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Blackpool Ice Drome Charities Association

Charity Number: 1143903

**Annual Report and Financial Statement for the Year Ending
31st March 2024**

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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

Committee Member – Joanne Rata

Committee Member – Dudley Cox

Committee Member – Joanne Solanki

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

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)

Our principal fundraising event, the Christmas Show at Blackpool Ice Arena attracted 10,871 ticket sales. We introduced a 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 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 competition 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",

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 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 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.

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



Blackpool Ice Drome Association, Charity Commission Registration No. 1143903.
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
Bank Accounts as at 31st. March 2024 inc.		122,406	(17,871)	140,277
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Blackpool Ice Dome Association.
Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st March 2024

Monetary Assets	2024	General Fund Unrestricted £	2023	General Fund Unrestricted £
Current Account		4,031		3,129
Notice Account		118,375		137,147
Fund Raising Account				
Total at Bank		122,406		140,276
Cash in hand				
Total Funds		122,406	0	140,276
Debtors		750		750
Creditors		300		300
Other assets.				
Props.		30,000		25,000
Wardrobe/costumes		60,000		50,000
Equipment		6,000		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 Dome Charities Association
on 10th May 2024 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 2024, 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 16th. January 2025.