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## **Blackpool Ice Drome Charities Association**

**Charity Number: 1143903** 

# Annual Report and Financial Statement for the Year Ending 31st March 2017

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### Annual report for the Year Ending 31st March 2017

#### 1. Administrative Information

BIDCA is the official charity name for Children Helping Children and is dedicated to the furtherance of ice sport and supporting Blackpool's and the Fylde's local sick, disabled or disadvantage children and has done since 1939.

The Committee includes the following full members:

Chair – Kerry Ashton

Secretary - Anna Williams

Treasurer - Wayne Ashton

Child Welfare Officer – Nicola Guerin

Head Chaperone – Dianne Corkhill

Committee Member – Adrian Lewin

Committee Member – Louise Francis

Committee Member – Laura Jackson-Rutherford

Committee Member –Steve Flewitt

Committee Member - Brenda Green

Committee Member (Co opted) – Nicola Smith



#### 2. Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of BIDCA members is set out in the 2015 Charity Constitution. All full members are encouraged to nominate themselves for election on to the committee.

The trustees have the power to act as directed in the Constitution.

All committee members must read and sign a code of conduct and a confidentiality agreement before they are able to sit on the committee. They must also sign in the minute records that they are willing to act in the trusts of the charity. Committee members will have the opportunity to discuss their role with the chair.

BIDCA has policies in place for Safeguarding. All full members and trustees undergo enhanced DBS checks on joining and every three years thereafter.

The contents and obligations of the Equality Act 2010 and the Data Protection Acts 1988 and 2003 are known and complied with to the best of the committee's ability.

It is considered that all trustees and any others who could be considered as having any management responsibilities in the running of BIDCA are deemed to be fit and proper persons under the terms of the Finance Act 2010.

#### 3. Objectives and Activities

The Charity's objectives are:

- To advance the education of the general public in all aspect of ice skating;
- To provide facilities for ice skating in the interests of social welfare for children under 18 years of age through the provision of training, recreational and other leisure time occupation with the object of improving their conditions of life;
- To relieve, within the Fylde coast area of Lancashire, poverty, sickness and distress
  arising therefrom by the making of grants of money or monies worth to individuals
  under 18 years of age in conditions of need ('the beneficiaries') or organisations
  dealing with such beneficiaries so as to relieve such need.



#### 4. Achievements and Performances

This year's show consisted of 9 performances which consisted of the charity night and 8 public performances. Over 1,000 young people and their families attended the Charity Night and over 8,829 paying patrons attended the other 8 performances. Ticket sales generated £70,200 at the box office, and following a deduction from Stage Works World Wide Productions for the venue hire, equipment hire and the technical team that included a stage manager and lighting crew, BIDCA received an income of £39,923.38. We were also very pleased to receive a donation from the Eric Wright Group for £1,750 towards the costs of the Charity night.

#### 5. Review of the Year (Chair)

This year's show was Alice in Wonderland, we received great reviews and we attracted over 8,800 people to pay and watch the show. This was due to the help and support received from the committee, all our full members, parents and helpers. In addition to this on our final dress rehearsal we invited over 1,000 young people from the organisations we are helping, to watch the show free of charge. It was again well received and excellent feedback was received from the attending charities and groups. This is another way that BIDCA can give something back to the charities. In monetary terms this is equivalent to BIDCA giving the charities £6,000.

The Trustees made the decision to run a new performance date schedule to include more pre Christmas matinees, and concentrating the shows around the Christmas period. BIDCA also ran a one price ticket strategy. This, we believe contributed to the increase in overall ticket sales, resulting in larger audiences. As a result of earlier radio advertising and a targeted social media campaign we had an increase in advanced ticket sales.

BIDCA was made a Body of Persons Approved in 2015. This was in place for our 2015 and 2016 Christmas Show. This was made as a result of BIDCA evidencing robust safeguarding and child welfare policies and actions. This reinforced that BIDCA places safeguarding and the welfare of the children at the top of its priorities. This is due to the hard work and dedication of the trustees, chaperones and full members.

Following a successful year we are delighted to confirm that charitable donation grants this year will be made to 2 charities — Brian House and Bugs to Butterflies Youth Group Blackpool.

BIDCA also provided a skating session for Aspired futures at Fylde Coast Ice Arena.



#### 6. Financial Review (Treasurer)

Our principle fundraising event the Christmas Show at Blackpool Ice Arena experienced an increase in ticket sales of 3,700 compared with the previous year. As a result of this increase in ticket sales, income from collections, donations, including programmes, raffle tickets and glow sticks were up by £1,500

Income from cast members increased this year by £1,500 due to a n increase in cast members.

Our Costume costs were up this year by £3,000 due to the wider variety of numbers requiring different costumes an increase in cast members.

This year we sourced all our own props and re used what we had in storage. We were very grateful to receive support once again from Kirkham Prison.

BIDCA once again organised Show Hoodies, photographs, DVD's and the After Show party. All proceeds from these items have been used to pay for the After Show Party

Show productions costs were broadly in line with the previous year's costs. However the marketing budget was £1,000 lower than expected due to a reduction in printing costs and the greater use of social media.

Due to the timing of our financial year-end and the AGM date, we account for the charitable donations in the following financial year. In the 2016/17 accounts we were able to donate £6,189 in Grants which were generated from the Dick Whittington. Due to the success of this years Alice in Wonderland show, we will be in a position to make Grants of around £20,000 in 2017/18 This will be confirmed with the new committee once the independent auditor has verified the accounts.

The overall position at the year-end leaves BIDCA in a good positon to prepare for this year's show the Wizard of Oz. This year's performance has been incredibly successful, and it demonstrates clearly that BIDCA is trading positively with our accounts for the 2016/17 showing a profit of £20,337. We are in a good positon to proceed and have £47,000 in the bank to make the grants and underwrite the costs of putting on the 2017 show; The Wizard of Oz on ice and our commitments to wardrobe storage.



Thank you to everyone that has worked really hard to make the show a success and to work within the challenging budgets.

#### 7. Risk Assessment

BIDCA recognises that in relation to 'Risk Assessment', risk is defined as a 'threat of any action or event which will adversely affect an organisation's ability to achieve its objectives and execute its strategies'. It also accepts that the term 'risk' can include any circumstances that may, or do, have an adverse effect, and is wider than financial matters.

Risks relate not only to the negative consequences of a threat, but also to the impact of not taking advantage of opportunities.

BIDCA carries out Risk assessments for all of its purposes and activities.

BIDCA did not experience any significant risks last year.

#### 8. Reserves Policy

BIDCA has a requirement to maintain a cash reserve to cover its committed liabilities. These include the costs associated with its storage unit and the risk of any short fall as a result of a lower than expected ticket sales that mean BIDCA is unable to cover the show production costs.

#### 9. Future Plans

Next year's show will be the Wizard of Oz, preparations are underway and we are looking forward to attracting larger audiences and helping more local children through our charity night performance and grant donations.

For and on behalf of the Trustees –

Position TREASURER

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# Independent Examiner's unqualified report to the Trustees of Blackpool Ice Drome Charities Association,

Accounts for the year ended 31st. March 2017

Charity no. 1143903

Set out on pages six and seven.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the 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 the 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 the Independent Examiner's statement.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for 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 material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or the accounts do not accord to the accounting records.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts is reached.

Signed. Slen A. Clements.

Date 20th. January 2018.

Name Rev'd. A. A. Clements.

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