

BLACKPOOL ICE DROME CHARITIES ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1143903

Details

Other names B.I.D.C.A

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2011-09-22

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (A) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN ALL ASPECTS OF ICE SKATING;(B) 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;(C) TO RELIEVE, WITHIN THE FYDLE 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 ONCIDTIONS OF NEED ('THE BENEFICIARIES') OR ORGANISATIONS DEALING WITH SUCH BENEFICIARIES SO AS TO RELIEVE SUCH NEED.

Activities: The activites of the Blackpool Ice Drome Charities Association is to organise annual fund raising events, our main event being the production of our annual Childrens Christmas Ice Show. All monies raised go to supporting local children's charities and associations,other worthwhile causes and to promote and develop ice skating in the community.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Blackpool

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£42,130	£87,436	-	-
2024-03-31	£92,282	£110,154	-	-
2023-03-31	£125,864	£110,457	-	-
2022-03-31	£14	£28,024	-	-
2021-03-31	£10,081	£19,726	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Clare Davies	Chair	2025-05-17
Claire Leanne Mann		2025-05-17
Dudley Cox		2023-06-17
Emma Kerr		2025-05-17
Joanna Louise Solanki		2023-06-17
Joanne Kelly Rata		2023-06-17
Joanne Walsh		2025-05-17
Kelly McGough		2025-05-17
Louise Marie Smith		2025-05-17
Martin Francis Illingworth		2026-05-17
Sarah Louise Holyhead		2025-05-17

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Annual Report and Financial Statement for the Year Ending 31st March 2025

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1. Administrative Information

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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

We performed our annual Christmas show, Snow White a fairytale adventure on ice. 59 cast members performed 11 shows to a combined audience of 11,724 people at the Blackpool Ice Arena during December 2024. In addition, we performed our annual charity performance enabling 1,400 representatives from children's charities across Blackpool and the Fylde Coast to attend, the tickets were donated free of charge providing a £17,980 benefit to the charities.



We were invited back to be part of the opening ceremonies for the Christmas by the sea Ice rink in November 2024. The event helped to raise the profile of our Christmas show.

BIDCA made cash grants to support 2 skaters attend the Ice-skating British Championships.

We were unable to give any larger cash grants due to Stage Works Worldwide Productions (SWWP) withholding payment of our apportionment of income. This has caused BIDCA to make a significant loss this for this financial year.

5. Review of the Year (Chair)

Our principal fundraising event the annual Christmas show was “Snow White a fairytale adventure on ice”. I am delighted to report that 59 cast members with the required skating skills and enthusiasm put on an amazing show and performed to over 11,724 people over 11 performances.

A highlight of the year as always is the charity performance, we invited 1,400 representatives from local Children’s charities from Blackpool and the Fylde Coast. The atmosphere at the show was electric and reminds us just why we do what we do. Our skaters respond to the atmosphere created by the audience, and everyone had a memorable time.

In November we were invited by Blackpool Council to perform at the opening of the outdoor ice rink on the tower Headland. This was an opportunity we could not miss and this year a small group of characters were chosen to perform a short, adapted number from the show.

In addition, we were able to support BIDCA skaters competing at the British ice-skating championships.

Unfortunately, we were unable to award any larger grants in line with our third objective due to the unforeseen financial circumstances.

As I reflect on my final year as chair after being involved with this amazing organisation for 16 years, I am disappointed to report that all this great work has been overshadowed by a backdrop of significant financial pressure caused by SWWP withholding our 2024 show settlement of circa £80,000. I want to reassure members that I am working closely with the Trustees to look at all options of recovering the show settlement as soon as possible. This issue has also delayed the planning of the 2025 show and is the primary reason why we have been unable to confirm the 2025 show details, hold cast auditions and put tickets on sale.

6. Financial Review (Treasurer)

Our principal fundraising event, the Christmas Show at Blackpool Ice Arena attracted 11,724 ticket sales. We held our prices the same as the previous year. With 3 ticket prices. a £15



ticket, a £13 nonpremium ticket a £10 ticket for the fold down seats. The trustees took this approach to balance the need to cover our costs whilst ensuring our show provides good value and is accessible to as many people as possible.

Total income for 2024/25 was £42,130 a reduction of £50,152 from the previous year.

This year saw the most significant financial challenge BIDCA has faced in the past 13 years. Stage Works Worldwide Productions (SWWP) withheld our financial settlement of circa £80,000 from the 2024 production of Snow White. This caused a £45,000 financial loss in our accounts for the 2024/25 financial year. Despite regular chasing, we have received limited communication from SWWP. In addition, Blackpool Pleasure Beach limited the parent company of SWWP released their 2023/24 accounts which showed a £2.7m loss. This is very worrying situation given BIDCA is owed around £80,000. The Trustee's will be meeting in April to agree the actions required to recover the settlement figure.

From an income perspective the front of house team were able to increase our sales despite the Arena introducing a wide range of merchandise. The front of house team refocused their efforts by selling just raffle tickets and programmes. This year saw an increase in raffle prize donations, which contributed to an increase in front of house income.

We also received £6,798 in gift aid from HMRC, this was up this year because it included the 2023/24 gift aid income which we received on 2nd April 2024. All other income was in line with our forecast.

Total expenditure for 2024/25 was £87,436 which saw a reduction in £22,718 of last year's expenditure.

This year we made a loss of £45,306 due to SWWP withholding our 2024 show settlement figure of circa £80,000. Fortunately, our reserves policy enabled us to be able to pay all our suppliers and for us to continue to operate. If we do not receive the settlement figure from SWWP, it will seriously impact our ability to carry out our main fundraising activity. This is because BIDCA requires the reserve fund to mitigate the financial risks associated the producing a Christmas show at the Pleasure Beach Arena and we will not have sufficient reserve funds to manage this risk.

Despite this, our production costs this year were reduced, by £20,000. We were able to do this by utilising of our inhouse costumes, and props. It was also our second year of our new approach to choreography; this allowed us to reprofile the coaches time now they were familiar with the BIDCA approach and associated requirements.



The overall position at the year-end of March 2025 leaves BIDCA in a weakened position. Our reserves have been significantly impacted and if we are unable to recover the outstanding money owed, it is unlikely that we will be able to perform a show in December 2025.

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 its purposes and activities.

BIDCA has insurance policies to cover its activities as well as its commitments associated with its storage unit.

7. Reserves Policy

BIDCA has a requirement to maintain a cash reserve to cover its committed liabilities and any uninsurable risks. These include the non-insured risks costs associated with its storage unit and the risk of any short fall because of a lower-than-expected ticket sales that mean BIDCA is unable to cover the show production costs. In addition, this is also used to cover our financial liability should we not be able to perform our show due to external factors like the Covid Pandemic. BIDCA currently has allocated a minimum reserve fund of £100,000 to cover these liabilities. This will be reviewed on an annual basis by the Trustee's.

8. Future Plans

The main focus for the Trustees is to recover the outstanding show settlement from SWWP. The next priority is assessing the risks associated with entering an agreement with SWWP for the 2025 show given their financial position and any changes/additions to the agreement. The Trustee's will need to ensure they understand the risks and associated implications as well as their ability to produce a show. This is further complicated because all activities associated with the show production have been suspended until the financial situation has been resolved. In real terms, we have not been able to undertake the detailed show planning, cast auditions or sell any show tickets.



For and on behalf of the Trustees –

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wayne Ashda', is written over a horizontal line.

Position Treasurer

Dated 11th May 2024



Blackpool Ice Drome Association, Charity Commission Registration No. 1143903.
Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2025

Receipts and Payments Account.	2025	2025	2024	2024
General Fund - Unrestricted.	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Show Income	-		57,325.75	
Cash Reg & Costume Contribution	16,898		18,690	
Good Luck Messages	518		520	
Donations	6,372		5,128	
Raffle, Programme, Glow Sticks	7,408		3,944	
Gift Aid	6,798		-	
Hoodies	1,264		1,452	
DVD Sales	-		-	
Aftershow Party	1,020		1,346	
Costume Rental/other income	1,010		2,232	
Bank Interest	843		770	
Total Receipts		42,130		91,408
Payments				
Costumes	9,926		11,875	
Wardrobe	12,212		13,257	
Show Production	45,400		55,708	
Aftershow Party	1,630			
Raffle Costs				
Props	4,383		3,921	
I/T Website				
Administration	2,758		3,108	
Hoodies	2,323		2,632	
DVD	-		-	
Charity Donations	1,000		7,000	
DBS/CRB	90		174	
Insurance/Membership	2,147		3,533	
Advertising, Flyers, Marketing	5,568		8,071	
Total Payments		87,436		109,279
Excess of Receipts over Payments		(45,306)		(17,871)
Bank Accounts as at 1st. April 2024		122,406		140,277
Bank Accounts as at 31st. March 2025 inc.		77,100	(45,306)	122,406 (17,871)
		(0) Diff		(0) Diff



**Blackpool Ice Drome Association.
Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st March 2025**

Monetary Assets	2025	General Fund Unrestricted £	2024	General Fund Unrestricted £
Current Account		4,525		4,031
Notice Account		77,100		118,375
Fund Raising Account				
Total at Bank		81,625		122,406
Cash in hand				
Total Funds		81,625		122,406
Debtors		750		750
Creditors		300		300
Other assets.				
Props.		25,000		25,000
Wardrobe/costumes		50,000		50,000
Equipment		5,000		5,000

Notes.

1. The accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis.
2. No Trustee has received any remuneration for being a trustee of the charity.
3. The valuation in respect of Props, Wardrobe/costumes and Equipment is based on the assumption that such items have a continuing worth for future productions.

Approved by the Trustees of the Blackpool Ice Drome Charities Association on 10th May 2025 and signed on their behalf by -

Wayne Ashton - Treasurer

**Independent Examiner's Report.**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Blackpool Ice Drome Charities Association.

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st. March 2025, which are set out on pages 8 to 9 of this Report.

Respective responsibilities of the 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to :

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity
Commissioner under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report.

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 those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations 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 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepared accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act 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.

Alan A Clements
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Fellow of the Association of Charity
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Date 21st. May 2025.

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Approved and Verified

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4. Achievements and Performances

We performed our annual Christmas show, Alice through the looking Glass a Magical Adventure on Ice. 61 cast members performed 10 shows to a combined audience of 10,871 people at the Blackpool Ice Arena during December 2023. In addition, we performed our annual charity performance enabling 1,400 representatives from children's charities across



Blackpool and the Fylde Coast to attend, the tickets were donated free of charge providing a £17,980 benefit to the charities.

We were invited back to be part of the opening ceremonies for the Christmas by the sea Ice rink with the cast of the BBC's Strictly Come Dancing in November 2023. The event helped to raise the profile of our Christmas show.

BIDCA made cash grants to support 2 skaters attend the Ice skating British Championships and a cash Grant to Brian House children's hospice on the Fylde Coast. The total cash grants made totalled £7,000.

5. Review of the Year (Chair)

Our principle fundraising event the annual Christmas show was "Alice Through the Looking Glass on ice: The Return to Wonder Land". We reflect on a year with a backdrop of significant economic pressure on households in the country. This was reflected in the slower than expected ticket sales leading to a significant reduction in income. However, I am delighted to report that 61 cast members with the right skating skills and enthusiasm put on an amazing show.

A highlight of the year as always is the charity performance, we invited 1,400 representatives from local Children's charities from Blackpool and the Fylde Coast. The atmosphere at the show was electric and reminds us just why we do what we do. Our skaters respond to the atmosphere created by the audience, and everyone had a memorable time. In addition, we were able to grant £6,000 to Brian House and £1,000 to support 2 skaters at the British championships.

In November we were invited by Blackpool Council to perform at the opening of the outdoor ice rink on the tower Headland. This was an opportunity to work with some of our older skaters to perform.

As we come to the end of another year, we are busy planning the 2024 Christmas Show, "Snow White a Fairy tale Adventure on Ice". Tickets have been on sale since February, we have held the ticket prices at the same price as last year, giving our customers great value.

6. Financial Review (Treasurer)

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our costs whilst ensuring our show provides good value and is accessible to as many people as possible.

Total income for 2023/24 was £92,282 a reduction of £33,581 from the previous year.

This was due to selling 3,583 less tickets compared to last year's show. 600 of these tickets were due to the cancelled first show following a fault with the ice making machinery. The reduction on ticket sales was also reflective of the economic climate with most of the other Christmas shows across Blackpool experiencing reduced tickets sales. This was further compounded by the Pleasure Beach's own pantomime being in direct completion with our show.

Total expenditure for 2023/24 was £110,154 which is within £300 of last year's expenditure.

This year we made a loss of £17,871. We saw reduction in income of £43,456 compared to last year. We have insurance cover to reduce the financial risk due to show cancellation. We are working with our insurer to recover the loss of income and the associated costs.

We have made provisions to ensure we have sufficient funds to be available for this type of eventuality. The economic climate is improving, which should have a positive impact on tickets sales for the 2024 show. We will need to focus on our marketing strategy to maximise the opportunity to sell more tickets.

The overall position at the year-end of March 2024 still leaves BIDCA in a strong position to prepare for this year's show "Snow White a Fairy-tale Adventure on Ice",

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8. Future Plans

The 2024 show will be "Snow White a Fairy tail Adventure on Ice" preparations are underway, and we are working with the venue to ensure the show can be performed to our high standard. Tickets went on sale in February and BIDCA has made offers to 64 skaters to skate as cast members this year.

For and on behalf of the Trustees –

Position Treasurer

Dated 11th May 2024



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Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2024

Receipts and Payments Account.	2024	2024	2023	2023
General Fund - Unrestricted.	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Show Income	57,326		84,666	
Cash Reg & Costume Contribution	19,575		15,894	
Good Luck Messages	520		401	
Donations	5,128		4,414	
Raffle, Programme, Glow Sticks	3,944		9,196	
Gift Aid	0		2,828	
Hoodies	653		1,067	
DVD Sales	0		980	
Aftershow Party	769		1,090	
Costume Rental/other income	2,132		5,154	
Bank Interest	2,236		173	
Total Receipts		92,282		125,864
Payments				
Costumes	10,737		12,231	
Wardrobe	12,974		13,252	
Show Production	49,273		43,438	
Aftershow Party	875		2,365	
Raffle Costs	-		396	
Props	7,551		21,072	
I/T Website			815	
Administration	6,635		3,355	
Hoodies	2,184		2,488	
DVD	-		1,500	
Charity Donations	7,000		-	
DBS/CRB	174		300	
Insurance/Membership	3,533		4,007	
Advertising, Flyers, Marketing	9,219		5,238	
Total Payments		110,154		110,457
Excess of Receipts over Payments		(17,871)		15,407
Bank Accounts as at 1st. April 2023		140,277		124,870
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Current Account		4,031		3,129
Notice Account		118,375		137,147
Fund Raising Account				
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Cash in hand				
Total Funds		122,406	0	140,276
Debtors		750		750
Creditors		300		300
Other assets.				
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Basis of the independent examiner's report.

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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 2011 Act; and to prepared accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or
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BLACKPOOL ICE DROME CHARITIES ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1143903

Accounts



Approved

Blackpool Ice Drome Charities Association

Charity Number: 1143903

**Annual Report and Financial Statement for the Year Ending
31st March 2023**

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Blackpool Ice Drome Charities Association

Registered Charity Number: 1143903

Annual report for the Year Ending 31st March 2023

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 – Sarah Buschini

Committee Member – Clare Davies

Committee Member – Claire Mann

Committee Member – Anthony Swarbrick

Committee Member – Joanne Walsh

Co-opted Committee Member – Annette Wrigley

2. Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of BIDCA members is set out in the 2022 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, Data Protection Acts 1988 and 2003 and GDPR 2018 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

Following a two-year break due to the Covid pandemic, we were finally able to perform our annual Christmas show, Peter Pan a magical adventure on ice. 59 cast members performed 11 shows to a combined audience of 14,624 at the Blackpool Ice Arena during December 2022. In addition, we performed our annual charity show enabling 1,209 representatives from children's charities across Blackpool and the Fylde Coast to attend, the tickets worth £15,112 were donated to the charities.

We were also asked to be part of the opening ceremonies for the Christmas by the sea Ice rink with the cast of the BBC's Strictly Come Dancing in November 2022, and to be part of the



opening of the Lancaster festival village open air ice rink. Both events helped to raise the profile of our Christmas show.

BIDCA received no income in 2021-22, so we were unable to make any cash grants to local children's charities this financial year. We used our cash reserves to fund our financial commitments.

5. Review of the Year (Chair)

As we conclude the year that saw us finally perform "Peter Pan a Magical Adventure on Ice" after postponing the show for 2 years due to the pandemic. We reflect on a year that started with some real challenges. We were concerned that after the pandemic, would we have enough skaters, with the right skills to cast an ice-skating show? Fortunately, we didn't have to worry and I am delighted to report that 59 cast members with the right skating skills and enthusiasm put on an amazing show.

We were also concerned that we would not be able to attract enough audience given the pandemic and the challenging economic environment. The Trustees were conscious of setting the ticket prices at a level that is accessible to as many people as possible. I am pleased to report we attracted 15,704 people to watch the show and we received some positive feedback.

A highlight of the year as always is the charity performance, we invited 1,209 representatives from local Children's charities from Blackpool and the Fylde Coast. The atmosphere at the show was electric and reminds us just why we do what we do. Our skaters respond to the atmosphere created by the audience, and everyone has an unforgettable time.

In November we were invited by Blackpool Council to perform at the opening of the outdoor ice rink on the tower Headland, it was an opportunity to work with some of our older skaters to perform some scenes from our Christmas show. The same skaters were also invited to perform at the opening of the Lancaster Christmas festive village and their open-air ice rink. Both events were a great way to promote BIDCA and our Christmas show.

As we come to the end of another year, we are busy planning the 2023 Christmas Show, "Alice Through the Looking Glass on ice: The Return to Wonder Land". We have decided to change the way we produce and choreograph the show. The changes are to ensure we can continue be able to deliver the high standards our audiences expect as well as developing our young skaters and Blackpool Arena coaches.



6. Financial Review (Treasurer)

Our principle fundraising event, the Christmas Show at Blackpool Ice Arena attracted 14,624 ticket sales. Ticket prices were increased to £12.50 for all seats apart from the fold down seats which were kept at £10. The trustees took this approach to balance the need to cover our costs with ensuring our show provides good value and is accessible to as many people as possible.

Total income for 2022/23 was £125,864 which is a 100% increase from the previous year.

Our income compared to our previous show year (2019) reduced by £35,000. This was due to selling 3,000 less tickets compared to the sell-out shows in 2019 and performing one less show. We also saw a drop in income from donations (collections, programmes, raffle tickets) and glow sticks of around £3,000. This reduction was due to changes in the way the venue used the foyer at the end of each show. In previous years we had exclusive access to the foyer, this year's changes prevented us from holding free character photos and the opportunity for charity collections.

Total expenditure for 2022/23 was £110,457 which is £82,433 increase from the previous year

Comparing our expenditure to the 2019/20 financial year, our direct cost was reduced by £33,000. The Trustees decided not to issue any cash grants this year in order to rebuild the charities reserves. Although we were able to give away £15,112 worth of show tickets to our local children's charities across Blackpool and the Fylde Coast.

In summary we were able to make a £15,407 profit on our costs, which is only £3,774 less than in 2019/20.

The overall position at the year-end of March 2023 leaves BIDCA in a strong position to prepare for this year's show "Alice through the Looking Glass on Ice, The Return to Wonderland".

This year's performance has been a real success given its our first show following the pandemic. BIDCA continues to work within its means and is trading positively. The prudent action we have taken this year means we will be back to where we were before the Pandemic. We are therefore in a good position to proceed, with £140,276 in the bank to underwrite the costs of putting on the 2023 show; and maintaining our costumes and props.

It has been really challenging 3 years, but all the hard work and patience has paid off and BIDCA is in a healthy financial position. Thank you to the Trustee's, members and parents for their continued help and support, without you none of this would be possible.



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.

The Covid Pandemic had a significant impact on BIDCA, and we were unable to undertake our primary fundraising activity the Christmas show. We were able to mitigate the impact of the risk because we were able to use our reserves to fund our critical activity and the associated costs over the two years. This confirms we have adopted the right reserves strategy.

BIDCA has insurance policies to cover its activities as well as its commitments associated with its storage unit.

8. Reserves Policy

BIDCA has a requirement to maintain a cash reserve to cover its committed liabilities and any uninsurable risks. These include the non-insured risks 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. In addition, this is also used to cover our financial liability should we not be able to perform our show due to external factors like the Covid Pandemic. BIDCA currently has allocated a minimum reserve fund of £100,000 to cover these liabilities. This will be reviewed on an annual basis by the Trustee's.

9. Future Plans

The 2023 show will be "Alice Through the Looking Glass on ice, The Return to Wonder Land" preparations are underway, and we are working with the venue to ensure the show can be performed to our high standard. We have already sold 1,500 tickets and made offers to 69 skaters for places in the show.

For and on behalf of the Trustees –

Position Treasurer

Dated 21st May 2023



Blackpool Ice Drome Association, Charity Commission Registration No. 1143903.
Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2023

Receipts and Payments Account.	2023	2023	2022	2022
General Fund - Unrestricted.	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Show Income	84,666		0	
Cash Reg & Costume Contribution	15,894		0	
Good Luck Messages	401		0	
Donations	4,414		0	
Raffle, Programme, Glow Sticks	9,196		0	
Gift Aid	2,828		0	
Hoodies	1,067		0	
DVD Sales	980		0	
Aftershow Party	1,090		0	
Costume Rental/other income	5,154		0	
Bank Interest	173		14	
Total Receipts		125,864		14
Payments				
Costumes	12,231		0	
Wardrobe	13,252		10,692	
Show Production	43,438		4,667	
Aftershow Party	2,365		0	
Raffle Costs	396		0	
Props	21,072		0	
I/T Website	815		517	
Administration	3,355		2,738	
Hoodies	2,488		0	
DVD	1,500		0	
Charity Donations	-		7,520	
DBS/CRB	300		0	
Insurance/Membership	4,007		1890	
Advertising, Flyers, Marketing	5,238		-	
Total Payments		110,457		28,024
Excess of Receipts over Payments		15,407		(28,010)
Bank Accounts as at 1st. April 2022		124,870		152,880
Bank Accounts as at 31st. March 2023 inc.		140,277	15,407	124,870
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Blackpool Ice Drome Association.
Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st March 2023

Monetary Assets	2023	General Fund Unrestricted	2022	General Fund Unrestricted
		£		£
Current Account		3129		4206
Notice Account		137147		120,664
Fund Raising Account				0
Total at Bank		140,276		124,870
Cash in hand				0
Total Funds		140,276		124,870
Debtors		750		750
Creditors		300		300
Other assets.				
Props.		25000		10,000
Wardrobe/costumes		50000		40000
Equipment		5000		2,000

- Notes.**
1. The accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis.
 2. No Trustee has received any remuneration for being a trustee of the charity.
 3. The valuation in respect of Props, Wardrobe/costumes and Equipment is based on the assumption that such items have a continuing worth for future productions.

Approved by the Trustees of the Blackpool Ice Drome Charities Association on 21st May 2023 and signed on their behalf by -

Wayne Ashton - Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Blackpool Ice Dome Charities Association.

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st. March 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 7 of this Report.

Respective responsibilities of the 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to :

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report.

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 those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations 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 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepared accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act 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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Date *30th May 2023*