



Victoria Park City of Glasgow Athletic Club

Annual Report and Financial Statements **Period ended 30 April 2021**

Charity number: SC047344

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period ended 30 April 2021

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Victoria Park City of Glasgow Athletic Club
Other names charity is known by	VP-Glasgow
Registered charity number	SCO47344
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
Jan Bissett		Appointed 14 April 2021
Isobel Margaret Black		
Ralph Morris Connolly		
Garry William Chatham	Welfare Officer	
Suzanne Gilmour		
Kiera Maxwell	Treasurer	Appointed 16 May 2021
Charlie William Murray	Vice President	
Diane Ramsay		
James Graham Smith	President	
Hugh Taylor Stevenson	Secretary	

Names of other charity trustees during the period

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Adele Henry	Treasurer	Resigned 3 January 2021, Re-appointed 18 April 2021, Resigned 16 May 2021
Alistair Shields	Treasurer	Appointed 3 January 2021, Resigned 18 April 2021

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.

Trustees' Annual Report (continued)

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.

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 provide 6 or 7 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, 20 have learning disabilities and compete in events organised by the club, Scottish Disability Sport and Special Olympics GB. We also have 4 Frame Runners (athletes with cerebral palsy) who compete in events organised by the club and Scottish Disability Sport.

We normally provide support and free coaching to many local schools. We support 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.

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Achievements and performance

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

The year of 2020-21 has been a year like no other for Victoria Park City of Glasgow AC.

When the committee met in March 2020, in light of the Covid-19 outbreak, they reluctantly decided to stop all club training sessions at Scotstoun Stadium. This was followed by a UK and Scottish Government public health lockdown and stay at home order.

The club very quickly switched our focus to encouraging athletes to keep fit and active through posting training session plans out by email. We improved our involvement over the weeks and months by organising online (zoom) coaching sessions where expert advice was provided. Some of our best coaches created training videos which were hosted on YouTube and available online to the entire membership.

Our committee meetings were held via Zoom in what was to become a very familiar format.

The year started with no in person training taking place, followed by a period where we were at first allowed one athlete to meet up with one coach for a short session. By the end of August our coaches were allowed to meet and train with small groups in public parks around the City.

That same month, Scottish Athletics organised a socially distanced National Open Track and Field series at Meadowmill Stadium in Tranent which was attended by over 40 of our athletes. The event was held over 3 weekends in August and September.

Scottish Athletics organised a virtual national SuperTeams Challenge which was very popular with our junior members. The athletes took part in four events and their performances recorded for a 75m sprint, a target throw, long jump and 800m run.

Our U13 Girls team of Aneesah King Oubacha, Anna Kelly, Holly Rowbotham and Anna Ross were 1st in their age group. Our U13 Boys team of Rhuaire Laing, Ollie Petrie, Andrew Bain and Gerard Gontor were also 1st in their age group. Our U11 Girls team of Heidi Smith, Daisy Smith and Anna Rennie were 5th in their age group and our U11 Boys team of Fraser Parkinson and Mathew Finlay were 6th.

Impressively, Rhuaire Laing and Ollie Petrie were 1st and 2nd respectively in their age group and Aneesah King Oubacha was 2nd in the girl's event. Another three who made their way to the top of the U9 leader board was Caitlin Laing(1st girl), Alexander Low (2nd boy) and Sophie MacGregor (3rd girl).

Our road running group organised a series on virtual road races before moving on to hill runs and other weekly challenges.

We had no league competitions or championship events for the entire year.

We were finally allowed to return to our training sessions at Scotstoun Stadium on the 5th of October 2020.

Trustees' Annual Report (continued)

Achievements and performance (continued)

In preparation for a return to training we carried out a detailed risk assessment and shared our plans with committee members and coaches. We created and introduced an online booking system which linked into an attendance register. The stadium was divided into areas where small groups of athletes could train in bubbles.

The numbers that returned to training after the lockdown have been very good. Although our membership has fallen to 670, the numbers of competing athletes that pay a monthly access/coaching fee by direct debit has remained at around 390.

We had exclusive use of Scotstoun Stadium for our training sessions. Unfortunately, we were unable to use or share any of the stadium's equipment due to the Covid-19 risk assessment. As a result of this, we had to purchase our own hurdles, starting blocks, javelins, discus, shots, hammer, medicine balls and kettlebells.

We agreed not to hold an annual awards night as there had been very little competition. We did however agree to give one of our retiring coaches, Sheila Atkinson, a Life Membership award for 40 years of volunteer coaching. One of our officials, Diane Ramsay was awarded the Technical Official of the year award by Scottish Athletics.

Although there were no indoor competitions or Road races for our members, we did host our own, very successful Christmas Road Race.

We held our first Annual General Meeting via Zoom in January and can report that the mood within the club was still very high.

For the remainder of the year, the rules around meeting and training have been gradually relaxed and the club is expected to make a full recovery.

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 and this objective has been achieved.

The income from our membership fees has fallen this year as a direct result of the decision by our committee to suspend the payments of training fees by direct debit in light of the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Trustees scrutinise the situation and the financial position on a regular basis and are confident that, while there remains some 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.

Trustees' Annual Report (continued)

Other information

VP-Glasgow would have celebrated our 90th anniversary in April 2020 having been founded in 1930. Unfortunately, any celebrations will have to wait until the end of the pandemic.

The 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 extensively used to contact the entire membership.

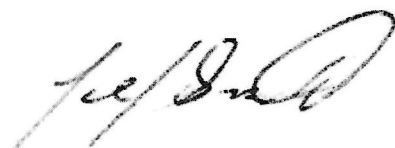
Our membership has decreased this year to 670. We have supported at 6 new coaches in completing their assistant coach course and two of our coaches achieved their Level 2 award. Where we have failed to recruit enough volunteers, we have paid self-employed coaches to plug any gaps in our coaching structure.

Our Road Running group is becoming more popular. We have 8 regular jog leaders with 50 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.

Unfortunately we were unable to host summer camps at Scotstoun due to the lockdown but there is a lot of interest in these sessions returning.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



James Graham Smith
President
Date: 9 January 2022

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Victoria Park City of Glasgow Athletic Club

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2021 which are set out on pages 7 to 11.

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 (as amended). 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 9 January 2022

Statement of Receipts and Payments
For the period ended 30 April 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Receipts:					
Donations	1	2,000	-	2,000	7,865
Grants	2	-	-	-	500
Charitable activities	3	52,486	-	52,486	124,993
Total income		54,486	-	54,486	133,358
Payments:					
Charitable activities	4	46,752	80	46,832	115,129
Total payments		46,752	80	46,832	115,129
Net receipts / (payments)		7,734	(80)	7,654	18,229
Transfers to / (from) funds		-	-	-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for the period		7,734	(80)	7,654	18,229
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds at start of period	6	97,134	1,484	98,618	80,389
Net movement in funds for the year	6	7,734	(80)	7,654	18,229
Total funds at end of period	6	104,868	1,404	106,272	98,618

Statement of Balances
As at 30 April 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Cash funds:					
Cash and bank balances at start of period		97,134	1,484	98,618	80,389
Surplus on receipts and payments account		7,734	(80)	7,654	18,229
Cash and bank balances at end of period		104,868	1,404	106,272	98,618

Signed on behalf of all trustees by:



Name: James Graham Smith
President
Date: 9 January 2022



Name: Kiera Maxwell
Treasurer
Date: 9 January 2022

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Donations - individuals & community groups	-	-	-	365
Corporate Sponsorship	2,000	-	2,000	7,500
Total income from donations	2,000	-	2,000	7,865

2. Grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Culture & Sport Glasgow	-	-	-	500
Total income from grants	-	-	-	500

3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Membership fees	52,486	-	52,486	122,541
Prize money	-	-	-	2,452
Total income from charitable activities	52,486	-	52,486	124,993

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

4. Payments on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Coaching	6,328	-	6,328	27,903
Competitions	(350)	-	(350)	18,333
Club Together	9,172	-	9,172	9,172
Affiliations	3,650	40	3,690	6,704
Facilities	18,114	-	18,114	32,976
Equipment	5,845	-	5,845	9,510
Media	-	-	-	417
Transaction charges	1,829	-	1,829	4,303
Admin	1,163	-	1,163	1,327
Miscellaneous	1,001	40	1,041	4,484
Total payments on charitable activities	46,752	80	46,832	115,129

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	97,134	1,484	98,618
Surplus for the period	7,734	(80)	7,654
Fund balances at end of period	104,868	1,404	106,272

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 £	Disability athlete sessions £	Total £
Opening balance	60	1,424	1,484
Payments:			
Charitable activities	40	40	80
Total payments	40	40	80
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-
Closing balance	20	1,384	1,404

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

Disability athlete sessions – donations to fund activities to benefit the disability section of the club.