

London Rugby League Foundation Limited

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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The trustees present their report together with the audited financial statement for the year to 30 November 2017.

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.

The Foundation continued to receive a stable financial commitment from the Rugby Football League to continue its activities in developing the sport in the capital in 2017. The Foundation received £130,000 to support the delivery of Sky Try and central staff costs, plus an additional grant of £37,250 to extend the pilot project "Tagged" for a second year through to April 2018. The project initially received a £100,000 Sport England grant to deliver to March 2017, which was extended to the end of the academic year July 2017 with a further grant of £22,000.

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Achievements, performance and future plans (cont)

The Foundation finished the financial year on a solid financial footing with sufficient unrestricted income to meet the requirements of the charity's reserves policy.

The Foundation has met the internal requirements of the RFL for good governance and continues to review requirements and policies to maintain governance excellence. A second piece of work has been carried out to map governance standards to the A Code for Sports Governance, published by Sport England and UK Sport in Autumn 2016, and a minor change has been made to the articles to limit the total term of office available to trustees.

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 continues to benefit from the partnership with The Royal Foundation of The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry, as part of consortium of employers delivering Coach Core, a sports coach apprenticeship scheme. In August 2017, the two apprentices employed in the first year of the scheme graduated and both went on to achieve full time employment in primary schools. The Foundation recruited two apprentices who started in September 2017 as part of a cohort of 20 apprentices across the consortium. Both apprentices were deployed with partner clubs to support their community delivery, London Skolars, in Haringey and London Broncos in Ealing.

The Foundation remains focussed on delivering projects to grow participation and engagement in rugby league. Sky Try is the primary route to increasing participation in schools and community clubs, and in 2017 the Foundation delivered coaching to over 6000 primary school and secondary school participants through this project. All the coaching work is connected in some way to one of the 20 community clubs in the region, with the aim to drive growth in sustainable participation in rugby league.

In 2016-17, Rugby League featured in the London Youth Games for the first time in its 40-year history. 31 of the 32 London boroughs held a tag rugby league festival, with over 600 primary schools taking part in rugby league at some stage in the year. The winning team from each borough went on to the finals day at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre in March 2017, supported by the Foundation and the RFL. Furthermore, a new Year 8 boys pilot competition has been added to the London Youth Games programme as a route to drive greater competition in secondary schools.

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. The pilot year of the University mixed tag rugby league offer created by the Foundation, Tagged, proved a significant success. The offer was delivered in 10 HE institutes, to over 600 participants with just under 50% participants female. Due to the initial success, the offer has been extended into Year 2 with support from Sport England, the RFL and the Foundation. There are currently 17 institutes delivering the offer in 2017-18 academic year with a target of reaching 1100 players.

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. Both programmes ultimately support the development of players and coaches that feed into the talent pathway at London Broncos, many of whom go on to represent both London Broncos and London Skolars in the Championship and League 1 respectively.

2017 has been a stable year for the Foundation, with the continuation of key projects and the development of a new relationship with London Youth Games which should continue to support a growth in schools rugby league.

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The development of a long term strategic partnership with the RFL to ensure the long-term viability of participation programmes remains the priority for 2018, together with the diversification of income streams to provide greater financial sustainability for the organisation.

Financial Review

The statement of financial activities is set out on page 6 & shows the deficit of the charity at 30 November 2017 amounting to £30,966 (2016: surplus of £44,915). The Foundation's financial position as at 30 November 2017 is that net assets of £77,942 exist.

Reserves Policy

There are £77,942 in free reserves held by the charity at the year end. The trustees have determined that the charity should maintain free reserves equal to 4 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:

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I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 November 2017 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 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- * the accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2006; or
- * the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- * the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Incoming resources					
Voluntary Income					
Donations		210	-	210	30,562
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Rugby League		111,583	145,082	256,665	299,113
Total incoming resources		111,793	145,082	256,875	329,675
Resources expended					
Charitable activities					
Rugby League	-	127,572	- 158,863	- 286,435	- 329,577
Support Costs		-	-	-	-
Governance costs	-	1,406	-	- 1,406	- 1,175
Total resources expended		- 128,978	- 158,863	- 287,841	- 330,752
Net outgoing resources & net movements in funds	5	- 17,185	- 13,781	- 30,966	- 1,077
Extraordinary items		-	-	-	45,992
Balance b/f at 1 December 2016		95,127	13,781	108,908	-
Balance c/f at 30 November 2017		77,942	-	77,942	108,908

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

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	Notes	2017 £	2016 £
Current assets			
Debtors	3	73,953	21,255
Prepayments		-	-
Cash at bank and on hand		17,728	112,324
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		91,681	133,579
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	4	- 13,739	- 24,671
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Net current assets		77,942	108,908
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Net assets		77,942	108,908
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Financed by:			
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	7	77,942	95,127
Restricted funds	8	-	13,781
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		77,942	108,908
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For the year ended 30 November 2017 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:

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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 preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)

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 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	2017	2016
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	-
Other debtors	73,953	21,255
4. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	2017	2016
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	-
Tax and social security	2,999	-
Other creditors	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	10,740	24,671
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	13,739	24,671
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5. Staff costs consist of	2017	2016
	£	£
Wages and salaries	96,845	95,314
Social security costs	11,728	9,305
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	108,573	104,619
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The average number of employees during the year was 3.6 (2016: 3.6). 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:	2017	2016
	£	£
Independent examiners fee	720	720
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7. Analysis of net (liabilities)/assets	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
	Funds	Funds	2017	2016
	£	£	£	£
Net current assets	77,942	-	77,942	108,908

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8. Restricted funds	At 1 December 2016 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 30 November 2017 £
Sky Try	-	93,530	93,530	-
Sport England HE	13,781	51,552	65,333	-
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Total restricted funds	13,781	145,082	158,863	-
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