



**BOCCIA
SHEFFIELD**

Boccia England's Club of the Year 2015

BOCCIA SHEFFIELD

**Annual Report and Accounts
for the Year 1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023**

**Boccia Sheffield is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
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Chairman's Report

It feels like we have had a successful 12 months at the boccia club. Having had some difficult years through Covid and after Covid, it finally feels like the boccia club is on the road to recovery. We have had lots of highs this season with athletes competing across the country in numerous events. We have seen our regular Monday night training sessions reach 11 athletes, with 12 on some occasions, the most we have had for the last 2 years. There seems to be a big buzz around the club again and we have had a wonderful 12 months.

Update On Coaches

With any voluntary organisation the challenge is always recruiting new people to the club. In the last 12 months Richard Howarth has stepped in on some occasions to help with Monday night training, this has been a great help. As always Al and Jenna have been the superglue to the club, regularly attending Monday night training sessions and being fantastic coaches to the athletes. At the beginning of June 2023, we welcomed a new volunteer to the club, Leah Hill. Leah has some experience of Boccia through university and wanted to attend the club to help, Leah is also wanting to complete her referee's course in the coming year.

Update On The Committee

As a club we have been fortunate to have a very strong committee, the club could not run without our volunteers involved in the club. Jenna Cookson has continued to be the club welfare officer, a vital role to ensure that the athletes and everyone in the club are kept safe both on and off the court. A special thanks goes to Ian Woodward who continues to be the club Treasurer and Secretary, Ian provides an incredible amount of support for the club, keeping all the information for the club up to date, entering athletes for competitions, communicating with Boccia England, sorting the clubs accounts. A huge role and one we are very appreciative of. Finally, one of our most important roles within the committee is the player representative role. Sam Hindley has been the player rep for the 2022/23 season and has carried out his role with a huge amount of pride, Sam has provided athletes with information for upcoming tournaments, has supported his team mates at the league matches in Nottingham, taking on a coaching role and also coming up with some excellent ideas for athletes.

Competition Round Up

2022/23 has certainly been a busy season, athletes have competed up and down the country representing their club and even their country. Two of our athletes, Richard Armstrong and Lee Croker have represented England in different forms. Richard has been part of the England squad and competed at various competitions in both Teams and Singles. Lee has been part of the England futures training camps and has played in the Teams and Pairs competition, finishing second whilst playing alongside England player, Matt Berry.

Our Super League team, consisting of Kyle Martin, Amy Darlow, Lee Croker and Sam Hindley have had a fantastic season. Just before the first round of the Super League we were dealt a huge blow, one of our athletes decided not to play this season which left the team very short. Fortunately, Sam stepped up to the mark and joined the Super League team, this has been a very positive move for the team and Sam has played a key role in the success of the team this year. We started off the year with some really poor results and after day 1 we were sat bottom of the league. However, with some inspired performances in day 2 and 3 we found ourselves in 4th place going into the finals' day. The team's aim was to enjoy the day and compete but not get relegated. This fear was soon taken away as they won their very first match, guaranteeing at least 4th place for the season. After a close semi-final we eventually finished the competition in 4th, effectively meaning we have the 4th best team in the country, a huge achievement, well done everyone.

In the National League, with more players coming back to the club we decided to enter 2 teams into the National League. The Rebels captained by Max Burgar-Briggs and the Steelers captained by Richard Armstrong. We had a fantastic season, competing in the Midlands League against Nottingham. We had some very close fought matches and Max's captaincy was sublime, really working his team hard, getting some fantastic results against tough opposition. However, it was Richard's experience that shone through in the end, captaining his team to National League Finals qualification. They only lost one match all season and that was against the Rebels!!! The whole team worked extremely hard, Richard, Joseph, Craig and Joe. Last year was the first time in 8 years we haven't qualified for the national finals, this was put straight with Richard doing a sterling job with his team. On the day, the team competed hard, unfortunately because of the first-round defeat they didn't qualify for the semi-finals but they did win their next two matches and finished in a very respectable 9th place for the season, well done.

We had many athletes compete at the Rotary Disability Games in Lincoln this season, this is the first time we have been involved in the Disability games for about 6 years, it was good to be back. Some of our athletes had never experienced the disability games so it was good for them to get involved. The Disability games is not just for Boccia but for lots of different sports, basketball, darts, wheelchair slalom etc. Our athletes tried different sports and some even came away with medals, Jordan in the Basketball and Archery, Amy in the wheelchair race, well done.

We had a large number of athletes compete in the SMILE Open in November last year, this was a very successful competition with athletes competing in all 4 classification groups BC1-4. We also had athletes competing in BC5, 6 and 8 as well, a hugely successful day and lots learnt by our players.

Finally, we have had athletes competing across the country in the Heathcoat and BE Cup competitions, representing their club in classification groups for singles play. Sam Hindley qualified for the BE Cup finals and Amy Darlow qualified for the Heathcoat Cup finals.

Well done to all athletes who competed across the season.

Funding

The club still finds itself in a healthy position, we are still able to offer the athletes free training sessions thanks to the community hours at Talbot. We are also able to pay the athletes' competition entry fees which really helps the athletes to compete. We have only received a small donation this year of £50 from the Sheffield Rotary Club, a very welcome donation. In the upcoming year we plan to hold fundraising events as we host the Leslie Martin Cup again.

School-Club Links

We still have strong links to the school although this has not really fed directly into the club in the last 12 months, it has mainly been for the venue. We are looking at Talbot competing again in virtually boccia, this will then hopefully attract 1-2 athletes to the club over the next season.

Home Tournaments

The 2022/23 season has been a huge success and a season where we saw most athletes return to the club and compete again. We feel for the upcoming season it will be the right time to re-introduce at least one home tournament that we host. We will be looking at the return of the Leslie Martin Cup, around November time. This will see clubs compete as teams to play for the annual LM Cup.

The Upcoming Season

After a very successful 2022/23 season we are looking for an even bigger, even better 2023/24 season. With new coaches and hopefully some new athletes coming on board it will be an exciting season ahead. We will look to enter as many competitions as possible and drive forward the standards of boccia within our club.

We are also celebrating our 10-year anniversary this season which is a huge achievement and one that I never thought possible when we started the club back in 2014, a very exciting time to be part of Boccia Sheffield.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the coaches, the athletes, Parents, PAs and others associated with the club. Without the wonderful support we receive, our club wouldn't be half the club it is today, thank you.

Mark Dolan
Chairman – Boccia Sheffield

Treasurer's Report

During the last financial year, the club was fortunate to receive several donations, totalling almost £200. About half of this came from an anonymous donor, via Charities Trust. We were also grateful to receive £50 from The Rotary Club of Sheffield, along with several donations from Amazon Smile. Sadly, the Amazon Smile Donation scheme has now come to an end. We also received just over £185 in payment for Boccia kit, which the club always sells at cost price.

As normal, most of the club's expenditure concerned membership of Boccia England (£138.50) and Special Olympics Sheffield (£215) and competition entry fees - Boccia England (£265) and SMILE Through Sport – which shows under 'Other Competitions' (£40).

Other expenditure was Boccia Kit (£87), which was fully reimbursed, Court Tape (£56), Gifts for Athletes (£38.47), which included prizes at Christmas and chocolate at Easter, and Expenses (£346.60). As mentioned last year, having fewer coaches available to attend competitions has put increasing financial pressure on our existing volunteers. The club now reimburses our coaches' hotel and travelling expenses (£189.83). The remaining £156.77 listed under Expenses (restricted) was to support Kyle's boccia activities (hotel and travelling expenses) in accordance with his family's previous donations and wishes.

At the end of the year, the club's income was less than its expenditure, resulting in a deficit over the year of £808.35. The club now has £8,292.06 in the bank. Last year, it was £9,100.41. £8,010.87 is in the general fund and can be used in payment of any of the club's normal boccia activities, £243.06 is restricted to running the Leslie Martin Memorial Competitions and £38.13 is restricted to supporting Kyle's boccia activities.

Ian Woodward
Treasurer - Boccia Sheffield

Secretary's Report

Acting as both Secretary and Treasurer, it's sometimes difficult to decide which particular hat I'm wearing. As Secretary my main activities have been running the club's online links with Boccia England, first for our various memberships (athletes, the clubs and the teams) and second for entering competitions. All this continues to run as smoothly as Boccia England's systems allow.

Ian Woodward
Secretary - Boccia Sheffield

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 2023

	2022/23		2021/22
	Unrestricted	Restricted	
Receipts			
Donations and Legacies			
Donations	197.17		2,040.08
Gift Aid Recovered	0.00		0.00
<i>Total Donations and Legacies</i>	<u>197.17</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,040.08</u>
Receipts from Charitable Activities			
Gross Receipts from Fundraising	0.00		0.00
<i>Total Receipts from Charitable Activities</i>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Other Trading Activities			
Sale of Boccia Kit	185.50		101.50
Gross Receipts from Running Boccia Competitions	0.00		0.00
<i>Total Other Trading Activities</i>	<u>185.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>101.50</u>
Other Receipts			
Other	0.00		0.00
<i>Total Other Receipts</i>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<i>Totals</i>	<u>382.67</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,141.58</u>
Total Receipts		<u>382.67</u>	<u>2,141.58</u>
Payments			
Raising Funds			
Cost of Fundraising	0.00		0.00
<i>Total Raising Funds</i>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Payments on Charitable Activities			
Boccia England Membership: Club, Teams & Individuals	138.50		98.00
Boccia England: Competition Entry Fees	265.00		455.00
Special Olympics Sheffield: Membership	215.00		215.00
Special Olympics Sheffield: Competition Entry Fees	0.00		0.00
Other Competitions	40.00		40.00
Venue Hire	0.00		51.60
DBS Checks	0.00		50.40
Compulsory Training for Coaches / Volunteers	0.00		0.00
Boccia Kit for Athletes and Coaches	87.00		325.00
Club Equipment eg Boccia Balls	0.00		0.00
Consumable Items eg Boccia Tape	56.00		0.00
Trophies and Medals	0.00		0.00
Gifts for Athletes	38.47		0.00
Catering	0.00		0.00
Transport	0.00		0.00
Expenses	189.83	156.77	529.50
Other Payments	4.45		0.00
<i>Total Payments on Charitable Activities</i>	<u>1,034.25</u>	<u>156.77</u>	<u>1,764.50</u>
<i>Totals</i>	<u>1,034.25</u>	<u>156.77</u>	<u>1,764.50</u>
Total Payments		<u>1,191.02</u>	<u>1,764.50</u>
Surplus / Deficit		<u>-808.35</u>	<u>377.08</u>

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STATEMENT OF FUNDS, FUND MOVEMENTS, ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 2023

	2022/23	2021/22
Current Funds		
General Fund	8,010.87	8,626.28
Leslie Martin Memorial Competition Fund (Restricted)	243.06	243.06
Kyle Martin (Restricted)	38.13	194.90
Special Olympics for Club Athletes (Designated)	0.00	36.17
	8,292.06	9,100.41
Represented by:		
Current Assets		
Cash On Hand	0.00	0.00
PayPal	0.00	0.00
Co-op Bank	8,292.06	9,100.41
	8,292.06	9,100.41
Current Liabilities	0.00	0.00
Total Assets less Total Liabilities:	8,292.06	9,100.41
Opening Balance - 1st July	9,100.41	8,723.33
Closing Balance - 30th June	8,292.06	9,100.41
Current Liabilities	0.00	
Surplus / Deficit for the Year	-808.35	377.08

Fund Movement by Type	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Closing
General Fund	8,626.28	382.67	998.08			8,010.87
Leslie Martin Memorial Competition Fund (Restricted)	243.06	0.00	0.00			243.06
Kyle Martin (Restricted)	194.90	0.00	156.77			38.13
Special Olympics for Club Athletes (Designated)	36.17	0.00	36.17			0.00
Grand Total	9,100.41	382.67	1,191.02	0.00	0.00	8,292.06

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS / TRUSTEES OF BOCCIA SHEFFIELD

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Geoffrey Roy Mackridge
Chartered Accountant

Date: 14th July 2023

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