

RHIGOS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 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

During the year, we continued our programme of club development with the completion of the replacement of our diesel generator powered floodlights with new mains powered LED lights which improved the quality of our lighting as well as our environmental profile.

On the playing field, our team competed in the WRU Division 5 West Central and played all our matches finishing in 5th position and just missing out on promotion. We also competed in the WRU Divisional Cup and in the summer competed in the charitable Tubby's Tens competition in Glynneath. All cup and league matches were completed under the care of our WRU qualified coaches and First Aiders.

Our Walking Rugby Team met and played weekly throughout the year and entered, then reached, the final of the Ospreys Cup.

Both sides worked during the period to finance a joint rugby tour to Gateshead in May 2023 shortly after the year end.

In the club house, our darts teams competed in the Glynneath Winter and Summer Leagues and regular weekly Bingo sessions were played. The club was also the venue for birthday celebrations, wedding parties, dances and funeral wakes underlining its value to the community.

Throughout the year we kept in mind the Charity Commissioners guide lines on public benefit and acted to provide a safe environment for all of our members and utilise our assets within the terms of our constitution.

Financial Review

Bar Sales this year amounted to £104,545, noticeably lower than last year. Bar expenses reduced proportionally. There were no covid support grants received this year however general donations to the Club were up from £4,620 to £11,610, helping to replace lost income elsewhere.

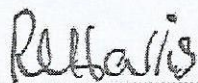
The major spend this year was the replacement floodlights at a cost of £8,767. Apart from this, repairs and maintenance was much lower than the previous year. Premises costs, admin costs and legal and professional costs were not materially different to the previous year whilst rugby expenses reflected the return of full time rugby again at Rhigos RFC.

Reserves were down by the year end, from £55,086 to £45,319 reflecting the deficit of total expenditure over income.

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.



Trustee

5) Administrative expenses

Telephone	4,885.00	2,712.00
Insurance	2,511.00	3,261.00
Bank charges	1,935.00	1,822.00
Licences	461.00	558.00
	<u>9,792.00</u>	<u>8,353.00</u>

6) Legal and professional expenses

Accountancy fees	1,120.00	1,000.00
Stocktaking fees	700.00	742.00
	<u>1,820.00</u>	<u>1,742.00</u>

7) Rugby Club expenses

Sky TV	2,312.00	2,883.00
Club entertainment (inc Bingo)	10,126.00	7,479.00
Kit & balls expenses	5,418.00	5,007.00
Pitch and outside maintenance	3,708.00	652.00
Changing room heat and light	162.00	237.00
Hall hire	342.00	302.00
Legionella Test	-	780.00
Donations paid	105.00	100.00
Players insurance	3,055.00	6,070.00
Physio & First Aid	3,438.00	448.00
Food & catering	1,112.00	975.00
Coach expenses	4,123.00	3,460.00
Training courses	-	120.00
Annual & Touring Team dinners	1,860.00	-
Cost of rugby tickets	33,095.00	43,832.00
Entry Fee	100.00	-
	<u>68,956.00</u>	<u>72,345.00</u>

8) Liabilities

Liabilities of the Charity at the year included:

a) Accountancy accrual totalled £1,050

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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 2023, which are set out on pages 3 to 7.

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 Merchant Co*.....
Date.....*8/1/2024*.....