Ellon Rugby Club SCIO

Trustees' Annual Report

30 June 2018

Registered Charity Number SC046135

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Trustees' Report

Legal and Administrative Arrangements

Ellon Rugby Club SCIO ("The Club") was registered as a charity in Scotland on 16 November 2015 with registration number SC046135. Its principal address is The Meadows, Ellon, Aberdeenshire. Prior to the registration of the SCIO, Ellon Rugby Club had operated at the same location since 1977. The assets of Ellon Rugby Club were transferred to the Ellon Rugby Club SCIO and the activity of the SCIO began on 1 July 2016.

Objectives and Organisational structure of Ellon Rugby Club SCIO

The Objectives and Organisation of The Club are set out in The Club's written constitution. The objective of The Club is to advance public participation in sport by:

- Promoting the playing of rugby union
- Working with local schools and others to encourage and support participation in the sport of rugby union
- Increasing health and fitness of participants by offering regular opportunities for children to participate in rugby sessions
- Being inclusive in all our activities

The Structure of The Club consists of Full Members who have the right to attend members' meetings. The Members appoint Trustees, who must be full members, to serve on the Board and all changes to the constitution must be approved by the Members. The Board are responsible for the general control of the activities of The Club. The Board of Trustees consists of a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 11 Members including a Chair, Vice Chair, Club Captain, Treasurer and Secretary.

Trustees and Office Bearers

The Trustees and office bearers of The Club on the date of approval of the Trustees' Annual Report and the dates they served (unless they were in position for whole financial period of the accounts forming part of this annual report) were as follows:

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Club Captain
Secretary
Treasurer
Trustees

[redacted]

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Trustees and Office Bearers (cont.)

In addition Trustees who served during the financial period covered by accounts forming part of this annual report were as follows:

[redacted]

Financial Review

Ellon Rugby Club SCIO generated a surplus for the year on operating activities of £7,305 (2017: -£10,228). The surplus for the year of £7,305 (2017: £12,957) was transferred to Reserves. In the previous year the surplus transferred to reserves included £23,185 received from Ellon Rugby Club on the formation of the SCIO. Total receipts were £120,747 (2017: £135,130, including £23,185 from ERC). Income from Membership fees was £27,548 (2017: £19,701) and match fees generated £13,273 (2017: £12,375). Net receipts from fundraising after deducting direct expenses were £12,202 (2017: £7,611). Further details are set out in the attached accounts.

Activities in the year

The club had another successful and busy year both on and off the field, building on what was achieved in 2017.

Membership was close to 300 of which almost 250 were playing rugby at one level or another. This has brought challanges to the club finding enough grass for players to train and compete on. Restricted access to the social and catering facilities at The Meadows has also placed more pressure on our ability to cater for and welcome visiting clubs and at the same time making it more difficult for the club to generate income. Despite these challenges and thanks to the heroic efforts of a number of committed volunteers the club has managed to maintain and enhance its reputation as a welcoming and hospitable family club at the heart of the rugby family in the North East.

A highlight at the start of the season was the transformation of the Piggery organised by Alastair Hagen leading a willing group of volunteers and supported by our very generous sponsors. The improved S&C and changing facilities were welcomed by the players who demonstrated their appreciation by their commitment and success on the pitch throughout the season.

Our social committee were as busy as ever during the year organising a successful Burns' Supper, Ladies Day, Annual Dinner and Super Saturday. Another great day for the club saw 300 people gather at The Meadows for the First XV's final home game of the season to celebrate all the club had achieved.

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Activities in the year (cont.)

The Junior and Youth Sections rounded off their season with the traditional trophy day during which a sponsored walk and run through the town raised club funds and an impressive £1,900 for the My Name'5 Doddie Foundation.

The First XV

The First XV had a very successful year with [redacted]n charge for his second season, supported by [redacted] Leading the league for much of the year they were pipped at the post but to finish second, playing a crowd pleasing style of attacking rugby, was a fantastic result. The senior team have developed significantly over the last few seasons and in the process are hopefully inspiring the younger members of the club. Most encouraging is that the average age of the matchday squads was between 20 and 22 years old and in the last 2 seasons 15 players have moved up from the club's youth section to experience senior rugby. The season was capped off by the promotion to Tennent's Caledonian League 1. This will be a big step up for the players but given their age and ability it has to be hoped that they will continue to improve and will welcome the new challenge. The one dissapointing news for the seniors was [redacted] decision to step down at the end of the season. He has made a significant contribution to the club not just in the last two years but over many years as a player and the club wish him well in his future rugby career.

Girl's Rugby

During the seaon Ellon players benefitted from working with Grampian Girls to ensure they gained game time and were able to develop their rugby skills and experience. The girls were coached throughout the season by [redacted] and positive developments were seen in the players as individuals and a team. Nine new players were recruited but further recruitment will be required as more senior players move on to further education.

Junior Section

The junior section continues to go from strength to strength with playing numbers increasing. The section also benefitted from an increase in volunteers willing to help with coaching resulting in 3 to 4 coaches at each age group. There will always be a turnover in coaches and so we can't rest on our laurels and will constatntly seek to recruite and train new coaching volunteers.

During the season the junior section were represented throughout the country from friendlies in Perthshire and Howe of Fife to a P6 tour to Melrose and Hawick and the P5s reaching a final at Scotstoun playing in front of a sell out Glasgow Warrior crowd. In addition the teams played at a number of festivals and tournaments with the P4s winning at Mackie and Grammar and the P6s winning at Mackie, Grammar and Deeside.

There has been a lot of travelling but the club believes this gives teams the experiences on and off the field to build them as squads and individuals and develop their rugby skills playing competitive teams around the country. It also promotes Ellon Rugby Club and allows us to develop positive relationships with other clubs. With this in mind the Juniors are planning a tour to Ireland in Autumn 2018.

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Trustees' Report (cont.)

Activities in the year (cont.)

Youth Section

The Youth section continued to put out representative teams at all five age bands between U13 and U18. These teams competed in the Lancer conference finishing second overall. Our U16s finished top of their conference with the U18 and U15s in second place. The position of the younger teams are not recorded. The U15 and U16 teams reached the Plate finals of the Caledonia Cup although both lost out on the day.

The club held a successful sevens tournament for U13 to U15 while the U16 team gained great experience from a short tour to Newcastle and Hawick.

This has been a particulary positive year in developing individual players. While a number of U18 players experienced adult rugby for the first time the end of the season will see the largest number of youth players moving up to the senior team for some while. Twenty one of our players trained with the Caledonia Regional Training Centre at U16 to U18.

Trustees remuneration and expenses

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year.

Policy on the Reserves

The Trustees believe it is prudent to maintain a figure in reserves to allow for emergencies and unforseen circumstances. This figure is in addition to restricted funds received which have not been expensed and funds specifically set aside for identified projects including equipment and capital purchases. The Trustees believe an appropriate reserve figure taking into account The Club's current activities is £10,000. The reserve figure will be reviewed annually to take into account any changes in The Club's circumstances

As a result of the surplus in the year of £7,305 (2017: £12,957), The Club held reserves of £21,262 (2017: £13,957) at the year end of which £16,699 (2017: £13,957)were unrestricted.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

[redacted]

25 February 2019

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Ellon Rugby Club SCIO

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2018 which are set out on pages 7 to 10.

Respective reponsibilites of management commmitee and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity's management committee consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

    - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
    - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

    have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year to 30 June 2018

	Note	2018 Unrestricted Funds £	2018 Restricted Funds £	**2018 Total Funds £**	2017 Total Funds £
Receipts					
Transferred from Ellon Rugby Club		-	-	-	23,185
Donations	1	58,000	17,150	**75,150**	64,840
Receipts from Fundraising Activities	2	17,805	1,608	**19,413**	16,668
Gross Receipts from Charitable Activities	3	6,341	19,843	**26,184**	30,437
Total Receipts		82,146	38,601	**120,747**	135,130
Payments					
Expenses for Fundraising Activities	4	7,211	-	**7,211**	9,057
Payments relating to Charitable Activities	5	72,167	34,064	**106,231**	113,116
Total Payments		79,378	34,064	**113,442**	122,173
Net Receipts in Year		2,768	4,537	**7,305**	12,957
Transfer between funds		-26	26	-	-
Surplus for Year		2,742	4,563	**7,305**	12,957

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Statement of Balances as at 30 June 2018

	2018 Unrestricted Funds £	2018 Restricted Funds £	**2018 Total Funds £**	2017 Total Funds £
Bank and cash in hand				
At start of year	13,957	-	**13,957**	1,000
Surplus for year	2,742	4,563	**7,305**	12,957
At end of year	16,699	4,563	**21,262**	13,957
Reserves				
General funds	16,699	**4,563**	**21,262**	13,957
Assets				
Aberdeenshire Council Grant for Scottish Golden Oldies Festival	-	-	-	4,102
Liabilities				
PAYE outstanding	251	-	**251**	520

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 25 February 2019 and signed on their behalf by

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Notes to the Accounts

	2018 Unrestricted Funds £	2018 Restricted Funds £	**2018 Total Funds £**	2017 Total Funds £
1. Donations				
Membership				
Senior Players	2,645	-	**2,645**	1,300
Bears	480	-	**480**	390
Youth/Junior Players	16,225	-	**16,225**	8,986
Family	7,578	-	**7,578**	5,800
Supporters	620	-	**620**	165
Pitch Fees	-	-	-	3,060
	27,548	-	**27,548**	19,701
Match Fees	13,273	-	**13,273**	12,375
SRU Funding	12,469	11,000	**23,469**	25,009
Sponsors	2,973	6,150	**9,123**	7,755
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid	1,737	-	**1,737**	
	58,000	17,150	**75,150**	64,840
2. Receipts form Fundraising Activities				
Barbecue	6,154	-	**6,154**	1,448
Second Hand Kit Stall	1,134	-	**1,134**	1,558
Social Events	4,933	-	**4,933**	9,468
Sponsored Events	3,276	1,608	**4,884**	1,575
Sale of Kit	2,308	-	**2,308**	2,619
	17,805	1,608	**19,413**	16,668
3. Gross Receipts from Charitable Activities				
Scottish Golden Oldies Festival	3,102	1,000	**4,102**	3,013
Junior Tour	-	1,350	**1,350**	16,553
Youth Tours	3,239	3,505	**6,744**	-
International Ticket Sales	-	13,988	**13,988**	10,871
	6,341	19,843	**26,184**	30,437
4. Expenses for Fundraising Activities				
Barbecue	1,633	-	**1,633**	898
Kit for sale	1,653	-	**1,653**	2,550
Social Events	3,925	-	**3,925**	5,609
	7,211	-	**7,211**	9,057

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Notes to the Accounts (cont.)

	2018 Unrestricted Funds £	2018 Restricted Funds £	2018 Total Funds £	2017 Total Funds £
5. Payments relating to Charitable Activities				
Pitch Hire	18,585	-	**18,585**	19,517
Coaches' Courses and Training	368	-	**368**	2,873
Strips	994	-	**994**	7,818
Equipment	1,637	4,393	**6,030**	6,500
Development Officer	10,192	11,000	**21,192**	20,564
Travel Expenses	21,483	-	**21,483**	17,197
Catering	5,960	-	**5,960**	6,035
Club Physio	3,410	-	**3,410**	1,310
Scottish Golden Oldies	300	-	**300**	3,180
Junior Tour	-	-	-	16,567
Youth Tours	2,650	4,330	**6,980**	-
International Tickets	-	14,341	**14,341**	9,643
Trophies	1,110	-	**1,110**	599
Facilities Refurbishment	3,544	-	**3,544**	-
Administration Charges	946	-	**946**	810
Finance Charges	988	-	**988**	503
	72,167	34,064	**106,231**	113,116