



Dunfermline Reign Basketball Club

Trustees' Annual Report

1st June 2019 to 31st May 2020



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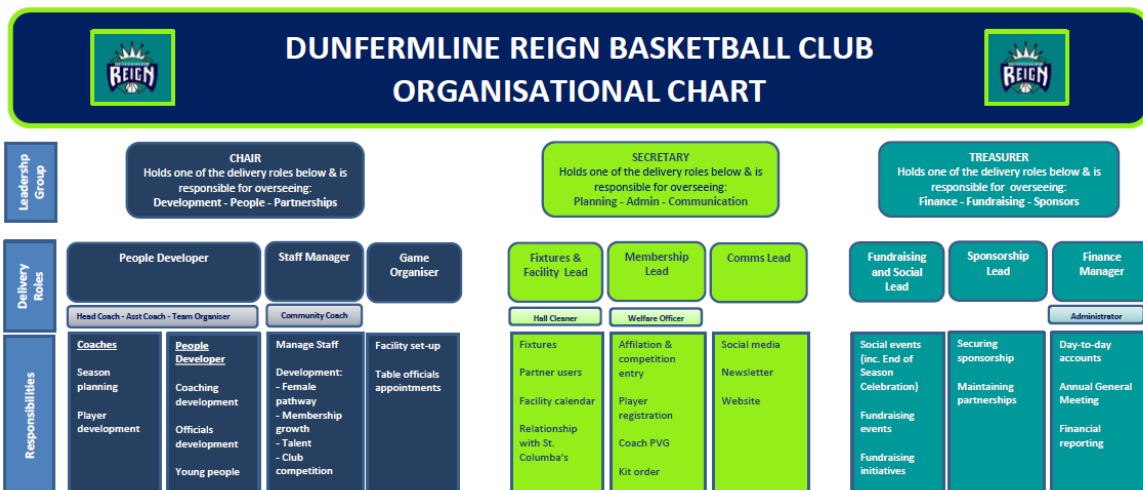
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Charity Trustees

Dunfermline Reign is run by a management committee consisting of our three trustees.



This leadership group of trustees oversees three sub committees that help to drive the club forward.



Objectives and activities

Dunfermline Reign are Fife's only National & Local League basketball team. We have been providing opportunities for local people to enjoy sport for over thirty years. We are a charity based out of St Columba's RC HS in Dunfermline, Fife – our aim is to develop local people through basketball.

We achieve our aim by working in partnership with likeminded organisations such as primary and secondary schools, other clubs, funding organisations, local businesses and other third sector organisations.

We engage kids as young as 3 years old, through our partnership with Baby Ballerz, up to men and women in their 50s, through our social sessions.

The club is established as a charity to pursue the following objectives:

- a) The advancement of public participation in sport and in particular the sport of basketball.
- b) The advancement of health
- c) The advancement of education.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), registered as a charity since October 2018. The charity is established under a constitution which establishes the objectives and powers of the charitable organisation.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The members of the Management Committee shall be drawn from the membership. Candidates shall be elected by paper ballot at the AGM and shall be members of the Charity Trustees from the conclusion of that AGM until the conclusion of the following AGM. All nominations of candidates for election shall: have the consent of the nominee; be in writing; be seconded; be received by the secretary not less than fourteen days before the AGM. Uncontested posts may be filled by nomination(s) and election at the AGM. The Secretary shall send all members a list of all nominations not less than 21 days prior to the AGM.

Achievements and performance

Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic

2019-20 has been a year like no other. Part way through our business year the pandemic ripped through everyone's lives in its own way. Our priority throughout this challenging time has been the people connected to the charity, our staff, volunteer, players, their families & friends and our partners. We are pleased to report that going into the pandemic the strong leadership from our Trustees and committee has allowed us to navigate the challenges we have faced. Our community coaches have stepped up and adopted a creative approach to engaging our members. The report will highlight the impact the charity has been able to make in what has been the toughest year of our existence. We are truly grateful to all those that have rolled their sleeves up and played their part and we know we will emerge stronger than ever.

On the court

Our strong relationships with our local schools continued – we provided our community coaches to deliver free sessions on a weekly basis in 5 high schools (St Columba's RCHS, Woodmill HS, Queen Anne HS, Inverkeithing HS and Beath HS). There have been a number of changes in teaching staff at each school and we have been working hard to build strong relationships. Once again, we ran the local primary school tournaments in partnership with Dunfermline & West Fife Sports Council that saw 18 primary schools come together across two days to compete and experience basketball at the home of Dunfermline Reign. In partnership with basketballscotland and the Jr.NBA we hosted a Division that saw us send our 5 top primary schools into the NBA draft to play against schools from across the country. Each school was given an NBA team to represent and played in the tournament in full NBA kit – a great experience for these young people. We also continued to provide sessions in primaries to support the curriculum around health and wellbeing, providing our community coaches with a platform to encourage kids to come along to our community sessions in the evenings and weekends.

Critical to engaging kids in our sport and transitioning them to regular activity is our pathway programme. We now offer 5 sessions a week at Under 10 & 12 ages at three different venues, St Columba's, Queen Anne and Inverkeithing High Schools. In total we have 39 kids attending these sessions each week where they are in a fun environment learning to enjoy the game and be part of a team. We also had record numbers at our school holiday camps this year. These camps along with our primary school festivals are led by some of our players in the senior phase of high school. One of our community coaches works closely with this group of young leaders ensuring our work compliments the leadership opportunities they have through school.

We continued to deliver early morning sessions at both Queen Anne and Inverkeithing High Schools for players that wanted to work on their individual skills. The partnership with both schools allowed 16 young players to come in at 7:30am twice a week to work on their individual skills and conditioning. This year we used previous graduates of the programme to promote the opportunity to our players – [click here](#) to see the video. It was really encouraging to see 8 girls participating in the programme this year as we strive to engage more girls and women in sport.

Our weekly men's and women's social sessions have continued and attracted strong numbers of adults that have either returned to the game or started playing for the first time. Our social women's session was profiled by basketballscotland in October providing us with some great exposure – [click here](#) to see the video.

We continue to field competitive teams at U12, U14, U16, U18 and senior levels for both men and women. In particular it was great to see our U16 women participating in the national league against team from across the country. As a result of our Senior Men winning the 2019 National League Division 1 title, we competed in the British Basketball Cup for the first time ever. We were drawn against last year's British Pro League champions, Newcastle Eagles. The game was a great experience for our players and despite a 111-59 loss we learned a lot.

We also had both player Finlay Steel (U18) and coach John Day representing Scotland on international duty at the Home Countries tournament in Manchester. We congratulate them both on their achievements.

When the lockdown hit in early 2019, we pivoted our offer from a face-to-face approach to online. Our community coaches took a creative approach to keep members engaged. Jake ran a series of virtual challenges for all the family through our Facebook page – aimed at our younger players and their families these were predominantly indoor activities with a fun element to them. John focused on providing regular skills videos for our youth players that were posted on YouTube for them to use. These were more technical skill development sessions that encouraged players to get outside with a ball and continue to work on their skills. Both sessions were critical in keeping our members engaged and providing them with something positive each week throughout the lockdown.

We would like to thank our coaches along with all the people that have volunteered and the partners that have helped Dunfermline Reign on the court this past year, without your input we would not have achieved so much.

We want to make a special thank you to one of our long-standing community coaches, Catherine Millar. Catherine has been an integral part of the club and an amazing role model to all our players. Her holiday camps were legendary, and we are delighted that she has an opportunity to pursue her dream by becoming a police officer. In both her paid and volunteer roles Catherine has contributed so much and for this we will forever be grateful. Thank you Catherine!

Off the court

We continued to develop our relationships with the local school PE departments and their Active Schools staff.

We continued to work in partnership with St Columba's RC High School to access their facility and have successfully managed the building in community time. We hosted several national events at the Reigndome

to support the work of **basketballscotland** and the Lothian Basketball Association.

We were delighted to be awarded the Benny Hutton Trophy by West Fife Sports Council in February 2020. This award recognises the local team of the year and was awarded to our Senior Men for their 2019 Championship win.

Financially, we stayed in the black again and we thank Barry for fulfilling these duties as Treasurer. We finished the year with an operating surplus of £4,385. We now have an appropriate level of operating reserves. We will freeze our pricing structure for the coming season and all donations are to be paid through standard monthly payment. We continue to offer confidential reductions to anyone who can't pay to participate.

When the pandemic hit we decided to offer all members the opportunity to reduce their fees to a token £10 per month payment. This allowed us to continue to pay our three community coaches throughout the pandemic. This was an essential decision as this work is a main source of income for them all and we want to support them as much as we can. Many of our members chose to continue to make full payments throughout the pandemic and we are grateful for their support to ensure we maintain a strong financial position for the charity.

Looking forward we will continue to work in partnership with our local schools using basketball to develop local kids. We remain committed to employing community coaches and deploy them in local schools free of charge. We will continue to focus on offering more opportunities for girls and women to play basketball – we have seen growth but are keen to engage more girls.

Financial review

Income 1 June '19 – 31 May '20

- Donations = £34,475
- Fundraising = £425
- Hall hire = £5,001



Expenditure 1 June '19 – 31 May '20

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We hold a reserve to cover any unforeseen costs. Current reserves at year end are £5,379 which is in line with our policy. We are due to invest in repairs as part of our partnership with St Columba's RC High School that requires us to contribute to replacing basketball specific equipment.

Details of any deficit

We finished the year with an operating surplus of £4,385.

Donated facilities and services

We have an agreement in place with Fife Council to access the PE Department at St Columba's RC High School. This arrangement runs until 2040 at a nominal fee of £1 per annum. The club has 8 keyholders who are responsible for the department in community time.

Future plans

Unfortunately, we know we have another community coach moving on to other opportunities this coming year but we are looking forward to recruiting a new face to represent the club in our local schools. We are keen to continue to recruit from within and provide opportunities for young people excited about basketball to share their enthusiasm with others through our schools coaching programme. We have been working closely with **basketballscotland** to grow opportunities for females, but we are keen to become even more inclusive and make a significant contribution to our local.

Off the court we didn't manage to complete our gift aid paperwork so we will prioritise this to generate some additional income that can be re-invested into our charitable aims.

Finally...

This has been a great year for the charity. We thank all the volunteers and staff that have helped to make everything happen and we look forward to working with them and others in the future to continue to use basketball to develop great people.



Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

A large rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Steel".

Print name

JAMES STEEL

Designation

CHAIRPERSON

Date

12.03.2021