



Aberdeen Kayak Club SCIO
Trustees' Annual Report
Year ending September 2020

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statement for the year ended September 2020.

Reference and Administrative information

Charity Name: Aberdeen Kayak Club SCIO
Charity Number: SC045213

Registered Address: 25 Oakhill Road, Aberdeen, AB15 5ER

Current Trustees

Steven Hosie	Chairperson
Kate Lines	Secretary
Caroline Anderson	Treasurer

Bill Telfer
Darren Kirkwood
Connor Rough
Cammy Harold
Dan Hosie
Gary Clow
Emma McGonigle

Constitution

Aberdeen Kayak Club SCIO has a two-tier structure with Members and Trustees; trustees who must be members, are elected at the Annual General Meeting held annually. There must be a minimum of three and a maximum of ten trustees. All trustees are unpaid volunteers.

Charitable Purposes

- The promotion of public participation in the sport of Canoeing and the development of this by;
- Making available provision in the City of Aberdeen and elsewhere facilities of any kind for participation in the sport of Canoeing.
- Providing and making available training in the sport if Canoeing.
- Working in Partnership with Other bodies to advance the purposes.

Achievements and Performance

2020 has been a challenging year for all sports, not only kayaking due to COVID.

Overall membership at 2020 year end is again down on last year. A summary of the numbers is detailed below in table 1. From the table it would appear that the largest drop has been in our Junior membership. The drop in numbers is partially due to junior members moving onto Work and Universities, but also because we have not been advertising or actively recruiting due to the COVID pandemic.

Year	2018	2019	2020
Adult male	38	33	35
Adult Female	22	16	13
Junior Male	13	18	3
Junior Female	12	8	2
Total	85	75	53

The Wednesday pool sessions in the RGC Pool were busy (Sept 2019 – Mar 2020) up until the COVID Pandemic hit. Towards Sept 2020 we could not secure any Pool within Aberdeen city due to Robert Gordon College and Aberdeen city council taking a cautionary approach to external lets. This certainly did not help in the recruitment of new paddlers over the winter of 2020.

Seaton Park

COVID restrictions started in March 2020, with the Scottish Government and Scottish Canoe Association (SCA) rules and guidelines being published in July. The guidance recommended against car sharing, and limits on travel outwith your local government areas, which in essence ruled out river trips.

The Trustees made a decision to run fortnightly sessions at Seaton Park, with appropriate mitigation as recommended by the SCA and the Scottish Government (limiting numbers, retaining a record of participants, hand sanitisation being available, maintaining social distancing, equipment cleaning etc). We started these sessions on 22nd July and ran 3 sessions before Aberdeen City was put into Lockdown due to high COVID cases. The sessions were restarted on 2nd September, with the final session being a trip to Rubislaw Quarry arranged by Bill Telfer. Refer to Graph 1 below for Paddler attendance at the Seaton Sessions.

It was appreciated the Trustees and members who volunteered on the Rota, allowing the fortnightly sessions to go ahead. It is understood there is a broad range of attitudes to the risk of COVID, and the pandemic has been extremely damaging to all sports. We can only hope that the vaccinations will slowly allow things to get back to normal in the summer.

Graph 1 - Seaton Park Sessions in 2020



The annual Slalom Competitions usually held in June for Seaton Park and July for Persley were cancelled in 2020 following guidance from SCA.

The Club has renewed its Scottish Canoe Association (SCA) Club affiliation in December 2020. This ensures we have Civil Liability Insurance for our Club activities and Employers Liability Insurance, as well as the benefit of advice, guidance and resources on club development.

The Club has achieved Gold Membership from Club Sport Aberdeen. Membership opens access to organisations within the Active Aberdeen Partnership.

AKC continues to have a positive relationship with the Friends of Seaton Park and with the City Council Environmental Management Team, who have also been restricted in what they can do in the park.

The Club acknowledges the effort of the volunteers, coaches, parents, active members and trustees for their efforts during the year. This includes doing Rota duties, arranging equipment maintenance, managing the Facebook message account, updating AKC webpage, managing the accounts, arranging and coordinating meetings, contacting Pools for lets, completing COVID Officer training, coordinating membership enrolment and fees, etc to name but a few of the varied tasks.

As we continue into 2021, we can only hope that the vaccine will finally allow us to get back to participating in some more outdoor group kayaking. We hope also to be able to encourage more people to join us.

Financial Review

The principal source of funds are membership fees, Seaton Park sessions and annual Slalom competitions. Pool sessions (winter) are charged at a rate designed to recover costs of pool hire. It should be noted that in 2020, due to the restrictions on Club activities the membership renewal fees were deferred for 11 months, further reducing the Club income.

The main Club outgoings are for Insurance of Boats and Equipment, Insurance for the Club's activities provided through SCA, Boat, Paddle and Kayak accessories maintenance and repair.

The accounts presented cover the year to September 2020.



Trustee/Chairman Signed:



Date: 22/06/2021.



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Statement of Receipts & Payments for year ended 30th September 2020

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 30/09/20	Year ended 30/09/19
Receipts				
Donations	30	0	30	15
Grants		250	250	250
Fundraising	0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities	2779	0	2779	12,119
Total Receipts	2809	250	3059	12,384
Payments				
Charitable Activities	2364	0	2364	6,175
SPEAR Project	0	0	0	5,125
Grants	0	0	0	2,021
Total Payments	2364	0	2364	13,321
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	445	250	695	-937

Statement of Balances as at 30th September 2020

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 30/09/20	Year ended 30/09/19
Opening cash at bank/in hand	12,710		12,710	13,647
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	445	250	695	-937
Closing cash at bank/in hand	13,155	250	13,405	12,710
Bank and Cash Balances				
Treasurer's Account			13,135	12,500
Cash in Hand			270	210
Total			13,405	12,710



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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 30th September 2019

1. Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2. Nature and Purpose of Funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the Charity. Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Although the trustees maintain a single Bank Account and associated Cash, the receipts and payments system includes coding to separately identify restricted and unrestricted monies. During this financial period the restricted funds were those received and spent in the form of a grant from BCU slalom committee.

3. Opening and Closing Balances

The opening balance for the SCIO is £12,710.

The closing balance for this financial period is £13,404

4. Equipment

There has been no purchase or sale of equipment during the year and the estimated value of equipment is £6,864.

5. Grants

A grant of £250 was received from BCU Slalom Committee which, was spent on further development of the slalom training site at Persley.

6. Donations

One donation was received during the year and treated as unrestricted funds.



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7. Charitable Activities Income and Expenditure

The income and expenditure associated with the day to day activities of the charity are summarised as:

Charitable Activities Income/Expenditure - Year ended 30th September 2020

	Income	Expense	Surplus/Deficit 30/09/20	Surplus/Deficit 30/09/19
Membership	975	170	805	1,205
Pool Sessions	1122	0	1121	-492
Seaton Sessions	130		130	827
Gym Sessions	260	224	36	-48
River Trips	20		20	78
Competition	0	30	-30	1,231
Miscellaneous	53	470	-417	-1,061
Insurance		594	-594	-595
Equipment	220	877	-657	-326
Grant	250		250	
Donation	30			15
Total	3060	2365	695	834

Prepared by:

Trustee/Treasurer

Signed:

Date: 12/03/21