

ULSTER HOCKEY LTD

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. The trustees have adopted the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Objectives and activities

The responsibility of the charity is the governance and administration of hockey in Ulster.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The charity's objects are specifically restricted to the promotion of the following purposes for the benefit of the public: to encourage, promote, develop, manage and control all hockey in Ulster; to administer the funds of the charity; to appoint employee(s) and/or contractors for the efficient administration of the objectives of the charity; to make, maintain and publish rules, regulations, policies and procedures for the proper running of the charity; to operate exclusively for charitable purposes; and to do all such other things as may be necessary or conducive for the attainment of the above objectives.

Financial review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to at least six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The results for the year are set out on pages 9 to 24. The charity generated a net unrestricted surplus for the year of £132,478 (2024: net unrestricted surplus of £82,197). The level of free reserves at 31 March 2025 amounted to £600,879 (2024: £468,401). The charity also generated a net restricted deficit for the year of £562 and a transfer of this amount was made from unrestricted funding to finance this overspend in restricted funds.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee incorporated on 12 April 2018. The charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association which were last amended on 27 October 2020. It has been granted charitable status by the charity commission for Northern Ireland under registration number NIC 108947.

The charity is governed by its trustees who meet a minimum of eight times annually to discuss financial and strategic issues, policy and procedure decisions, and to ratify significant legally binding decisions.

Mr Marc Scott, executive manager, is responsible for the day to day running of the charity.

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The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Timothy Cockram	(Resigned 26 November 2024)
Gareth Herron	
Peter Kelly	
Sarah Little	
Neal Lucas	(Resigned 21 May 2024)
Christine Reid	
Adrian Murphy	
Chloe Gillard	
William George Wilson	

None of the trustees hold a beneficial interest in the assets of the company.

If appropriate, new trustees are invited onto the Board when the need arises. There are no specific requirements regarding skills or experience. However, the current trustees recognise the importance of a diverse and competent Board and this will impact upon any nomination.

New trustees receive appropriate induction procedures and training upon appointment.

No trustees receive any remuneration for their services.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Ulster Hockey Ltd for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Johnston Kennedy DFK be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

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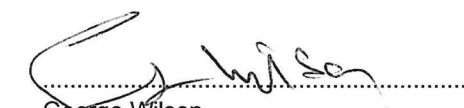
Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

Special Provisions Relating to Small Companies

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.


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George Wilson
Trustee

Date: 30 / 12 / 2025