



Victoria Park City of Glasgow Athletic Club

Annual Report and Financial Statements **Period ended 30 April 2022**

Charity number: SC047344

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period ended 30 April 2022

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
Jan Bissett		
Isobel Margaret Black		
Ralph Morris Connolly		
Kiera Maxwell	Treasurer	Appointed 16 May 2021
Louise Love	Welfare Officer	Appointed 19 January 2022
Diane Ramsay		
James Graham Smith	President	
Hugh Taylor Stevenson	Secretary	

Names of other charity trustees during the period	Dates acted if not for whole year
Suzanne Gilmour	Resigned 19 January 2022
Garry William Chatham	Resigned 19 January 2022
Charlie William Murray	Resigned 19 January 2022
Adele Henry	Appointed 18 April 2021, Resigned 16 May 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 9 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 were, once again, able to host our Summer Camps at Scotstoun Stadium for children from 5 to 13 years of age. The camps were held over 7 weeks of the school holidays and attracted an average of 70 children per day.

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 provided support and free coaching to many of our local schools. We support several School Sports days and assisted the local Active Schools Coordinators in organising 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.

Trustees' Annual Report (continued)

Achievements and performance

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

The year of 2021-22 has seen an improvement in our fortunes, involving a full return to training at Scotstoun on both the outside and indoor tracks following the pandemic.

Although our numbers have been reduced from 670 members to around 650, the numbers paying for monthly track access has remained constant.

Our committee meetings were held in person and the need for Zoom meetings almost forgotten.

The highest measure of success for a competing athlete these days is to achieve the UK Power of Ten target for the year, and this year three of our athletes did just that.

Meghan Porterfield was 1st in the U17 Discus at the Scottish Championships in Aberdeen with a distance of 39.61m which placed her 3rd in the UK rankings. She also exceeded her target in the shot put with a distance of 14.54m at Dundee and placed her 5th in the UK rankings.

Kiera Maxwell was 1st in the U20 Discus at the Manchester International with a distance of 42.70m which placed her 6th in the UK rankings.

Katie Burr set a personal best in the Javelin with a distance of 44.28m at the England Athletics Championships in Bedford which placed her 5th in the UK rankings.

At the Scottish Championships in August and September, for athletes from U13 to Senior which includes athletes with disabilities, we won a total of 55 medals.

The following athletes won gold medals in their respective events: Catriona Scott in the U17 300m hurdles, Fraser Gilmour in the U17 1500m steeplechase, Meghan Porterfield in the U17 discus, U17 shot put and U20 discus, Callum Hendry in the U17 Hammer, Katie Burr in the Senior Javelin, Lara Storrie in the U17 Pole Vault, James Clark in the U15 Boys 300m, Jessie Caig in the U15 Girls 75m Hurdles, Sol Stewart in the U20 Men's 100m, Ross Morgan in the U20 Men's 110m Hurdles, Fintan Rooney in the U13 Boys Discus and Julie McElroy in the 100m frame- running event.

International Representation

A record 11 members of Victoria Park represented Scotland at the Schools International at Derby in September.

Those taking part included Jenna Hilditch, Meghan Porterfield, Lara Storrie, Lewis Craigie, Connor McNally, Erin Quinn, Holly Kirkwood, Ryan Rooney, Catriona Scott, Fraser Gilmour and Callum Hendry.

Other international representation went to Alexander Thomson, who was 3rd in the 400m at the European Para Championships in Poland in June with a personal best time of 54.46s.

And at the Manchester International in August, Katie Burr, Kiera Maxwell, Ross Morgan and Sol Stewart represented Scotland at U20.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period (cont'd)

Fraser Gilmour had great success on the hills. He represented Scotland at the Home International match at Ambleside in July where he won U18 individual gold and team gold.

Fraser also represented Scotland at the U20 Home International in Northern Ireland.

Leagues 2021

This year, the men's league, women's league and Junior league combined over 5 matches, in an open graded format. Four matches were at Grangemouth and the other in Aberdeen.

The Youth Development League were able to host two matches at Kilmarnock, in a revised format.

And while we're grateful that some competition was able to go ahead, it wasn't as competitive as previous years.

Planning for the 2022 season is going ahead and all of the league competitions are expected to return to their pre pandemic format.

Training

The numbers that returned to training after the lockdown have been very good. Although our membership has fallen to 650, the numbers of competing athletes that pay a monthly access/coaching fee by direct debit has remained at around 390.

We now have exclusive access to Scotstoun Stadium on Monday to Friday evenings and Saturday and Sunday mornings. This arrangement with Glasgow Life has ensured our athletes have access to the specialist practise areas for long jump, throws and high jump.

Financial Review

Reserves policy

The charity's policy is to hold reserves that are equal to a minimum of 6 months of expenditure to cover any unpredictable circumstances and this objective has been achieved and exceeded.

The Trustees scrutinise the situation and the financial position on a regular basis and are confident that, while there remains some uncertainty following the impact of the 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 91st anniversary in April 2021 having been founded in 1930.

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 650. We have supported 8 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 10 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. As a sign of the groups growing importance, 2 of its leaders have joined our committee.

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 2023

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 2022 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 2023

Statement of Receipts and Payments
For the period ended 30 April 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Receipts:					
Donations	1	3,250	-	3,250	2,000
Charitable activities	3	120,589	-	120,589	52,486
Total income		123,839	-	123,839	54,486
Payments:					
Charitable activities	4	124,323	(20)	124,343	46,832
Total payments		124,323	(20)	124,343	46,832
Net receipts / (payments)		(484)	(20)	(504)	7,654
Transfers to / (from) funds		-	-	-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for the period		(484)	(20)	(504)	7,654
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds at start of period	6	104,868	1,404	106,272	98,618
Net movement in funds for the year	6	(484)	(20)	(504)	7,654
Total funds at end of period	6	104,384	1,384	105,768	106,272

Statement of Balances
As at 30 April 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Cash funds:					
Cash and bank balances at start of period		104,868	1,404	106,272	98,618
Surplus on receipts and payments account		(484)	(20)	(504)	7,654
Cash and bank balances at end of period		104,384	1,384	105,768	106,272

Signed on behalf of all trustees by:

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Name: James Graham Smith
President
Date: 9 January 2023

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Name: Kiera Maxwell
Treasurer
Date: 9 January 2023

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Donations - individuals & community groups	250	-	250	-
Corporate Sponsorship	3,000	-	3,000	2,000
Total income from donations	3,250	-	3,250	2,000

2. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Membership fees	120,589	-	120,589	52,486
Total income from charitable activities	120,589	-	120,589	52,486

3. Payments on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Coaching	38,636	-	38,636	6,328
Competitions	5,451	-	5,451	(350)
Club Together	579	-	579	9,172
Affiliations	13,677	-	13,677	3,690
Facilities	49,660	-	49,660	18,114
Equipment	6,862	-	6,862	5,845
Media	360	-	360	-
Transaction charges	4,405	-	4,405	1,829
Admin	3,724	-	3,724	1,163
Miscellaneous	970	20	990	1,041
Total payments on charitable activities	124,323	20	124,343	46,832

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

5. Trustee payments

No remuneration or expenses were paid to any charity trustees during the period. One trustee successfully achieved the Power of 10 target for the year in their discipline and, in line with other Club athletes, received an award of £150.

6. Funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fund balances at start of period	104,868	1,404	106,272
Surplus for the period	(548)	(20)	(504)
Fund balances at end of period	104,384	1,384	105,768

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:

Breakdown of restricted funds

	Club awards £	Disability athlete sessions £	Total £
Opening balance	20	1,384	1,404
Payments:			
Charitable activities	20	-	20
Total payments	20	-	20
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-
Closing balance	-	1,384	1,384