

Wish List Bikers Charity AGM Fri 5 Aug 2022
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Good evening everyone, and a very warm welcome to this, the second AGM of the Wish List Bikers Charity since it was registered by the Charity Commission in January 2020.

I am Keith Lightfoot, Chairman of Wish List Bikers Charity.

You will recall last year's report being quite lengthy, as , being the first AGM since becoming a registered charity, it was necessary to describe the history of the previous organisation, ie Wish List Bikers, and its progression to registration with the Charities Commission. You will be relieved that this year it is only necessary to report on the events since the last AGM.

The purpose of this AGM is firstly to receive, consider , and accept ,the report of the Trustees and Statement of Accounts, to elect Richard Ward as Trustee and renew the annual membership fee.

It is not the purpose of this AGM to discuss other charity issues. We will be organising Members' meetings and Trustees meetings shortly .

There have been 6 formal Wish List Bikers Charity Trustees meetings since the last AGM, 2 of which were by Zoom due to the emergence of new strains of COVID, more of which later.

We have 2 new drivers who have taken the Norfolk CC Hugger course and are able to take disabled passengers..Ian and Richard

We have completed a First Aid course with 9 members achieving appropriate qualifications, including 2 Doctors and a paramedic.

Over the financial year 2021-2 we provided 41 rides for sick and disabled people aged 8 to 88yrs,

(So far this financial year we have provided rides for 17 people with 14 more rides booked this month)

The complexity of the medical conditions of our passengers has increased, and we have now taken several people with severe spinal injuries.

We have displayed at Sotterley Country Show, Heveningham Hall Country Fair , Able2Be disability charity in Norwich and a few pop up appearances by Carol and myself at Lowestoft and Southwold seafronts. Some of our regular publicity opportunities have not occurred post Covid.

We have given talks to Lowestoft E Point Rotary Club and Lowestoft MS Support group, and an appearance at a Civic Reception.

On the fund raising front, we were fortunate enough to be a joint-beneficiary of the charitable fundraising of the Chairman of E Suffolk CC, Cllr Keith Robinson, and also of several of the councillors via their Community Amenity funds. Sadly we had to postpone our inaugural Ball due to the emergence of a new Covid variant.

The trike has been fairly well behaved this year, with Emerald Motors continuing to service it at a discounted rate, despite the sad passing of our chief mechanical engineer Nick.

The pedal saga has finally been sorted with a newly engineered clutch pedal , thanks to S and G Fabrications. We now have the ability to recruit drivers who are shorter in the leg than previously.

So, for a third year running our charity has been adversely affected by Covid in terms of a reduced number of public appearances and fund raising opportunities , and inevitably uptake of rides from our vulnerable target beneficiaries. As we have no capital expenses, buildings, employees etc, and the fact that the trike is loaned from the owner the charity has weathered the covid storm financially.

My objectives in the next year are

1. to find new ways to increase awareness of WLBC in the disabled community with subsequent increase in the number of rides.
2. To continue to increase and diversify the number of people delivering our services to our target population, ie sick and disabled children and adults

Almost finally..in order to facilitate the constitutional requirements of WLBC, Ian Garrett has offered to stand down as a trustee. He was present at the exploratory meeting in 2017, a trustee since our inception and closely involved with the selection of appropriate vehicles, both financially and physically. We will miss him on the committee, and look forward to his continued and increased contribution as a driver and public speaker as circumstances allow.

And actually finally..there are so many many contributions from our members, from secretarial and IT/social media skills, telephone answering skills, ,helmet fitting, show stall manning, hospitality provision, equipment acquisition and general support , and so on, and not least accountancy, fund raising and corporate accountability. Your contributions are the lifeblood of our Charity, without which we would not be able to function . A heartfelt Thank You to everyone involved.



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2nd Annual General Meeting

5th August 2022

Financial Report

Year ended 31st March 2022

By

Alex Knell

Treasurer & Trustee



1. Overview of the Year to 31st March 2022

The Covid-19 crisis had completely halted WLBC's activities and the stop-start nature of lockdowns created great uncertainty for our clientele.

We entered the year in April 2021 with a government plan for a staged exit from lockdown, together with an accelerating rate of vaccination of the population. Strong signals were given for the end of the crisis by July 2021.

This did, however, curtail our "season" (April to October) significantly.

WLBC had also lost a great deal of the momentum from previous publicity, so we were effectively starting again.

2. Financial Report

Please refer to **Section WLBC is in** a strong financial position today.

- We have a strong cash position with funds of £ 10,291.74.
- £2,365.77 of the cash balance is ring-fenced.
 - £1,317.71 of the cash balances is ring-fenced for computer software and hardware.
 - £1,048.06 of the cash balances is ring-fenced for training.

4. Financial Accounts for details.

1. Income

Notwithstanding the comments above, Direct Donations from individuals and organisations continued to be generous at £2,007 (2021 £3,006).

A grant of £1,020 was received from the National Lottery Fund which effectively covered our major fixed costs for the year of motor and public liability insurances.

First aid training was grant assisted by Community Action Suffolk (£250), which took place in April 2022.

(Grants in 2021: £2,638).

Donations for rides were sporadic £850 (2021: £ nil) as our activities tentatively came back to life in July 2021. We undertook 41 rides (2021: nil - nothing from December 2019) during our limited activity window.

Bank interest was £5 (2021: £5).

The considerable effort in the previous year towards a Launch Ball (abandoned due to pandemic) has been postponed again until 2022-23.

2. Expenditure

During most of the reporting period we have again been inactive.



The costs of running the trike, such as fuel, repairs, road tax and insurances were £1,920 (2021: £870). A replacement clutch was £756. The trike had not been used for rides at all in the previous financial year due to the pandemic, incurring only fixed costs of road tax, insurance and a service.

Equipment was purchased during the year £225 (2021: £1,367) which was largely grant funded.

This included a mounting bracket on the trike for the SatNav and cameras, and a contactless payment machine.

3. Cash

Costs and cash have continued to be closely contained during the year.
The result has been cash balances of £9,403.80.

National Lottery funding of £1,020 was received in May 2021, largely funding the 2021-22 Motor insurance (£585) and Public Liability insurance (£471).

A grant of £250, towards First Aid training, was received before year-end from Community Action Suffolk. The course was undertaken in April 2022.

3. Summary & Outlook

WLBC was in a strong financial position at year-end, even though the Covid-19 pandemic created the worst possible operating environment during both this and the previous financial years.

- We had a strong cash position with funds of £ 9,403.80.
- £1,384.06 of the cash balances was ring-fenced for training.
- We have obtained grant assistance of £ 5,138 to acquire computer equipment dedicated towards administration, accounting and marketing from East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council. Implementation is in progress.

Now we are going “properly” in the current year (2022-23), we can consider the viability of a replacement trike, or even a second trike and whom we might approach for direct grant capital support.

4. Today's Position (5th August 2022)

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4. Financial Accounts

Income & Expenditure

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	Year	15 months
	01-Apr-21 to 31-Mar-22	10-Jan-20 to 31-Mar-21
Income		
Donations	2,006.54	3,005.73
Grants	1,270.00	2,638.31
Rides	850.00	-
Just Giving	48.30	116.02
Bank Interest	0.88	5.29
Events Income	-	-
WLB Donation to WLBC	-	5,048.53
	4,225.72	10,813.88
Expenditure		
Motor Fuel	242.00	-
Motor Repairs	756.46	152.92
Motor Consumables	6.49	-
Motor Road Tax	330.00	165.00
Motor Insurances	585.15	552.28
Equipment	224.88	1,367.25
Training	-	142.00
Marketing	18.00	-
General Insurances	471.39	468.16
DBS Checks	18.50	18.50
Telephone	31.37	36.79
Postage	-	2.70
Other	19.17	-
WLB Donation to WLBC	-	-
Events Expenditure	-	-
	2,730.20	2,905.60
Surplus	1,495.52	7,908.28
Reserves		
Opening Surplus	7,908.28	-
Surplus/(Deficit) in Period	1,495.52	7,908.28
	9,403.80	7,908.28
Balance Sheet		
	31-Mar-22	31-Mar-21
Funds Reconciliation		
Bank - Current account	1,893.29	1,399.65
Bank - Deposit account	7,509.51	6,508.63
Bank - Events account	1.00	-
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Surplus Assets	9,403.80	7,908.28