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Statements of Financial Position and Financial Statements

VICTORIA PARK CITY OF GLASGOW ATHLETIC CLUB

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period ended 30 April 2020

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Victoria Park City of Glasgow Athletic Club
Other names charity is known by	VP-Glasgow
Registered charity number	SC047344
Charity's principal address	38 Deepdene Road Bearsden G61 1NT

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Isobel Margaret Black		
Ralph Morris Connolly		
Garry William Chatham	Welfare Officer	
Suzanne Gilmour		
Adele Henry	Treasurer	
Charlie William Murray	Vice President	
Diane Ramsay		
James Graham Smith	President	
Hugh Taylor Stevenson	Secretary	

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing documents

The Club is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution. The Club was previously an unincorporated association and changed legal form to a SCIO on 20 April 2017. The assets were transferred to the SCIO at that date.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

All of the Club's trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at our annual general meeting.

They're elected for a period of 1 year but are eligible for re-election. There must be a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 10 trustees.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

Our purposes, as recorded in our constitution, are to promote and advance all disciplines of Athletics as a competitive sport.

To provide recreational facilities, and to organise recreational activities, available to members of the public at large, with the object of improving the conditions of life.

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Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

We compete in all National and Regional Championships in Track and Field Athletics, Road Races and Cross-Country races. We provide competition in Scottish Leagues for children aged 9 to 16 years and UK National competition for our athletes aged 17 years to Veterans.

The Club provides athletics coaching and competition to members of the community from age 5 upwards from our base at Scotstoun Stadium, Glasgow.

The Club provides coaching in Sprints, Endurance, Jumps and Throws on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings to athletes of all ages and abilities. In any week, over 400 children and adults will attend our training sessions in preparation for competition at local and national level.

We also provide "run, jump and throw" sessions on Saturday mornings for athletes aged 5 to 12 years of age. 60 children attend the weekly sessions during term time.

We also provided 6 weeks of holiday camps during the school holidays and provided at least one week of athletics coaching to 200 children aged between 5 and 12 years of age.

We have a growing group of athletes with a disability, 8 of whom have been selected to compete at the Special Olympics in Liverpool in 2021. This competition is now likely to go ahead in 2022.

We provided support and free coaching to many local schools. We supported several School Sports days and assisted the local Active Schools Coordinators in organising Glasgow school's athletic meetings.

We invite and encourage potential athletes to attend our free come and try evening sessions at Scotstoun Stadium. Many have gone on to become successful athletes.

The Club's activities are made possible by the commitment and enthusiasm of a large number of volunteers who deliver coaching and support the administration and organisation of the Club. The volunteer coaching team is supplemented by several young coaches on a self-employed basis.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

The Club had another very successful year of competition.

In the National Cross Country Relays at Callender Park, Cumbernauld, in October, our senior women's team of Mhairi Hendry, Phillipa Millage, Josephine Moultrie and Gillian Black finished in 2nd place overall.

In February, our Senior women set a new Scottish 4 x 200m relay record at the Emirates Arena and in March, our U15 girls set another Scottish 4 x 200m relay record at the same venue.

Also, in March, we had the finals of the Scottish Athletics Indoor League at the Emirates where our U15 girls, U17 women and U20 women all finished as Champions.

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The first major event of the season was at the World Youth Games in Gothenburg where Holly Kirkwood set a new Scottish Triple Jump record of 11.38m and Gavin Wilson won bronze in the High Jump with a height of 1.92m.

The Superteams competition for U12's was held at Scotstoun in early June. It was a great day for the Club with our boys finishing 1st out of 45 teams and our girls finishing 2nd out of 70 teams.

The Scottish National Championships were held at Grangemouth over two weekends in August.

The highlight of the Championships was Meghan Porterfield winning gold and setting a new Scottish U15 record in the Shot Put with a distance of 13.29m.

That performance was followed by Jax Thoires winning gold in the Pole Vault with a Championship best performance of 5.33m.

In the jumps, Abbey Orr won gold in the High Jump with a height of 1.67m, Connor McNally in the High Jump with a height of 1.79m and in the Long Jump with a distance of 6.13m.

Holly Kirkwood won gold in the Long Jump with a distance of 5.51m and Hannah Lawler in the Pole Vault with a height of 3.15m.

On the track, Jenna Hilditch won gold in the 75m Hurdles in a time of 11.51s and Emily Miller in the 400m with a time of 57.35s.

In the throws, Holly Hailstone won gold in the Javelin with a distance of 24.79m, Alice Baxendale in the U20 Discus with a distance of 35.38m, Kiera Maxwell in the U17 Discus with a distance of 34.81m and Mhairi Porterfield in the shot with a distance of 13.54m.

At the England Athletics Combined Events Championships in Manchester on the 5th of August, Kyle McAulay won the silver medal in the U17 Men's Decathlon while achieving 6 PB's and a total of 5,323 points and Katie Burr won the bronze medal while achieving 4 individual PB's and an overall total of 4,928 points.

In the first week in September, 10 of our athletes attended the England Athletic Championships in Bedford where Connor McNally won gold in the long jump with a personal best performance of 6.44m. Holly Kirkwood was again in the medals, winning silver in the long jump with a 5.49m.

We had an exceptional year in the Leagues. The highlight of course was winning the Scottish Women's League in the last match of the season at Grangemouth.

We also won the last match of the Central and South of Scotland League at Grangemouth and again finished as Champions.

In the UK Women's Athletic League, we finished 2nd in our last match of the season at Scotstoun and 2nd place overall. We were promoted to Division 1.

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It was a mixed year for our senior men. We were relegated to Division 2 of the Scottish Athletic League, but 10 of our athletes assisted the Glasgow City team in becoming Champions and getting promoted to Division 1 of the British Athletic League.

In the Scottish Youth Development League Division 1 for U13's and U15's, we finished in 5th place and retain our place for next year.

In the UK Youth Development League for U17's and U20's, our composite team finished 5th in the last match at Carlisle and 4th overall in the Northern Premier League.

In this year's Event Specific Series organised by Scottish Athletics, based on performances in National Championships, District Championships and selected Open Graded events, Victoria Park finished top in the following categories.

Senior Throws, U17 Throws, U17 Jumps, U15 Jumps and U13 Throws.

We finished 3rd in the overall Club category and 2nd in the Performance category.

We were the top performing club in the country for Throws, 2nd for Sprints/Hurdles and 3rd for Jumps.

Another highly successful year.

Financial Review

Reserves policy

The charity's policy is to hold reserves that are equal to approximately 6 months of expenditure to cover any unpredictable circumstances. Free reserves at the end of the year were a higher than this target, equating to approximately 10 months' worth of expenditure.

This prudent management of reserves has left us in a good position to weather the COVID-19 crisis and its impact on the Club's activities and finances. The income from memberships reduced as a direct result of the decision made by the Committee on 16 March 2020 to suspend the payment of training fees by direct debit while the facility at Scotstoun was closed. Training and fees have resumed from October 2020 but inevitably this period has had an adverse impact on the reserves. The Trustees scrutinise the situation and the financial position on a regular basis and are confident that, while there remains considerable uncertainty over the length of time we will be impacted by this worldwide pandemic, the Club has the necessary resilience and financial reserves to face the short, medium and longer term.

The Trustees have concluded there are no known material uncertainties regarding the Club's ability to operate as a going concern and accordingly the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

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Other information

The Club has published Codes of Conduct which all athletes, parents / guardians of Young Athletes, Coaches, Officials and Club Volunteers are required to sign up to. These cover all aspects of discipline, child protection, misconduct and health & safety matters.

The club has a welfare officer who has overall responsibility to ensure all coaches and officials are CRB / PVG checked.

The Business Development Manager has responsibility for communication and his role is to promote the club to the wider community with a view to widening the community's awareness of the club and attracting new members in all categories.

VP-Glasgow Athletic Club is committed to communicating regularly with its athletes, officials, coaches and volunteers. Electronic communication is essential for sharing Club news and information in a timely and cost-effective manner, so electronic communication is our preferred mode of communication. Notices placed on Club noticeboards are usually in addition to electronic communication on the same topic. We use email to provide information to members about competition, training, club social events and other Club business.

Our website (www.vp-glasgow.com) includes information on applying for membership, upcoming competitions, social events, coaches, Club records, ranking lists, reports, rules and policies.

Our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/groups/VPGlasgow/) is regularly updated with photos and results from recent events as well as other appropriate information. Our twitter account is @ VP_Glasgow_AC. Both are integrated into the home page of our website.

The club uses an online system powered by 'LoveAdmin' for managing its membership database. This allows current members to make their annual membership or monthly training payments online. The new database system also facilitates selective 'group' E-Mailing which allows the targeting of appropriate recipients for specific E-Mails. This system is now regularly used to make contact with the entire membership.

Our membership has increased once again this year to 695. We have supported at least 8 new coaches in completing their assistant coach course and 2 of our coaches achieved their Level 3 award. Where we have failed to recruit enough volunteers, we have paid self-employed coaches to plug any gaps in our coaching structure.

Our Road Running group is becoming more popular. We have 8 regular jog leaders with 48 members making up our road running group. This group meets within the stadium reception at Scotstoun at 7pm on every Tuesday and Thursday evening and Saturday morning.

The group welcomes runners of all abilities from novices getting fit through the Couch 2 5K program to competing endurance athletes.

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One disappointment has been the reduced numbers attending our summer camps which has led to a fall in membership fees for the year. We have found it increasingly difficult to reach non-members within the public at large. In previous years, our services were advertised by Glasgow Life (management of Scotstoun Stadium). They have distanced themselves from independent clubs and have instead encouraged children to use sports sessions run by their own staff. We hope to reach agreement with the management to address this as no one seems to be benefitting from this change.

This year we have placed adverts for our club, holiday camps and run, jump, and throw activities on Facebook. We hope that this will help us to increase the numbers attending.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

James Graham Smith
President
Date: 3 January 2021



Independent examiner's report to the trustees and members of Victoria Park City of Glasgow Athletic Club, SCO47344, for the period ended 30 April 2020

Respective responsibilities of trustees 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) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees 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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 trustees 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 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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Date 3 January 2021

Statement of Receipts and Payments
For the period ended 30 April 2020

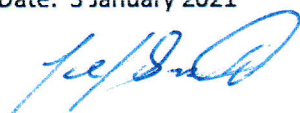
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Receipts:					
Donations	1	7,865	-	7,865	8,424
Grants	2	-	500	500	565
Charitable activities	3	124,993	-	124,993	133,904
Total income		132,858	500	133,358	142,893
Payments:					
Charitable activities	4	114,629	500	115,129	120,308
Total payments		114,629	500	115,129	120,308
Net receipts / (payments)		18,229	-	18,229	22,585
Transfers to / (from) funds		-	-	-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for the period		18,229	-	18,229	22,585
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds at start of period	6	78,905	1,484	80,389	57,804
Net movement in funds for the year	6	18,229	-	18,229	22,585
Total funds at end of period	6	97,134	1,484	98,618	80,389

Statement of Balances
As at 30 April 2020

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Cash funds:					
Cash and bank balances at start of period		78,905	1,484	80,389	57,804
Surplus on receipts and payments account		18,229	-	18,229	22,585
Cash and bank balances at end of period		97,134	1,484	98,618	80,389

Signed on behalf of all trustees by:

Name: James Graham Smith
President
Date: 3 January 2021




Name: Adele Henry
Treasurer
Date: 3 January 2021

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Donations - individuals & community groups	365	-	365	1,424
Corporate Sponsorship	7,500	-	7,500	7,000
Total income from donations	7,865	-	7,865	8,424

2. Grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Culture & Sport Glasgow	-	500	500	565
Total income from grants	-	500	500	565

3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Membership fees	122,541	-	122,541	132,506
Prize money	2,452	-	2,452	750
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	648
Total income from charitable activities	124,993	-	124,993	133,904

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4. Payments on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Coaching	27,403	500	27,903	29,961
Competitions	18,333	-	18,333	11,597
Club Together	9,172	-	9,172	8,000
Affiliations	6,704	-	6,704	6,014
Facilities	32,976	-	32,976	50,287
Equipment	9,510	-	9,510	3,902
Media	417	-	417	946
Transaction charges	4,303	-	4,303	4,631
Admin	1,327	-	1,327	740
Miscellaneous	4,484	-	4,484	4,230
Total payments on charitable activities	114,629	500	115,129	120,308

5. Trustee payments

No remuneration or expenses were paid to any charity trustees during the period.

6. Funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fund balances at start of period	78,905	1,484	80,389
Surplus for the period	18,229	-	18,229
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Fund balances at end of period	97,134	1,484	98,618

These funds are retained in order to provide funds for:

Unrestricted purposes

To meet the financial objectives of the Charity, which are to promote and advance all disciplines of Athletics as a competitive sport and to provide recreational facilities and to organise recreational activities, available to members of the public at large, with the object of improving the conditions of life.

Restricted purposes

Donations for specific funds and projects as detailed below:

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Breakdown of restricted funds

	Club awards £	Coach training £	Disability athlete sessions £	Total £
Opening balance	60	-	1,424	1,484
Receipts:				
Donations	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	500	-	500
Total income	-	500	-	500
Payments:				
Charitable activities	-	500	-	500
Total payments	-	500	-	500
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-
Closing balance	60	-	1,424	1,484

Club award – donation to fund a club award for most improved race runner over the five year period from 2017 to 2021.

Coach training – donation from Culture & Sport Glasgow towards funding of coach training.

Disability athlete sessions – donations to fund activities to benefit the disability section of the club which will be utilised in the near future.