

**DUNGANNON SUB-AQUA CLUB  
(INCORPORATING MID-ULSTER SEARCH & RECOVERY UNIT)**

**TRUSTEES REPORT**

**Structure, Governance & Management in Northern Ireland**

The charity was established in Northern Ireland in 2003.

The current Trustees and members of the Committee are:-

- Mr Aidan Abernethy (Chairperson)
- Mr Damian O'Donnell
- Mrs Audrey Brady

**Charitable Status**

The Club has been accepted as a charity for tax purposes by the HM Revenue and Customs. The HMRC reference number is: -

NI00415

The Club has been registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland from 3rd June 2015 under the Charity number:-

NIC102776

**Statement of Compliance**

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

**Principal Activities**

- Dungannon Sub Aqua Club is an all-inclusive amateur sports club incorporating a search and recovery rescue unit, governed by the Irish Underwater Council (CFT).
- The Club was established to:-
- Promote, facilitate and support the improvement of fitness levels of our members.
- Support the development of new skills such as scuba diving, snorkeling and first aid, while encouraging awareness and respect for the aquatic environment.

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- Provide vital assistance to the Civil Authorities on the rescue and recovery of missing persons.
- Assist in the protection and preservation of the marine environment including the management of regular coastline cleanup operations.
- Provide assistance to Sea Search Ireland which is actively involved in the logging, identification and preservation of all marine life.
- Educate youth groups from socially and financially deprived backgrounds by offering programs, enabling them take part in sport while improving fitness and social skills.
- The Club's objectives for the 2023 year were to continue to encourage member progression through the various diving grades with the possibility of achieving instructor level. We also encouraged our new members to become involved in search and rescue and take part in training exercises. In the 2024 year, we hope to continue to encourage member progression through the various diving grades and become involved in water based environmental issues.
- We again successfully fulfilled the minimum search and rescue exercises as required by our governing body the Irish Underwater Council (CFT) to remain on their Search and Recovery register.

**Financial Review**

The Trustees have a procedure in place to review the accounts annually.

The charity's accounts will be prepared each year to 31 August. These accounts cover the year to 31 August 2023 and reveal a deficit of (£2,413).

**Risk Management**

The Trustees are aware of the risks to which the charity may be exposed. A formal risk assessment process and strategies for dealing with identified risk areas is being formalised.

SIGNED: Audrey Brady  
Trustee

DATE: 07-06-24

SIGNED: Aidan Abernethy  
Trustee

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