

TRUSTEES' REPORT

for the year from 1 OCTOBER 2022 to 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

Objectives and activities

The Scullery is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("CIO") dedicated to the development of junior sculling at all levels in the United Kingdom.

The object of The Scullery is the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the public by the provision of opportunities for the sport of sculling and the provision of grants to educational establishments offering the sport option of rowing and to rowing clubs.

The Trustees believe that encouraging young people to take part in regular physical exercise is beneficial for them and for society as a whole. Sculling is thriving in clubs and schools but the event calendar does not yet meet the increasing demand for sculling. Efforts are therefore focused on providing more and better opportunities for racing, either by running events or by supporting others that do.

Achievements and performance

562 crews were accepted for the Oarsport Junior Sculling Head ("OJSH") at Dorney: a total of 1,480 boys and 1,516 girls. Racing conditions were fair despite a strong southwesterly breeze. The quality of sculling in the J15 to J18 divisions seemed higher than ever. The J14 divisions were understandably more mixed in standard with many boys and girls experiencing their first race at a national event. Spectator interest is markedly higher since the pandemic, which is generally welcome though it does present some difficulty with the wet ground in March.

608 crews entered the Junior Sculling Regatta ("JSR"). 471 were accepted on the basis of average British Rowing PRI scores (a total of 738 boys and 814 girls) and 441 raced. The weather at Dorney was changeable: calm in the morning, a strong tailwind and choppy water after lunch, the sun breaking through for a fine evening. Time trials in the morning ensured fair treatment of the crews but were not especially exciting for competitors, spectators or officials. Multilane racing in the afternoon saw many close races peppered with occasional mishaps. Conditions generally favoured the technically skilled crews over those reliant on raw power. Eleven record times were set including 6:03 and 6:44 for the open and womens J18 quads.

The Trustees are grateful to the management team at Dorney Lake for their help and guidance, and to the many volunteers on whom the Scullery relies. Approximately 150 officials and other volunteers are needed to run the OJSH and JSR, including 24 young people on the JSR stakeboats.

Grants

The Trustees awarded grants totalling £19,100 in the year. £3,500 was awarded to Blenheim Palace Junior Regatta, which provides a racing opportunity for younger scullers. £5,600 was awarded to six clubs and schools to support coaching development and outreach projects. £10,000 was awarded to British Rowing to sponsor a Performance Coach Development Programme

Safeguarding and risk

In relation to risk, the Trustees' principal concern is the safety of competitors at the events. The events are managed in accordance with the relevant British Rowing guidelines on water safety and child protection. All Trustees are expected to manage competitors' and volunteers' personal data with appropriate care.

The financial risk of cancelling an event due to bad weather is not insured. The Committee would cancel the event before competitors travelled if it deemed the forecast conditions to be unsafe. It would refund a proportion of entry fees if the Trustees deemed appropriate.

Financial review

The accounts for the period are set out on pages 3 and 4. Financial performance in the reporting period was strong. It followed the usual pattern: profits from the OJSH were sufficient to cover the cost of grants and underwrite the JSR.

The Trustees aim to maintain reserves approximately equal to 50% of annual expenditure so that short term fluctuations in financial performance do not impair charitable activities. The net assets of the Scullery at the year end amounted to £67,872 this being 76% of expenditure in 2023.

The Scullery incurred administration and governance costs of £1,073 during the year. This included £190 for a website security review and additional software licensing.

Trustees and membership

The Scullery is an association model CIO. It has a written constitution that provides for its members to elect Trustees at general meetings and those Trustees to manage the affairs of the CIO. Trustees are expected to have hands-on involvement in the activities of The Scullery.

Nine Trustees served for all or part of the year:

Laura Lion	(Chair)	
Richard Bedingfield		retired 5 January 2023
John Broadhurst		retired 5 January 2023
Chris Morrell	(President)	
Russell Peacock		
Chris Williams	(Secretary)	
Di Graham		elected 5 January 2023
Mike Hendry		elected 5 January 2023
Will New		elected 5 January 2023

The Trustees expect Laura Lion and Chris Morrell to retire at the 2024 AGM. Both have completed three consecutive terms of office, and also gave many years of service to The Scullery prior to its incorporation as a CIO. They are not eligible for re-election.

Membership is open to anyone who actively supports or contributes to junior sculling in the UK. There is no fee but members undertake to exercise their rights in good faith to further the purposes of The Scullery.

Plans for the future

A committee of Trustees and volunteers has started planning for the OJSH and JSR in 2024.

The Trustees expect to award grants to clubs and schools in 2024 at a broadly similar level to 2023 and hope to continue targeted support for British Rowing coaching development.

The Trustees are developing plans to improve engagement with those who volunteer for The Scullery and the coaches of clubs and schools that habitually enter the OJSH and JSR.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the guidance on Public Benefit published by the Charity Commission in September 2013 when exercising any powers or undertaking any duties to which that guidance is relevant.

Approved by the Trustees on 14 December 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Chris Williams
Secretary

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

for the year from 1 OCTOBER 2022 to 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

		Unrestricted Funds	
	<u>Notes</u>	2023	2022
		£	£
<u>Receipts</u>			
Oarsport Junior Sculling Head - entry fees		46,620	42,690
- other income		12,468	12,729
Junior Sculling Regatta - entry fees		33,984	29,900
- other income		12,200	12,205
		<u>105,272</u>	<u>97,524</u>
<u>Payments</u>			
Oarsport Junior Sculling Head - costs	(1)	39,129	36,638
Junior Sculling Regatta - costs	(2)	42,938	35,183
Grants		6,500	-
Administration and Governance		1,073	272
		<u>89,640</u>	<u>72,093</u>
Cash at bank at start of year		68,540	43,109
Net receipts		15,632	25,431
Cash at bank at year end		<u>84,172</u>	<u>68,540</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
on 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

		Unrestricted Funds	
		2023	2022
		£	£
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash funds		84,172	68,540
Assets retained for the charity's use		2,500	4,090
	(3)	<u>86,672</u>	<u>72,630</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Creditors	(4)	<u>18,800</u>	<u>4,268</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**for the year from 1 OCTOBER 2022 to 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds	
	2023	2022
	£	£
(1) The costs of running the Oarsport Junior Sculling Head were as follows:		
Hire of lake, parking and litter	17,634	16,106
Tentage and toilets, etc	11,080	11,556
Safety, timing, marshalling and medals	11,201	11,503
Other	1,214	2,391
Timing differences	-2,000	-4,918
	<u>39,129</u>	<u>36,638</u>
(2) The costs of running the Junior Sculling Regatta were as follows:		
Hire of lake, parking and litter	16,561	14,595
Tentage and toilets, etc	6,880	5,360
Safety, timing, marshalling and medals	15,743	13,891
Other	5,141	4,932
Timing differences	-1,387	-3,595
	<u>42,938</u>	<u>35,183</u>
(3) Assets were valued as follows:		
Cash at bank at year end	84,172	68,540
Trophies (retrieved 2022)	2,400	2,400
Medals (purchased 2022, used 2023)	-	1,490
IT equipment (cost £300 in 2022)	100	200
	<u>86,672</u>	<u>72,630</u>
(4) Creditors were estimated as follows:		
Suppliers invoices awaited	5,650	3,753
Grants awarded but not paid	12,600	-
Independent Examiner fees	550	515
	<u>18,800</u>	<u>4,268</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SCULLERY (REGISTERED CHARITY NO 1176663) ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ending 30 September 2023 which are set out on pages 3 and 4.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Lincoln', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Paul Lincoln