

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

**for the year from 1 OCTOBER 2023 to 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

### **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**

546 crews were accepted for the Oarsport Junior Sculling Head ("OJSH") at Dorney: a total of 1,432 boys and 1,451 girls. Racing conditions were reasonable despite a freshening northwesterly breeze. The quality of sculling in the J15 to J18 divisions was high as ever, with several "B" crews recording fast times. Lack of training time on the water for the J14 crews (due to a wet winter and dangerous streams) inevitably affected performance. The Committee had taken the difficult decision to discourage spectators due to lack of tarmac parking space for trailers and cars. Atmosphere on the bank was consequently somewhat subdued.

651 crews entered the Junior Sculling Regatta ("JSR"). 492 were accepted on the basis of average British Rowing PRI scores (a total of 758 boys and 779 girls) and 452 raced. The water at Dorney was calm and the northeasterly wind was very light. The cold and drizzle unfortunately made racing a test of competitors' character as well as their skills and fitness. Time trials in the morning felt appropriate for the wintry weather but were not especially exciting for spectators or officials. The selection of crews according to time trial results produced excellent multilane competition in the afternoon. The standard of sculling was high in every division and many races were too close to call until the sprint along the red buoys to the finish line.

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 Scullery paid grants of £11,749 in 2024. This included support of £10,000 for eight coaches following the British Rowing Performance Coach Development Programme.

Three grant applications, one for an unspecified amount, were under consideration at 30 September.

### **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.

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.

Trustees are expected to manage competitors' and volunteers' personal data with appropriate care.

### 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 £88,633 this being 83% of expenditure in 2024.

Barclays Bank belatedly started to convert the current account mandate from that of an unincorporated association to that of a CIO in October 2023. The Trustees transferred £30,000 to a fixed term deposit with Charity Bank in November 2023.

The Scullery incurred administration and governance costs of £683 during the year. This included hosting a supper for volunteers, a new initiative that improved engagement as intended.

### 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.

Eight Trustees served for all or part of the year:

Laura Lion	(Chair)	Retired 11 January 2024
Chris Morrell	(President)	Retired 11 January 2024
Russell Peacock		
Chris Williams	(Secretary)	
Di Graham		
Mike Hendry		
Will New		
Ed Green		elected 11 January 2024

Laura Lion and Chris Morrell both continued to serve on the OJSH and JSR Committees, Laura as Chair.

The Trustees expect Russell Peacock and Chris Williams to retire at the 2025 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 will not be 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 2025.

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

### 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 16 January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Chris Williams  
Secretary

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS****for the year from 1 OCTOBER 2023 to 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

		Unrestricted Funds	
	<u>Notes</u>	2024 £	2023 £
<u>Receipts</u>			
Oarsport Junior Sculling Head - entry fees		49,704	46,620
- other income		9,215	12,468
Junior Sculling Regatta - entry fees		36,504	33,984
- other income		14,892	12,200
		<hr/> 110,315	<hr/> 105,272
<u>Payments</u>			
Oarsport Junior Sculling Head - costs	(1)	43,375	39,129
Junior Sculling Regatta - costs	(2)	50,398	42,938
Grants		11,749	6,500
Administration and Governance		682	1,073
		<hr/> 106,204	<hr/> 89,640
Cash at bank at start of year		84,172	68,540
Net receipts		4,111	15,632
Cash at bank at year end		<hr/> 88,283	<hr/> 84,172

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**on 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

		Unrestricted Funds	
		2024	2023
		£	£
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash funds		88,283	84,172
Assets retained for the charity's use		5,250	2,500
	(3)	<u>93,533</u>	<u>86,672</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Creditors	(4)	<u>4,900</u>	<u>18,800</u>

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS****for the year from 1 OCTOBER 2023 to 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
(1) The costs of running the Oarsport Junior Sculling Head were as follows:		
Hire of lake, parking and litter	20,062	17,634
Tentage and toilets, etc	10,036	11,080
Safety, timing, marshalling and medals	12,427	11,201
Other	1,240	1,214
Timing differences	-390	-2,000
	<u>43,375</u>	<u>39,129</u>
(2) The costs of running the Junior Sculling Regatta were as follows:		
Hire of lake, parking and litter	18,715	16,561
Tentage and toilets, etc	8,460	6,880
Safety, timing, marshalling and medals	16,693	15,743
Other	5,390	5,141
Timing differences	1,140	-1,387
	<u>50,398</u>	<u>42,938</u>
(3) Assets were valued as follows:		
Cash in current account	58,283	84,172
Cash on deposit	30,000	-
Trophies (retrieved 2022)	2,400	2,400
Medals (purchased 2024 for use in 2025)	2,850	-
IT equipment (cost £300 in 2022)	-	100
	<u>93,533</u>	<u>86,672</u>
(4) Creditors were estimated as follows:		
Suppliers invoices awaited	3,900	5,650
Grants awarded but not paid	1,000	12,600
Independent Examiner fees	-	550
	<u>4,900</u>	<u>18,800</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 2024**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ending 30 September 2024 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