

RHIGOS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 RHIGOS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Structure, Governance & Management

The Club recently registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation which is a new type of legal format for a registered charity with the intention of affording charities limited liability without having to register as a formal limited company. The financial control of the Club is in the hands of 3 trustees. All finance decisions are discussed with the management committee but ultimately all are made and controlled by the trustees. The Club is governed by its constitution, adherence of which is monitored by the trustees. The trustees are appointed at an Annual General Meeting and after recruitment, training is provided if necessary.

Objectives & Activities

The objective of the Club is to promote community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities for the playing of amateur rugby union in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Welsh Rugby Union and such other amateur sports capable of promoting healthy recreation.

Achievements & Performance

The year saw the Club return to full operation following the Covid pandemic. The progress was steady and followed the guidelines set down by the Welsh Government and the WRU. In the Club House, we continued our programme of development by building a new patio area in front of the Club and furnishing it with guidance from the local police and council. We replaced the seating in the bar area and began on plans to upgrade the car park and floodlights. On the field, our First XV competed in the WRU league system designed by WRU to help Clubs emerge from Covid and played all our matches except for two opponents who failed to travel to Rhigos. We also played a series of friendly games and trained regularly throughout under our WRU qualified coaches and Team Manager.

Our Walking Rugby team trained weekly and increased membership throughout the period playing a friendly against a visiting group from REME Veterans and travelled away to Belfast. Indoors, our darts teams completed in the Glynneath Darts Leagues and our ladies returned to their weekly Bingo nights. Throughout the year we kept in mind the Charity Commissioners guidelines on public benefit and acted to provide a safe environment for all our members and utilise our assets within the terms of our constitution.

Financial Review

Bar sales during the year amounted to £120,273 which is significantly up from the lockdown hit 2021 level of £20,498. Covid related grants from the Local Authority totalled £2,000 which was significantly down on the £13,000 last year. The Welsh Rugby Union grants totalled £7,520 which is similar to last years £9,079. No other grants were received this year unlike the £13,500 received last year. The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme was halted by HMRC in September 2021 with only £1,195 received this year compared to £8,140 in 2021. The purpose of the grants and donations last year was to renovate the Club. The drop off in grants this year has matched the much reduced repairs expenditure of £11,104, down from £39,473 in 2021. Rugby Club expenditure totalled £28,513, up from £2,653 last year and is very much in line with the fact that the lockdown restrictions have been all but removed by the year end. Reserves at the end of the year were £55,086 which is higher than the £51,215 held at the beginning of the year.

Reserves Policy

The trustees of Rhigos Rugby Football Club have considered the reserves and have the following policy:

The trustees consider that the level of reserves should be set at a level to ensure that the charity can meet its liabilities and contractual obligations should it cease to exist.

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Trustee

7) Rugby Club expenses

Sky TV	2,883.00	576.00
Club entertainment (inc Bingo)	7,479.00	912.00
Kit & balls expenses	5,007.00	630.00
Pitch and outside maintenance	652.00	344.00
Changing room heat and light	237.00	191.00
Hall hire	302.00	-
Legionella Test	780.00	-
Donations paid	100.00	-
Players insurance	6,070.00	-
Physio & First Aid	448.00	-
Food & catering	975.00	-
Coach expenses	3,460.00	-
Training courses	120.00	-
Ticket refunds of cancelled Rugby Match	-	5,785.00
Cost of rugby tickets	43,832.00	-
	<u>72,345.00</u>	<u>8,438.00</u>

8) Liabilities

Liabilities of the Charity at the year included:

a) Accountancy accrual totalled £1,000

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
RHIGOS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the Accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30 April 2022, which are set out on pages 3 to 8.

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 material 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.

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Signed.....*Barlow Merdham + Co*
Date.....*21/10/2022*