

**RAITH ROVERS INDEPENDENT SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY LIMITED**

**DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014**



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RAITH ROVERS INDEPENDENT SUPPRTERS' SOCIETY LTD

**STATUTORY INFORMATION**

**Directors**

G Condie  
T Cunningham  
J Proctor  
A Russell  
S Lawther  
N Russell  
S Wallace

**Secretary**

J Proctor

**Registered Number**

IP 2590 RS

**Registered Office**

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9 East Fergus Place  
Kirkcaldy  
KY1 1XU

**Bankers**

Bank of Scotland  
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Kirkcaldy  
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**Solicitors**

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King Street  
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M2 4WB

**DIRECTORS' REPORT  
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014**

The Directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2014.

The Society was incorporated on 17 September 2002 and took over the activities of Raith Rovers Independent Association. The Society is a registered society under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

**Principal activities**

The Society's objectives are, either itself or through a subsidiary company or society trading for the benefit of the community and acting under its control:

- i) to strengthen the bonds between Raith Rovers Football Club ("the club") and the community which it serves and to represent the interests of the community in the running of the club,
- ii) to benefit present and future members of the community served by the Club by promoting, encouraging and furthering the game of football as a recreational facility, sporting activity and focus for community involvement,
- iii) to provide a democratic forum for Society members and the wider community to share and exchange their aspirations for the club,
- iv) to represent the interests of Society members, and the wider community, in the affairs of the Club and to engage in constructive dialogue with the representatives and staff of the Club,
- v) to support the continuing development of, and widen interest and involvement in, the game of football in the Kirkcaldy area regardless of sex, age, ability or ethnic origin of those involved, and,
- vi) to work to ensure a positive portrayal of football in general, the Club, supporters of the Club and the wider community served by the Club.

**DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)**  
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**Directors**

The following Directors have held office during the year to 30 June 2014.

G Condie	T Cunningham
J Proctor	A Russell
S Lawther	N Russell
S Wallace	

**Directors' Interests**

The Directors' interests in the shares of the Society were as stated below:

	Ordinary shares of £1 each	
	30 June 2014	30 June 2013
G Condie	1	1
T Cunningham	1	1
J Proctor	1	1
A Russell	1	1
S Lawther	1	1
N Russell	1	1
S Wallace	1	1

**Auditors**

The members voted to have an independent review undertaken on the 2014 accounts in lieu of a full audit.

**Directors' responsibilities**

Society law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state affairs of the Society and of the surplus or deficit of the Society for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

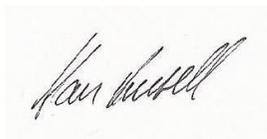
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

**DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)**  
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- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Society will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Society and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Society and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Russell', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

A Russell  
**Chairman**

## **BUSINESS REVIEW – CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT**

This last financial year for the Trust has happily coincided with the club's first cup win in almost 20 years (we're getting greedy now!) and a profitable year financially for the club. I would like to congratulate everyone at the club, not least the management team and players, for their achievements and for bringing another trophy to Starks Park.

I would also like to thank Turnbull Hutton for his commitment to Raith Rovers throughout his years in the boardroom. He will be missed during his retirement – while his forthright opinions were on occasions challenging, we always recognised that behind them was a genuine passion for the club. It is also a rare gift to be able to capture the mood of a footballing nation succinctly, with insight and with humour, as he did on the steps of Hampden a couple of summers ago and in various media interviews during that period.

The recent turmoil in Scottish football is, for the moment, benefitting Raith Rovers as we see three very well-supported clubs in our division this season, and a new financial distribution model which apportions a fairer share of league and SFA funding to clubs at our level than before.

This makes the Trust's job easier in many ways – the club is not firefighting to the same degree as it was in recent years, and while cashflow is still tight financial matters are more predictable and what crises there are, are fewer, further apart, and (touch wood) less severe in nature than previously. We continue to support the club financially with regular investments, but there is a sense that the club are less reliant on these than in years past.

While we don't have the same rallying call as we do during darker days, there is still a need to work hard and raise funds – for those rainy days which might come along, and also to build on the strong shareholding we have accumulated. We therefore strive to maintain a high profile at the club, in the media, online, and at fundraising events throughout the year – so that people know who we are, what we stand for, and have an opportunity to contribute to our efforts.

As well as Trust-led activities, a number of our members have been involved in some vital work initiated by Ali More to increase the club's

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support base, improve the Matchday experience, and nurture the next generation of supporters. This has been most visible through the highly successful Roary's Club, a free club for primary school children which introduces Raith Rovers to them, and incentivises them to badger their parents to bring them along on Saturdays! Roary Rover has been out and about in the local area a lot more since the club was set up, and it is heart-warming to see the reaction he gets wherever he goes.

As always, thank you for your continuing support of the Trust, and if you would like to get involved in any of our activities, suggest new ones, or just have a chat about the football, please drop by the Trust table on matchdays to say hello.

Alan Russell

**CHAIRMAN**

**BUSINESS REVIEW – MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

At June 2014 the membership stood at 232 compared to 215 at the end of June 2013.

We are very pleased with the increase which is as much down to the improved renewal process as it is to new members joining. We get a great response to the reminder letters and we work hard to follow up members who haven't renewed. We are also encouraged by the number who continue to pay by standing order though we would ask that members check to ensure their membership number is included in the reference to ensure we allocate the fees correctly.

Niall Russell

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

## **BUSINESS REVIEW – TREASURER'S REPORT**

The accounts to June 2014 show the first accounting loss the trust has made. This is due to some changes in the approach the football club wish to take regarding some of the fundraising income it receives from supporters organisations. The trust has benefitted in the past by receiving shares in return for money raised from Rock the Rovers events and from other members of the Raith Forum. The football club are now treating the funds received from Rock the Rovers as a donation and funds received from the 200 club and Jim McMillan club as payments in lieu of rent. The trust seek to ensure that fans maximise the return they get for their contributions and we believe the acquisition of shares is a key element in protecting supporters interests both now and in the future. In particular our right to have a director appointed to the board primarily comes from holding at least 10% of the New Raith Rovers shares. As new investment is made to the club either by new shareholders or existing shareholders, the percentage owned by the trust is diminished which makes it vital we continue to acquire shares to the maximum extent possible. Whilst discussions are ongoing with the other forum members it was only prudent to write off the previously accrued income in the accounts.

The accounting loss shouldn't detract from the cash the trust continues to generate. We received around £5,500 last year in contributions from members which is an average of £23 per member, far above the £5 minimum fee. Fund raising from trust activities is strong through the beer festival, quiz nights and in 2015 we have the addition of the Burns night. We are also very grateful to Carol Smith who competes in a triathlon each year and contributes the sponsorship money she raises to the trust.

This income has allowed a total of £6,560 to be handed over to the football club in the form of share purchases, sponsorship of Roarys Lotto and pitch side advertising. We also provided the supporters club with £1,000 in working capital to help boost the levels of stock they had in the club shop. On top of this we have continued to maintain a cash reserve of over £10,000 which is the target we have set to allow for unforeseen circumstances.

Graeme Condie  
**TREASURER**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF RAITH ROVERS INDEPENDENT  
SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY LIMITED**

I have reviewed the financial statements of Raith Rovers Independent Supporters' Society Limited on pages 12 to 16 for the year to 30 June 2014.

This report is made solely to the society's members, as a body. My examination work has been undertaken so that I might state to the society's members those matters I am required to state to them in an examiners' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the society and the society's members as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

**Respective responsibilities of Society's Board Members and the examiner**

The Society Board Members consider that an audit is not required for this year as an appropriate resolution was approved by members at the last AGM and that an independent examination is therefore appropriate.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by Supporters Direct; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by Supporters Direct. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Society and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Society Board Members 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.

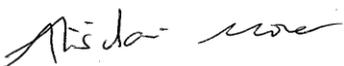
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (continued)**

**Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the Society Board Members have not met the requirements to ensure that:
  - i) proper accounting records are kept
  - ii) accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with generally accepted accounting requirements; or
- b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I can also confirm that, in my opinion, the accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

Signed  \_\_\_\_\_

Date 24/01/2015

Qualification ACMA

Name Alisdair More

RAITH ROVERS INDEPENDENT SUPPRTERS' SOCIETY LTD

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014**

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Trading Income</b>		
Sales	-	34
Less Cost of Sales	<u>-</u>	<u>(17)</u>
Gross Profit	<u>-</u>	<u>17</u>
<b>Income</b>		
Members' subscriptions	1,160	1,075
Donations	4,354	5,073
Fund Raising	1,240	3,560
Fund Raising (prior year)	(5,200)	-
Affinity Income	<u>96</u>	<u>65</u>
	<u>1,650</u>	<u>9,773</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Printing, postage and stationary	586	824
Advertising and sponsorships	2,660	2,611
Membership subscriptions	<u>100</u>	<u>50</u>
	<u>3,346</u>	<u>3,485</u>
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>(1,696)</u>	<u>6,305</u>
<b>Retained surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>	<u>(1,696)</u>	<u>6,305</u>

The notes on pages 14 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

**BALANCE SHEET – PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2014**

	Notes	2014 £	2013 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments	2	<u>203,551</u>	<u>198,551</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		11,551	13,030
Stock		1,269	1,269
<b>Debtors:</b>			
<b>Amounts receivable within one year</b>	3	-	<u>5,200</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		12,820	19,499
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		216,371	218,050
<b>Creditors:</b>			
<b>Amounts falling due after one year</b>	4	<u>59,500</u>	<u>59,500</u>
<b>Total Assets less Liabilities</b>		<u>156,871</u>	<u>158,550</u>
<b>Called up Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	5	232	215
Income and expenditure account	6	<u>156,639</u>	<u>158,355</u>
	7	<u>156,871</u>	<u>158,550</u>

The notes on pages 14 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 24 January 2015.



G Condie  
**Treasurer**



A Russell  
**Chairman**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014**

**1 Accounting policies**

**1.1 Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical convention.

**1.2 Investments**

Fixed asset investments are stated at historic cost.

**1.3 Stock**

Stock is valued at cost.

**2 Fixed asset investments**

<b>Unlisted Investments Cost</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
At Cost 1 July 2013	198,551	198,551
Added in Year	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>
At Cost 30 June 2014	<u>203,551</u>	<u>198,551</u>

The unlisted investments represent:

Raith Rovers FC Holdings Limited	36,000	36,000
New Raith Rovers Limited	167,299	162,299
Raith Rovers Football Club Limited	<u>252</u>	<u>252</u>
	<u>203,551</u>	<u>198,551</u>

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**YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014**

**3 Debtors: amounts receivable within one year**

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
Investments Purchased*	-	5,200
Other Debtors	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>5,200</u>

\* At the year ended 2013 the trust accrued 5,200 in lieu of receiving shares from the club. The club has decided not to release these shares to the trust resulting in this debtor being written off in 2014 to the income statement as fundraising (prior year) .

**4 Creditors amounts falling due after one year**

238 Loan notes of £250 each (0% Irredeemable)	<u>59,500</u>	<u>59,500</u>
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**5 Share capital**

**Allotted, called up and fully paid**

232 Ordinary Shares of £1 each	<u>232</u>	<u>215</u>
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**6 Statement of movements on profit and loss account**

**Income and Expenditure Account**

Balance B/Fwd	158,335	152,030
Retained surplus/(deficit) for period	<u>(1,696)</u>	<u>6,305</u>
	<u>156,639</u>	<u>158,335</u>

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**YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014**

**7 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds**

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
Surplus/(deficit) for the financial period	(1,696)	6,305
New shares issued in period	17	0
Shares cancelled in period	<u>(0)</u>	<u>(1)</u>
Net addition/(deduction) to shareholders' funds	(1,679)	6,304
Opening shareholders' funds	<u>158,550</u>	<u>152,246</u>
Closing shareholders' funds	<u>156,871</u>	<u>158,550</u>