



NEWCASTLE STAFFS. VOLLEYBALL CLUB

(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Accounts and Trustees' Annual Report
for the year ended 31st May 2022

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TRUSTEES REPORTS

The trustees present that annual report together with the financial statement for the charity for the year ended 31st May 2022.

OBJECTS

The objects of the CIO are:

The promotion of the amateur sport of volleyball, beach volleyball and sitting volleyball for the public benefit and the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation, by the provision of facilities for playing volleyball, beach volleyball sitting volleyball in Newcastle, North Staffordshire and South Cheshire.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Having emerged from the significant disruptions since 2020 as the Volleyball England Club of the Year 2021, recognising the work we had done not only to keep our members safe, but to grow the club's capability behind the scenes in that period when we were not able to get on the courts.

The 2021-2022 season has seen us come back with a bang!

We secured and benefited from the wonderful support of a major new sponsor in Paragon Pub Group, one of Staffordshire's premier employers and brands. Paragon feature as kit sponsor across all of our senior teams but their support behind the scenes extended beyond this – thank you so much! Environmental Essentials, another local brand also founded by a Newcastle-under-Lyme local and friend of the club sustained their sponsorship of our Junior Teams too. This meant all our teams have been kitted out in brilliant matching Nike kits – placing all our teams as equally important.

Further to this we also benefited from sponsorship from 4fitt gym in Newcastle providing access to training for some prize draw winners, and the support of Per Cup catering company whose vans we must get to some of our events soon!

Without our sponsors we could not offer what we do to our members at the cost model we do, nor provide the 'value added' that we can for our members. We are always looking for more support, but for now would like to thank sincerely our current supporters.

Other critical behind the scenes developments included a partnership with Kitlocker, seeing us create an online club shop, exclusive kit and clothing through Nike with our brand and logo – and through our 't-shirt within membership' model, new kits and member purchases a sizeable 'kick back' was generated for the club which we invested immediately into prizes for our annual award winners.

The introduction of a membership and communication platform 'Spond' in summer 2021 has given us the ability to track members, assign them to groups, have session registers, and now to also process payments. Whilst we have some improvements to make in how consistently members, coaches and trustees use the platform day to day, it works very well in increasing efficiency and ensuring that we have a secure and accessible route to the information we need to run the club well. No more WhatsApp and Facebook groups is the ultimate aim!

Thanks to Spond, we can easily give a breakdown of our members through the 21/22 season noting that some joined more recently, many are occasional attendees of our successful Social section, and others have now left – **but we have had 240 members this year!** Compared to the start of the 2020/21 season when we launched our 'Vision 2030' and set the ambition to double our membership, this is an increase of 79%... so we rapidly approached that doubling target!

With this success come challenges of facility hire and coach availability to ensure our provision is high quality – in reality this is now our biggest challenge for our junior groups. We ran a member survey in spring 2022 which has helped provide insight into what our members wasn't and should be a key consideration for trustees, volunteers and coaches alike.

Our annual awards on the 25th June will provide a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the club and will be our largest ever (we think!). Having twice postponed the planned gala event to celebrate our 40th Anniversary in 2020 due to covid-19, we have the benefit of the investment we had signed off

on for that event to make this one really special – and the surroundings of Keele Hall and extra special prizes will make it a night to remember and really celebrate our club.

We benefited hugely from our link with Staffs University this year – not only stepping in as Keele could not host matches due to covid-19 vaccination and test centres taking place in the sport centre, but also through photography, scorers and linespeople, equipment, a brilliant post grad student now doing a documentary on the club... so much! Thank you Sam Stevenson for the hard work in making this all work.

BBC Radio Stoke became brilliant supporters of the club with regular interviews with players, coaches and Trustees taking place throughout the season on the main sports show.

On the court there is so much to celebrate and the upcoming reports reflect this in much more detail so I will keep these references relatively brief!

- **Welcoming those in need** – it is with great pride that we have welcomed and integrated new club members this year into our junior section for whom volleyball is a vital part of life due to the challenges they face. With juniors fleeing persecution in Iran, and the war in Ukraine, Volleyball has become a place of safety and strength and our club a home. **VolleyStars** – creating this new section for children in primary school was a gamble, would anyone come? Could we teach them to play? Would they enjoy it? Every volleyball club should do this! These young children aged 7-11 are phenomenal and if they stay with the sport will be the backbone of the club for a long time. We must continue to integrate this part of the club.
- **Junior performances** – whilst we didn't make any finals and that troubles some of our coaches (in a good way!) our teams probably performed just about aligned with their potential and we should be especially proud of the u18 A teams finishing 3rd (girls) and 4th (boys), and the u15 boys (4th) in the national rankings. Girls and Boys trained with England Cadets and Juniors, and others didn't make it past the trials. Others represented West Midlands, and many more got their first taste of competitive volleyball!
- **The Club supporting our teams** – what a season! For the first time in 20-odd years we had a team scrapping it out at the top of English Volleyball. Finishing 4th in the Super League and losing out in the Cup Final only tells the headlines. The support of the club in 'the week from hell' was incredible with the back-to-back-to-back... >100 crowds was amazing. Men2 claimed 4th in D3 North, and at their best the NVL women played exciting volleyball with some memorable wins against top teams in their league, suffering relegation courtesy of another team forfeiting matches which seems incredibly unfair and a problem with the VE rules. The Women 2 team became a much more stable and consistent thanks to the introduction and leadership of Bee Yusuf – a wonderful individual to have added to the club.
- **Beach volleyball** – after two summers with no chance to have the sand between our toes this summer we are running a beach programme with sessions Monday to Thursday and competitions through u9s to u18s!

To close I would like to express my thanks to all of the club's volunteers, coaches and trustees – especially to Marie Barley and Richard Guest without whose additional support in both time, reassurance and initiative – the role of chair would have been too much for me to carry. Most of all though... I'd like to thank all our members as the club is in such wonderful health thanks to the culture and environment that we have together.

Will Roberts
Chair of Trustees
June 2022

ANNUAL AWARDS WINNERS 2021-22 SEASON

CHAIR'S AWARD			
Senior	Richard Guest	Junior	Tyrese Madina
SENIOR PLAYER AWARDS			
Team	Coaches Player	Players Player	Most Improved
Women 2	Nike Baechle	Bee Yusuf	Rebecca Williams
Men 2	Harry Ford	Jack Dunkley	Ethan Hulme
Women 1	Siobhan Watson	Siobhan Watson	Becky Hallworth
Men 1	Adam Bradbury	Zakk Hadgett	Jack Richardson
Social	Bee Yusuf	N/A	Mason Stevens
JUNIOR PLAYER AWARDS			
Team	MVP	Most Improved	
u18 Girls	Libby Kavanagh	Tegan Billinge	
u18 Boys	Jack Dunkley	Toby Waugh	
u16 Girls	Lizzie Gething	Ace Bailey Parr	
u16 Boys	Josh Sturland	Ethan Huckfield	
u15 Girls	Chelsey Viggars	Niamh Barrow	
u15 Boys	Charlie Kobylarz	Ollie Lewis	
u14 Girls	Isabelle Regan	Elouise Guest	
u14 Boys	James Cox	Seb Karas	
u13 Girls	Amelia Washington	Handan Caki	
u13 Boys	Max Butterworth	Sam Mitchell	
u12 Girls	Kornelia Chudyk	Isabelle Roberts	
u12 Boys	Eugen Costachescu	Gabriel Fatu	
VolleyStars	all players		

SAFEGUARDING

As a club we have been fortunate to have had very little issues regarding the welfare of our members, beyond keeping them safe through the various covid-19 regulations in place in the sport through the past year.

We are grateful to our coaches for their hard work and vigilance, and as club we should be proud of our commitment to the members in our club but must ensure we don't become complacent.

Florence Owen
Safeguarding Officer, June 2022

JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL

This season has been one of our best ever in providing extensive coaching and competition opportunities for our young members. With the new VolleyStars section of the club providing weekly sessions for 7-11 year olds for the first time, and the evolution to commit to 1x week training for those under 14 years, and twice weekly for older juniors we significantly upped the focus on player development.

Sincere thanks to all those who have coached juniors this season – Julian Kobylarz, Flossy Owen, Adam Bradbury, Ant Viggars, Richard Guest, Will Roberts, Stefan Costachescu, Rich James, Nancy Locklin, Jack Harper, Louis Coggins, Jack Dunkley, Elliot Wilde, Phil Harrison, Paul Goodwin, plus Bee Yusuf, Kev Colton and Sam Stevenson for their involvement in the Beach programme... and the young leaders supporting sessions – Tyrese Madina, Josh Sturland and Lucas Stuttard.

Though not playing for the club specifically we should also recognise the amazing achievement of the Newcastle College based volleyball programme who did the clean sweep of titles, winning the following Association of Colleges titles:

- Mixed Cup
- Girls' Cup
- Boys' Cup
- Girls' Championship
- Boys' Championship

VolleyStars (Will Roberts)

The new VolleyStars group attracted regular attendance of 16-18 children aged 7-11 (school years 3-6) in weekly sessions at Clayton Sport Centre, a new venue for the club. To start the season, we worked with no net or posts as we were waiting on installation – this actually really helped with a focus on movement and ball skills to get things started.

We then moved into 2v2 play linked to the Volleyball England 'Volley 2s' format for beginners, allowing 2 catches in the sequences of 3, and over time reducing this to 1 catch... and for the older players now – no catches. We held two tournaments in the club – 2v2 at Christmas, and 3v3 at Easter, with the Beach event to come on the 25th June. In January, the group travelled to Stourbridge to take on players from across the West Midlands and did brilliantly. Wonderfully, three pairs of players will be travelling to Sandbanks to take part in the u12 category of this leg of the UK Beach Tour in early July.

Boys Teams

It was great to see all the boys seizing the opportunity to return to a regular season with regular practices and games led by coaches Adam Bradbury and Julian Kobylarz.

Players who last year were in the initial stages of development were able to step up and take leadership roles on and off the court and this will help in the next season's campaign as well as producing a pipeline of leaders in the boys programme for up to the next 4 years. New members after tasting castle volleyball on a Monday evening committed to the whole season and did

themselves and their families proud in consistently training hard, to a good standard and performing as a team in competitions.

6 boys selected in October 2021 as part of the England U17 squad which is more athletes than any other club in the country representing 1/6th of the overall squad showing the strength of our programme to produce recognised volleyball athletes.

- Charlie Kobylarz (Newcastle Staffs)
- Freddie Guest (Newcastle Staffs)
- James Cox (Newcastle Staffs)
- Joshua Sturland (Newcastle Staffs)
- Lucas Stuttard (Newcastle Staffs)
- Ryan Nestor (Newcastle Staffs)

2 boys selected in October 2021 as part of the England U19 Squad. Now 50% of the coaching team for England U19's either play – Adam; or have played for Castle - Sam Shenton and Sam Bragg.

- Jack Dunkley (Newcastle Staffs)
- Joe Kobylarz (Newcastle Staffs)

We had good results in national competitions off the back of just a few months training for a number of the younger teams.

- U15 – 4th Nationally with a team who had a few weeks before their first game in round one and shook the eventual winner of the competition
- U16 – 9th Nationally with only 2 pure U16 players and a year of training missing due to covid.
- U18 – 4th Nationally out of 26 Tier 1 teams entered.

A big thank you from both coaches to all the parents and the club for everything they have done to make an amazing season!

The younger boys started the season led by Rich James, but due to a change in jobs he had to step back, and Stefan Costachescu took over. Huge thanks to our young assistant coaches Elliot Wilde, Jack Dunkley and Louis Coggins for their role throughout the season and especially for the period of handover between Rich and Stefan. The boys and the club are in-debt to you for this.

We entered an B and C team into Tier 2 of the National u15s (4v4), enabling 11 of this group to compete regularly across three events Jan-Mar, playing around 15 matches each. The B Team did exceptionally well, developing a nice style of play and topping the table in each of their Grand Prix events. The young C Team was far less experienced and grew in skill and team play brilliantly through the series of events, with the highlight being their win over the B team in Grand Prix 2.

Girls' teams

The younger girls (u12/13/14) were coached by Will Roberts and Jack Harper, and got a lot of competitive opportunities this season with every player in this large group given the change to play in home and away with our friends at Urmston VC in Manchester in the autumn and at the West Midlands Juvoto event in December. This enabled us to then 'promote' some of the year 9 girls into

the 'A' team for the u15 and u16, and into the 'B' team for u16 so providing even more opportunities for young girls.

We entered B and C teams into the 4v4 Tier 2 format through all three Grand Prix events, and in Grand Prix three we had a D team! All these teams performed competitively and it was gratifying to see them come up against a consistent set of opponents across three months, getting know their opponents and how to overcome them, developing their playing style and skill deployment.

U15 Girls 'A' Team (Ant Viggars with Flossie Owen)

Despite having a relatively young u15 team containing three Y9 girls it was decided that the squad would benefit and develop better in the Tier 1 (6v6) competition. Whilst competing well and clearly improving as individuals and as a group, the team did experience mixed fortunes both on court and with the competition format. In Grand Prix 1 the team struggled to find a rhythm mainly due to serve problems and despite pushing all teams hard failed to win any matches. In Grand Prix 2 the team performed much better winning 2 out of 3 of their Bronze group matches, only losing to Stockport 17-15 in an epic 3 set match. In fact, the team did have a match point, which if won, would have promoted them into the Silver group. Unfortunately, the teams GP3 group (which we were due to host) was then cancelled with the two London based teams deciding not to travel the long distance to play pretty much the same teams again - something for Volleyball England to consider re this years format

U16s (Ant Viggars with Flossie Owen)

With a large group of girls in this age group it was decided that we would enter 2 teams both in Tier 2 this year. This was based on the fact that we had a vast range of abilities and again several girls from Y9 and below playing and logistically it would be better to keep the group together. It also gave us the chance to interchange a few players across the Grand Prix.

This led to the **'A' Team** competing extremely strongly, playing consistently across all GPs, winning 9 out of 11 matches and 2 of the tournaments. Result wise the **'B' Team** predictably did not fair so well but competed well, particularly with many girls making their 6v6 debuts. The highlight was perhaps in GP2 where the team finished 6th out of 8 teams.

U18s 'B' Team (Ant Viggars)

With a small squad of 8 players playing across Tier 2 series, the team was able to provide a very consistent group of performances in all 3 GPs with all players clearly understanding their on-court roles. As with the u16s. the team won 9 from 11 matches and 2 of the tournaments. On reflection the team could possibly have competed in Tier 1, but I did feel that all 3 weekends did provide us with close competition with several 3 set matches. Six of the team will go onto represent the club in Tier 1 next season.

U18s 'A' Team (Richard Guest)

I was delighted to be offered the opportunity to work with under 18 girls team in the national championships during the 2021/2022 season. The competition had a new format with a tiered approach taken to try to create more competitive games on a consistent basis.

I worked with the tier 1 team on the basis the majority of the players were already part of and/or training with the senior national ladies team which I had been coaching previously. It is firstly important to put on record the work undertaken primarily by Ant Viggars over a number of years in developing this group of individuals.

He has worked tirelessly with them on an individual and collective basis both as part of their time with the club but also through his work at Newcastle College. This provided a really good level of core capabilities across the squad as a whole.

We knew that it would be challenging to win the competition as a few of the teams were training on a daily basis as were part of school/college set ups but we hoped to be competitive throughout. The competition consisted of 3 rounds of matches with every round being played away from home – with round 1 at Leeds, round 2 at Derby and round 3 at Kettering.

In round 1 the team had a tough start losing to Urmston who would eventually finish runners up before performing well to win against Derby and Leeds.

In round 2 the team was placed into the silver pool and again lost one match against South Bucks but beat both Black Country and Derby again.

The results again placed the team into the Silver pool for the final round meaning that qualification for the final was out of reach. The event at Kettering was really good as it had 4 courts with under 18 boys and girls across both the gold and silver pools.

The team had a slow start losing the first set of the first match to Black Country 25 – 18. They then showed incredible resilience winning the next 2 sets 25 – 19 and 15 – 12 to take the match. Confidence was high and the performance in the game against Wessex was outstanding taking the game 2 – 0 with set scores of 25 – 20 and 25 – 20.

The final match was against an exceptionally strong Cardiff side with 2 6 foot plus hitters which had also won their first 2 games. We won the first set 25 – 20 with the game plan to reduce the threat of the big hitters working perfectly. The second set was lost 17 – 25 with the team making too many individual unforced errors. The deciding set was incredible tense but the team showed great spirit to win it 15 – 13.

The results across the Gold pool meant the team finished the competition in third place overall which is a fantastic achievement.

Across the 3 competitions we used a number of different players which allowed people to get valuable experience of playing in tough competitive matches. I hope that every player continues to play volleyball in the future whether that is at this club, university or in other clubs as they have improved so much during this competition.

I would like to thank Diane Gentle for her support in managing the team throughout the competitions together with other parents who provided lifts and court side support throughout.

Congratulations to the following players for be invited to train as part of England squads this season, and to Abi Gentle who played for England in Portugal.

- Gracie Wilmer – Cadets
- Abi Gentle – Juniors
- Niamh Harding – Juniors
- Hannah Molyneux - Juniors

SOCIAL VOLLEYBALL

NSVC Social Volleyball has had a good year. We play in Madeley every Wednesday from 6-8 pm. The aim is to give people the opportunity to play volleyball, whether for the first time, as continuation or returning to the sport. And that is exactly what we do every week!

Since we have started using the Spond app, we have 81 members; of those about 15 are signed up to other NSVC teams as well. Some members hardly ever turn up, but usually we have more than 20 and quite often more than 30 people turn up. We have a number of students from Keele and Staffs join us. So we play on 2 or 3 courts depending on the number attending. As we are using Spond to sign up, we know at the start of the evening how many courts to set up, which is very helpful.

In general, we get to play at a pretty good level. Total novices get a crash course given by one of the more experienced players, and then we absorb them into a team by placing them next to an experienced player who will do some coaching as we go. Players come from all over Europe and beyond. This year we had a big group of students from Keele Uni join us, partly because there was only one sportshall available at Keele due to covid testing at the sports facilities.

As we have a high number of players every Wednesday, it is important that we keep our equipment in good order, so that we can safely play on three courts.

This season we entered a women's team in the West Midlands league again. Chiara Robbins had to step down as organizer, but Bee Yusuf was willing to take over, and you can read about this in the report from the Ladies 2nd team. Some of the men from social have kindly helped out with scoring and lining, which was much appreciated!

Els Drijfhout
08/06/2022

WOMEN'S 1ST TEAM REPORT

This season has been my first season as Ladies first team coach. There has been some learning points and personal development along the way. It has also been a period of transition for the team in many ways.

Positives

At the start of the season, I opted to let the players decide on their captains to promote some real team spirit and empowerment within the group. Following this Ruth Gurgle was voted in as team captain with Olivia Burton as her vice-captain.

Despite being relegated the team won more games this season than the previous full season. The competition in Division 2 was tough and although the team were relegated there was some well fought wins, and I am confident in saying that the team has improved overall throughout the season. The team saw Georgia Reah leave as moved to Dubai but welcomed back ex junior players – Zara Lovatt and Ellie Yeo, having not played for 7 years since school. Esme Newman joined from Bournemouth. Bee Yousef Joined from Sheffield and we had 5 U18 year olds registered with the team. We also had Rachel Copestake return from pregnancy along with Hannah Kettle. This meant numbers at training of up to 17 players. This shows that there is a desire to play for the senior ladies team and a commitment to improve.

Three players were selected for England Juniors – Hannah Molyneux, Niamh Harding and Abigayle Gentle which shows the progression being made by players.

The results from the end of season survey that was carried out showed players had enjoyed training overall with particular comments on the quality and variety. In addition most players felt that they had improved individually over the season.

Negatives

The challenges of having a team that has a number of shift workers, Mums and U18's means there were difficulties in fielding a consistent team. On occasions despite having 15 at training it was not unusual to have only 6 available for an away match which created significant challenges.

There were also a high number of fixture clashes with England Junior camps meaning key players were not available for selection.

Covid meant we could not fulfil our fixture away at York when we were playing well and winning matches. The difficulties rearranging this led to us playing with 6 players, no libero and I also had to play. This was a key loss as York who themselves went on to receive a 3-0 forfeit win from Tameside which put them 1 win above us.

Next season

I feel that the team will benefit from being in Division 3 next season. This should enable us to re-establish and rebuild and hopefully gain confidence through playing well and winning matches. The team loses Esme Newman – moving to Bournemouth and Iona Young and Becky Gaskell (University). The rest of the team have committed to playing, which will be around 12 players.

The primary aim of the season will be to win promotion back to division two. It would also be a target to bring through the next generation of junior players into the squad as we progress through the season.

Last year we did not enter the cup due to lack of commitment, but we intend to enter this year to get additional game time and hopefully reach a final.

I would like to continue to develop as a coach and would like the opportunity to do the level 2 coaching course.

Ladies volleyball continues to grow within the club and I hope to link in with the junior teams as well as the Ladies second team to create pathways for players within the club.

Keeley Guest, Head Ladies Coach season 2021-2022

MEN'S 1ST TEAM REPORT

Taking on the role of coach at the start of the season was something that I had to consider carefully after being approached. As a player, making that transition would be tough enough but to do so in the Super League on the back of recent seasons where we were fighting relegation made it tougher.

Luckily for me though timing was on my side and my taking on the team coincided with a number of high-quality players with professional and international experience returning to the area for the short, medium and long term. This meant that of all of the players used in the first team this season only three did not come through our junior section – a unique achievement at this level.

This included local lads Adam Bradbury (former England captain, pro in Australia and Sweden), Roo Scott (US Collegiate player and pro in Germany), Zakk Hadgett (pro in Holland) and Cameron Rhodes (played in Norway), and mid-season we signed Ieuan Lamb the England middle blocker who has played professionally in Sweden. This experienced raised the bar on the court in terms of play but also in how sessions were designed and delivered, with a step-up in expectations and attention to detail. All our players benefited from this environment and it was really pleasing to see more of our players invited to train with England.

At key times in the season we were able to put in additional training blocks taking advantage of the support we could lever through Staffordshire University and this again helped the team to progress exactly when we needed it. This was most clearly the case in advance of the intensive period of key cup matches and leading into the cup final.

As is always the case in non-professional sport, we had to go into a number of matches through the season understrength due to work and family commitments, weddings etc, and although we managed to win some of these games there are definitely two league matches that we could or should have won if we had been at full strength. In addition to this we suffered a strange situation with the Malory home game which should have taken place when they were reportedly understrength and we were on a brilliant run of form, but then had to be rearranged at a point when we were understrength and heavily fatigued.

On this occasion and in relation to the Cup fixture congestion a lack of availability on match days from administrators and decision-making not based on fairness or consideration of player welfare from Volleyball England was deeply disappointing.

The team played 5 massive matches in a 9-day period, winning them all to reach the National Cup Final and cement their top 4 place in the league – but this avoidable scenario cost us down the line due to injuries and both physical and mental fatigue which then cost us two winnable matches and undermined Cup Final preparation.

Whilst we did not perform at the level we had hoped in the Cup Final, the team represented the club with pride and was brilliantly supported by so many travelling club-mates and families – thank you so much. Richmond Docklands played an excellent game and we didn't quite manage to take our chances in the first and third sets. We hope that the core of the team can stay together for 22/23 and with a couple of additions we can try to challenge for honours again.

Sam Stevenson,

June 2022

WOMEN'S 2ND TEAM REPORT

Summary of season matches

After the national lockdown in 2020/21, I was asked to take up the role as team secretary/coach/captain of the ladies' 2nd team a role which I accepted because I love the sport of volleyball and I am always happy to help. This team is comprised of a group of ladies that want to play socially and compete in only friendly leagues. Hence, we entered a mini-West Midlands League. The league started in October 2021 and ended in January 2022. We played 4 matches and won 2. The most outstanding feedback from those matches was our inexperience playing together as a unit. Undoubtedly, because we do not train together, this was not a surprise. Nevertheless, all the ladies were happy to be back on court after a long break.

In February of 2022, we entered a larger West Midlands league (Div. 1) which comprised of 8 matches. We played and lost 6 matches, won a forfeit against Cleobury and we forfeited our final match because we didn't have referees. This was very unfortunate, as I find that organising home games are quite hard because of the shortage of Refs, scorers etc. Hopefully, we can implement a more collaborative approach within the club that extends between all the groups.

Highlights

- Getting to play matches and learn from each other.
- Winning games and sets even if they were against difficult teams.
- Being able to travel to all our away matches.

Future request

- Organising structured training times.
- Having more people that can act as referees and scorers.
- Organising coaching and refereeing courses.
- More collaboration between ladies' 1st and 2nd teams.

Bee Yusuf, Ladies 2nd Secretary, 2021/2022

MEN'S 2ND TEAM REPORT

Successful season with a new squad.

After a long break due to covid we started Preseason with a new look squad. The first training session had at least 8 new faces and most of the remaining familiar players are now junior men rather than boys which they were when the last point was played in the last NVL game.

At the start of the season the new appointed assistant coach Koby and I set a simple goal to win more games we than we lose. A target that would not be easy due to a lack of national league experience but nevertheless achievable with the talent of the squad.

The season started well with winning 2 out of 4 national league games, losing to eventual league winners Womborne and a very strong Leeds team. During this time, we also had a string performance and victory over Manchester Marvels in the first round of the cup.

The middle of the season was when we had our best performances and results, I believe our strength in depth is the main reason for this as we had strong options in every position so players were playing for places.

During the next 5 games we were victorious 5 times, this proved very important to aiding us in succeeding in our goal.

The final four games we were hit with some injuries in key positions however the squad showed its fighting spirit and won 2 out of the last four games. I look back at the season and feel proud of the team spirit this season definitely was a squad effort. We had:

- 3 different starting setters
- 4 different starting middles
- 5 different starting outside hitters
- 5 different starting off setters
- And 3 liberos

We finished 4th in the league and I am confident we will finish in Higher position next season.

Mark Speake, Head Coach

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear Members

As at the 2021/22 year end on 31/05/2022 the Total Expenditure for the year was £21,256.08.
Total Income of £28,110.10 leaving a Closing Balance of £32,355.04

An Increase on Last Year's Balance of £6,854.02

The increase in income and expenditure values compared to previous years can be explained by the increase in both Members and Sponsorship received by the club, as well as an initiative to partner with a kit supplier for the 2021/22 season which led to an increase in club kit costs.

The Gift Aid for both 2021 and 2022 are due to be credited into Next Year's Accounts 2022/23 by HMRC. For the previous year we expect to receive a Gift Aid claim of £1908.80. For 2022 we expect the Gift Aid claim to be around £3,800.

The year-end accounts of 2021/22 will be sent to Sefton's Accountants.

Once their checks are completed the information will be logged with the Charities Commission for publication on the website (last year accounts can already be viewed online)

Matt Smith
NSVC Treasurer

14/06/22

NOTE: Sefton's Accountants wrote with a clean report on 09/12/22 (see below)

Mr. W. Roberts
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OUR REF: DRS/KT/N348

9th December 2022

Dear Will,

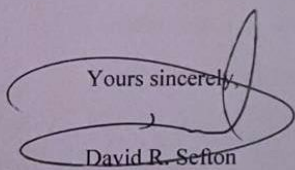
Please find enclosed our Audit Report for the year ended 31st May 2022.

Finally, please find enclosed my Firms' Invoice in the sum of £515 plus VAT which I trust you will find to be in order. Please note that if you pay by Standing Order, any payments made up to the Accounts year-end date should be offset against the attached Invoice.

Should you have any questions with regard to the above or on any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Assuring you of my personal attention at all times.

Yours sincerely,


David R. Sefton
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Encl.

Mr W Roberts MSC, BSC (HONS)
Newcastle Staffs. Volleyball Club
59 Dartmouth Avenue
Westlands
Newcastle-Under-Lyme
Staffordshire
ST5 3NT

8th December 2022

Dear Mr Roberts,

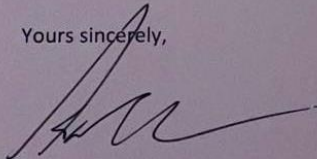
R.E Audit Report

I have checked the financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2022 to the books and records made available to me and have formed the opinion that they represent a true and fair view of the charity's performance.

Please note as the accounts have not been filed at The Charity Commission, I am unable to confirm whether they reflect the filed accounts.

Our work in connection with this letter is limited in scope and does not constitute an audit in accordance with Auditing Standards.

Yours sincerely,



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For Season 2021/22					
INCOME	2021/2022	EXPENDITURE	2021/2022	Opening Balance (from 1/6/2021)	£25,501.02
	£		£	INCOME	£28,110.10
Snr Contribution	£6,786.25	Volleyball England	£1,756.00		£53,611.12
Jnr Contribution	£13,882.35	Jnr Reg/Entry Fees	£160.00	EXPENDITURE	£21,256.08
Social Contribution	£2,276.45	Ref Fees	£1,245.50		£32,355.04
Lyme Lottery	£112.00	Club Affiliation	£95.00	Balance at bank 1 (31/05/22)	£23,664.22
Donation	£0.00	Audit	£564.00	Balance at Bank 2 (31/05/22)	£8,688.59
Sponsors	£2,768.93	Hall Hire	£3,457.23		£32,352.81
Refund/Reimbursement	£892.82	Grants	£0.00	Difference	£2.23
Merchandise	£45.00	Merchandise	£27.60	Cash in hand	£2.23
Awards Eve	£705.00	Advertising/Social Media	£120.00	Balance	£0.00
Gift aid refund	£0.00	Award Eve	£540.00		
40 anniversary	£0.00	Tournaments	£572.02		
Competition	£370.00	LPV	£0.00		
NULC	£38.00	Gifts	£0.00		
		Sportset	£1,209.28		
TOTAL	£28,110.10	Website	£0.00		
		40th anniversary	£872.23		
		Equipment	£0.00		
		Club Kit	£7,006.64		
		Repairs & drilling	£553.56		
		Coaching Fees	£520.00		
		Membership and Regular Refunds	£2,036.72		
		TOTAL	£21,256.08		