

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FROM FEBRUARY 2020-  
MARCH 2021 FOR SOUTH COAST AMATEUR BOXING  
CLUB- PROVIDED JANUARY 2024**

This was the first year that this small voluntary club had been registered as Charity. Previously the Club had been run by Jay O'Brien and his wife with a number of volunteers, providing Boxing and fitness training for local people, including children. Jay had run many clubs before and has Level 2 Boxing training and is fully known by and affiliated to Boxing England, which provided all the necessary insurances and policies that all amateur clubs must abide by and adhere to. Jay's wife works in the Youth Justice system and attended all sessions and is the Mental Health co-ordinator for the Club.

During 2020-21 the Club was significantly affected by the Pandemic and the sessions had to cease. When they were allowed to run the Club adhered to all national requirements, but this significantly affected the number of attendees which had previously achieved an average of 20 people each week for £5 each session.

Jay and his wife had registered the Club as a Charity in order to help obtain funds and provide status for the well supported and thriving club. The fitness and training given helps to provide well being for users but also helps to deal with aspects of anti - social behaviour locally. Holding the sessions in a Church hall, with a hiring cost, was an extra attraction for the Church itself, showing that it was engaging with the Community.

However, Jay and his wife were not used to the requirements of the Charity Commission and much of the spend needed to run the club came out of Jay's own Bank account and money as it had always done in the past. The main spend was for hall rental but also includes equipment costs ( eg gloves, mats) and for legal requirements such as First aid training, DBS checks and safeguarding training. The accounts for the year do not therefore provide a true picture as much was not put through the Bank account for the Club, particularly when Banks could not be accessed.

At the setting up of the Charity, much costly equipment had already been bought by Jay. This includes a pop up Boxing ring. Costs run into thousands and are not reflected in the spend already incurred when the Charity was set up, all of which had been covered over a number of years by Jay privately. All the time he spent on the Club was given voluntarily and there was no financial recompense.

Moving into 2021-22 was equally a difficult year and is reflected in the annual report for that year.

I have been helping Jay and his wife to understand what is required for the future for the Charity and am satisfied that this report, agreed by them, provides a true reflection of the position for the year both in spend, income and activity.

Shirley MacKinnon- Administrator

22 January 2024