platforms that enable us to meet the needs of our wider surfing community.
e.g. chaplaincy, events, logistical support, emergency response, community development etc.

Equipping – Choosing to create opportunities and platforms that empower our people to advance our mission.
e.g. training, mentoring, resources, leadership development, spiritual disciplines etc.

Partnering – Choosing to develop relationships of trust where sharing and joining with others helps us to achieve our vision.
e.g. local churches, mission agencies, surf industry, secular surfing organisations, surf media, alumni, Aleph etc.

Structure of Christian Surfers UK

CSUK is part of Christian Surfers International, which is reaching out to surfers in over 30 countries around the world. We have been a registered charity since 1999 (charity number 1070830).

Board of Trustees

A board of trustees oversees the work and these individuals come from a variety of backgrounds, from ordained ministers to significant individuals in the surfing community.

Staff Team

CSUK does not employ any staff: however, the organisation is run by a National Director, a Media Director and Regional Coordinators for South East England and for Wales: these four key people all live by faith, and give their time freely. We are also fantastically supported by a part time, self-employed administrator.

FINANCES

INCOME GENERATED	Jan - Dec 15	Jan - Dec 16
Event income (Boardmasters, UK Pro Tour)	£1,634.92	£2,477.38
Jesus Surf Series contest income	£7,727.66	£8,114.71
Total Leaders Gathering income	£900.00	£1,270.00
Membership subscriptions	£4,900.60	£8,394.73
National Gathering income	£6,909.48	£5,459.27
Miscellaneous income	£220.78	£24.25
Total resources sold (clothing, books, DVDs etc)	£4,185.28	£4,565.52
Total gifts and donations income	£23,877.89	£24,680.07
<i>Beyond Sight</i> Tour Income	£1,500.00	£-
Skate ministry income	£4,247.43	£7,917.42
CS Europe Gathering income	£-	£-
	£56,104.04	£62,903.35

EXPENDITURE	Jan - Dec 15	Jan - Dec 16
Serving at surf contests (UK Pro Tour, Boardmasters)	£1,783.10	£2,597.74
Jesus Surf Series contest costs	£6,940.15	£7,127.39
CSUK Leaders Gathering expense and trustees costs	£1,682.18	£1,298.25
Total membership expense	£2,814.96	£3,469.35
National Gathering & other costs	£4,842.11	£4,793.75
<i>Beyond Sight</i> Tour Expenditure	£-	£-
Misc donations to worthy causes	£-	£1,264.10
Total resources expense (clothing, bibles & DVDs)	£5,108.74	£3,078.27
Total skate event ministry	£2,025.53	£3,743.23
Total office equipment, computer costs & web hosting	£683.58	£971.23
Public liability insurance, licenses & subscriptions	£401.55	£397.85
Total marketing (inc promo DVD, gazebo and photos)	£886.35	£2,387.19
Admin assistance	£4,785.00	£4,526.25
Miscellaneous	£3,390.64	£1,918.36
Depreciation	£884.15	
Total staff expenses (inc travel, fuel)	£10,853.16	£7,619.37
Office rent, stationery supplies, storage	£1,793.29	£2,264.76
Total postage and delivery	£908.61	£1,328.32
Total CSI expenses inc tithe, International Director visit	£2,790.63	£4,650.35
CS Europe Gathering expenses	£1,289.16	£1,392.85
CS Europe visitations	£51.99	£172.28
	£53,914.88	£55,000.89
	£2,189.16	£7,902.46

The 2016 accounts reflect an increase in revenue due to the new skateboarding event we ran in Gloucester Cathedral as well as additional membership revenue. On the cost side, less was spent on outreach resources as this will be a big push in 2017, and total staff expenses were reduced.

If you would like any specific questions answered regarding the financial summary, or a set of the detailed accounts, please e-mail **Phil Williams** at phil@christiansurfers.co.uk or phone **07774138143**

EVENT PHOTOS

