

INTERNATIONAL GAY RUGBY

England & Wales · Charity number 1154241

Details

Other names	INTERNATIONAL GAY RUGBY ASSOCIATION AND BOARD, IGRAB
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2013-10-17
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IN PARTICULAR THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR IDENTIFICATION AND TO PROMOTE GOOD HEALTH THROUGH THE PLAYING OF RUGBY BOTH FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY:-PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY ("LGBT")TO COMPETE IN RUGBY THROUGH TOLERANT AND ACCEPTING CLUBS AND TEAMS, BOTH PRIMARILY LGBT AND LGBT-FRIENDLY AND BY ELIMINATING HOMOPHOBIA IN RUGBY THROUGH COMMUNITY OUTREACH, COMPETITIVE PLAY AND TOURNAMENT EVENTS THAT STAND FOR TOLERANCE AND ACCEPTANCE IN SPORTS; AND-WORKING WITH THE RUGBY GOVERNING BODIES AND OTHER PARTNER ORGANISATIONS WORLDWIDE TO IMPROVE TOLERANCE AND ACCEPTANCE OF LGBT ATHLETES AT ALL LEVELS OF THE SPORT OF RUGBY ENSURING THAT NO INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM PARTICIPATING IN RUGBY ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR IDENTIFICATION.

Activities: Providing opportunities for members of the LGBT to compete in rugby through tolerant and accepting clubs and teams, through community outreach, competitive play and tournament events that stand for tolerance and acceptance in sports; and working with the rugby governing bodies and other partner organisations worldwide to improve tolerance and acceptance of LGBT athletes at all levels of the sport.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Amateur Sport, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Argentina
- Australia
- Belgium
- Canada
- Chile
- Denmark
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Japan
- Mexico
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Northern Ireland
- Norway
- Portugal
- Scotland
- South Africa
- Spain
- Sweden
- United States
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-06	£9,050	£8,175	-	-
2024-04-06	£14,745	£9,025	-	-
2023-04-06	£3,185	£6,098	-	-
2022-04-06	£20,517	£7,720	-	-
2021-04-06	£20,522	£3,392	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jeffrey Thorpe		2025-06-01
Mark Edward Lewis		2023-08-01
Michael Eric Smith		2024-05-26
Quinton Leduc		2024-05-26
Robert Francis Flores Flores		2025-10-09
Ross Barr-Hoyland		2022-08-16

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Annual Report: International Gay Rugby (April 2024 – April 2025)

The period from April 2024 to April 2025 marked a significant chapter for International Gay Rugby (IGR), featuring major tournaments, expanding membership, and continued advocacy for LGBTQ+ inclusion in rugby.

Looking ahead, IGR announced that the **2026 Bingham Cup** will be hosted by the Brisbane Hustlers Rugby Union Football Club in August 2026 in Australia. This marks the first time the tournament will be held in the Southern Hemisphere since Sydney hosted in 2014, demonstrating IGR's continued global expansion.

Throughout the year, IGR continued to support and promote various local tournaments, fostering a sense of community and belonging among players and supporters. Our efforts have not only raised the profile of inclusive rugby but also inspired countless individuals to embrace the sport and its values. Where new clubs have been created in in all corners of the globe.

We have also been advocating the rights of LGBTQ people to be playing rugby no matter their gender. We look forward to building on this momentum in the coming year, furthering our commitment to inclusivity and diversity in rugby.

The April 2024 – April 2025 period demonstrated IGR's robust tournament calendar and growing international presence. With major events scheduled across Europe, North America, and the Asia-Pacific, IGR continued to expand its reach while maintaining its core mission of promoting LGBTQ+ inclusion in rugby union.

International Gay Rugby	
Report	
	10-Apr-24
Prepared by Mark Lewis, Treasurer	
Cash Flow report	
Beginning Balance 10TH April 2024	
Incomes	
	£
External Donations	9,050.00
RFU Touch Rugby Grant	£ -
	£
Total Incomes	9,050.00
Expenses	
	£
Website and Domain Registration	3,575.00
	£
RFU Touch Rugby grant spend	200.00
	£
Administrative and Insurance Expenses	1,900.00
	£
Conferences	2,500.00
	£
Competitions	-
	£
Website Redesign	-
	£
IGR Development Fund Club Reimbursement	-
	£
Total Expenses	8,175.00
	£
Ending Balance 6 April 2025	23,760.16

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Annual Report: International Gay Rugby (April 2024 - February 2025)

The past year has been a remarkable period for International Gay Rugby (IGR), marked by significant events and milestones that have furthered our mission of promoting inclusivity and diversity in the sport of rugby.

In May 2024, Rome hosted the prestigious Bingham Cup for the first time. This biennial event, celebrating gay and inclusive rugby clubs, saw over 140 teams and 5,000 players from around the world converge in the Italian capital. The tournament, organized by Libera Rugby with the support of the Italian Rugby Federation, was a resounding success, showcasing the spirit of camaraderie and competition that defines IGR. This tournament provided a donation of £14,745.85 to IGR.

Throughout the year, IGR continued to support and promote various local tournaments, fostering a sense of community and belonging among players and supporters. Our efforts have not only raised the profile of inclusive rugby but also inspired countless individuals to embrace the sport and its values. Where new clubs have been created in Italy, Norway, England and America.

We have also been advocating the rights of LGBTQ people to be playing rugby no matter their gender.

We look forward to building on this momentum in the coming year, furthering our commitment to inclusivity and diversity in rugby.

International Gay Rugby
Treasurer's Report
Annual General Meeting

10-Apr-24

Prepared by Mark Lewis, Treasurer

Cash Flow report

	£	
Beginning Balance 10 April 2024		22,885.16
Incomes		
External Donations		14,745.85
RFU Touch Rugby Grant	£	-
Total Incomes		14,745.85
Expenses		
Website and Domain Registration	£	1,563.86
RFU Touch Rugby grant spend	£	-
Administrative and Insurance Expenses	£	1,047.61
Conferences	£	1,598.33
Competitions	£	2,969.95
Website Redesign	£	-
IGR Development Fund Club Reimbursement	£	1,845.35
Total Expenses	£	9,025.00
Difference in Cash Flow Position		
	£	
Ending Balance 10 Februaryl 2025		28,606.01

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 31 march 2022
Period end date

Period start date To 31 march 2023

Charity name: Life reform Africa

Charity registration number:1175379

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	For relief of poverty in Kenya and elsewhere. Provision of education, training, healthcare and housing and to empower individuals to be self sustaining and sufficient through income generating project support. To advance christian faith and other charitable purposes related to the charity as trustees may see fit.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The charities primary goal is to provide less privileged children like orphans with education and basic needs. The charity has provided funds to build a school and facilitate its operations. 240 children of whom 140 are orphans aged 3 to 13 are provided with education. The charity continued to make monthly donations to fund teachers salaries in the year ended 31 March 2023. During the same period, the charity gave donation for supply of school stationary and sanitary equipment. An annual sports event was organized for the youth to allieviate antisocial behaviour
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the charity commissions guidance on public benefit in making decisions about the charity.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Funds are only applied on the charities charitable purposes. Sufficient checks are done against illegal purposes such as laundering, bribery or financing terrorism.

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers helped in parking sports kits sent from UK for shipping and preparing the venue for our charity presentation to one of the churches in UK.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	As noted above, the charity has provided less privileged children orphans with education and basic needs, and provided funds to facilitate its operations. 240 children of whom 140 are orphans aged 3 to 13 are provided with education. The charity continued to make monthly donations to fund teachers salaries in the year ended 31 March 2023. During the same period, the charity gave donation for supply of school stationary. The Charity supported Church and community outreach programmes like seminars and sports events that have impacted the community in a very positive way.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance	Para 1.41	

against objectives		
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Income received during the year was £5,962. Donations to beneficiaries in Kenya totalled to £5699. Bank charges and other costs were £198. Balance after Expenditure from income was £65. The net assets of the charity at at 31 March 2023 were £1,879
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity holds no reserves
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	0
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Charity has no legal commitment that would give rise to future expenditure obligations
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointment by the trustees

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Life Reform Africa
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1175379
Charity's principal address	14 Orchard House, Dobson Road, Crawley, West Sussex RH117UP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Wanyonyi Makokha	Vice Chair		
2	Benedict Van Nes	chairman		
3	Christine Wanyonyi	Secretary		
4	Paul Reginald Ambridge			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Wanyonyi Makokha

Wanyonyi Makokha	
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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Vice Chair and principle contact

Vice Chair and principle contact	
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Date

24/03/2024

24/03/2024

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Treasurer's Report
Annual General Meeting

10-Apr-24

Prepared by Mark Lewis, Treasurer

Cash Flow report

Beginning Balance 31 July 2022

Incomes

External Donations	£	12,313.73
RFU Touch Rugby Grant	£	-
Total Incomes	£	12,313.73

Expenses

Website and Domain Registration	£	1,563.86
RFU Touch Rugby grant spend	£	-
Administrative and Insurance Expenses	£	1,047.61
Conferences	£	1,881.81
Competitions	£	2,969.95
Website Redesign	£	-
IGR Development Fund Club Reimbursement	£	1,845.35
Total Expenses	£	9,308.58

Difference in Cash Flow Position

Ending Balance 10 April 2024

£19,880.01

2022

2023

2024

£ 8,900.89 £ 3,185.07 £ 227.77

£ 74.41 £ 1,329.69 £ 159.76

£ 24.05 £ 618.37 £ 405.19

£ - £ 1,365.18 £ 516.63

£ 969.95 £ 2,000.00 £ -

£ 1,060.35 £ 785.00 £ -

£3,005.15

£ 22,885.16

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	07	April	2021		06	April	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name International Gay Rugby

Other names charity is known by IGR

Registered charity number (if any) 1154241

Charity's principal address 71 Holland Road, West Ham,
London,
United Kingdom.
Postcode E15 3BP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Karl Ainscough-Gates	Chair		IGR Board of Directors
2	Bhuttu Mathews	Vice-chair		IGR Board of Directors
3	Ray Fritz	Secretary		IGR Board of Directors
4	Cyril Leroy	Treasurer		IGR Board of Directors
5	Lawrence Howard	Europe Trustee		IGR Board of Directors
6	Don Rose	Rest of World Trustee		IGR Board of Directors
7	Gabriel Gallucio	Americas Trustee		IGR Board of Directors

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Not applicable	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Not applicable		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)
Not applicable

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document Constitution

(eg. trust deed, constitution)

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Charitable Incorporated Association

Elected by the membership (IGR Board of Directors)

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Not applicable

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To promote equality and diversity – in particular, the elimination of discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation or identification and to promote good health through the playing of rugby both for the public benefit by:

- providing opportunities for members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community to compete in rugby through tolerant and accepting clubs and teams, both primarily LGBT+ and LGBT+friendly and by eliminating homophobia, genderphobia, classism, bullying, and racism in rugby through community outreach, competitive play and tournament events that stand for tolerance and acceptance in sports; and
- working with the rugby governing bodies and other partner organisations worldwide to improve tolerance and acceptance of LGBT+ athletes at all levels of the sport of rugby ensuring that no individual shall be excluded from participating in rugby on the basis of sexual orientation or identification.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

- Oversee the running of inclusive rugby tournaments across the world.
- Help govern our member clubs through the sharing of best practise.
- Work with rugby organisations to promote an inclusive environment for all.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Not applicable

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Celebrating 20 years of International Gay Rugby.
 Helping clubs return after the COVID pandemic.
 Planning for Bingham Cup 2022 in Ottawa.
 Working with other rugby organisations to develop the sport in a more inclusive manner.
 Development of a touch rugby funding grant.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity’s policy on reserves

The outgoings of the organisation through this period were minimal, mainly website hosting costs. The UK IGR clubs benefitted from grant funding from the RFU to support the development of more touch rugby sides in inclusive teams. The organisation continues to be in a good financial position.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

£20,000 RFU touch rugby development fund.


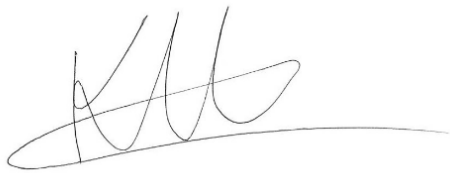
Section F Other optional information

Not applicable

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Karl Ainscough-Gates	Lawrence Howard
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	14/04/23	



Receipts and payments account

For the period from	04/07/2021	To
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts			
Amazon Smile Donations	76	-	-
RFU Touch Rugby Grant	-	20,000	-
Blue Host Refund	61	-	-
IGR League fees	380	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	517	20,000	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).			
Not applicable	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total receipts	517	20,000	-
A3 Payments			
Blue Host	139	-	-
Expenses payment (KAG conference attendance)	229	-	-
Touch Rugby Grant	-	5,640	-
Expenses (LH conference)	100	-	-
IGR Insurance Policy	318	-	-
Website consultant	200	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	987	5,640	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total payments	987	5,640	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 469	14,360	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-

A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	469	14,360	-

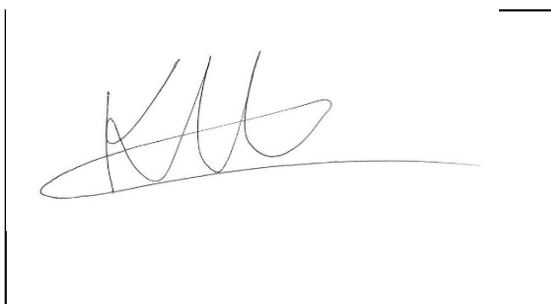
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of

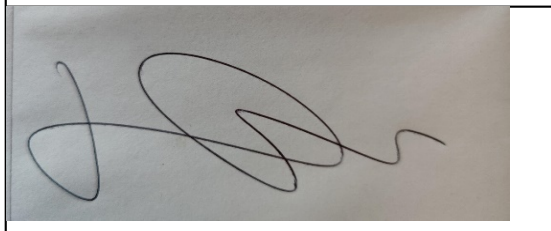
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	IGR Main Account	7,847
	Touch Rugby fund	-
	IGR League Account	638
	Total cash funds	8,485
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Not applicable	-
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		-
		-
		-
		-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
	Not applicable	
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
	Not applicable	
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates
	Not applicable	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

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Karl Ainscott
Lawrence

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04/06/2021

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Total funds

Last year

to the nearest £

to the nearest £

76	-
20,000	-
61	-
380	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
20,517	-

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20,517	-
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139	-
229	-
5,640	-
100	-
318	-
200	-
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-	-
6,627	-

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6,627	-
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13,891	-
-	-

-	-
13,891	-

the period

Restricted funds
to nearest £

-
14,360
-
14,360

OK

Endowment funds
to nearest £

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OK

Restricted funds
to nearest £

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Endowment funds
to nearest £

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Cost (optional)

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Current value (optional)

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Cost (optional)

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Current value (optional)

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Amount due (optional)

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When due (optional)

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Name	Date of approval
Mugh-Gates	04/26/2023
Howard	04/26/2023

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International Gay Rugby Treasurer's Report Fiscal Year 2020/2021

Prepared by Cyril Leroy, Treasurer

Cash Flow Report

Beginning Balance 31 May 2020		£11,579.51
Incomes		
RFU Touch Rugby Grant	£20,000.00	
External Donations	£521.61	
Total Incomes	<u>£20,521.61</u>	
Expenses		
Website and Domain Registration	-£2,885.60	
Zoom Subscription & Social Media Expense	-£183.46	
AGM Expense	-£11.80	
Insurance	-£311.25	
Total Expenses	<u>-£3,392.11</u>	
Difference in Cash Flow Position		£17,129.50
Ending Balance 31 May 2021		<u>£28,709.01</u>

Notes: All monthly treasurer reports are available to any Club Representative upon request.

Accounts are filed yearly with the Charities Commission of England and Wales, based on their legal and fiduciary requirements.

Given that our yearly Income and Expenses are less than £25,000 per year, auditing and company registration fees are not required at this time. If our revenue exceeds that amount, we will seek out an independent auditor to be selected and approved by the Board.