

RAITH ROVERS INDEPENDENT SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015



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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

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DIRECTORS' REPORT
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

The Directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2015.

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.

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Directors

The following Directors have held office during the year to 30 June 2015.

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 2015	30 June 2014
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 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;

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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', written in a cursive style.

A Russell
Chairman

BUSINESS REVIEW – CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

These accounts show steady progress for the Trust, as we continue to play a strong part in the football club's development. We have continued to support the work being done to improve the matchday experience and grow the fanbase, both financially through our backing of the Roary Club and the transformation of the South Stand concourse into a "gallery of icons", and through the hardwork of many unsung heroes in bringing these ideas into reality.

We have also built on the fundraising initiatives of previous years with another sold-out quiz night and our first ever Burns Supper. These events, together with the generous contributions from our members, have enabled us to make further investments in the football club – growing our shareholding at the same time as feeding much-needed funds into the club.

The club itself posted another profitable set of financial accounts, a rarity for clubs at our level. We are encouraged by the prudent way the club continues to be run, and are pleased with the positive relationship that has developed over the years.

It was with great sadness this year that we received the news of Turnbull Hutton's passing, just months into his long-awaited and well-deserved retirement. Turnbull was part of our club through many difficult times, but he was also instrumental in leading us into the stronger position we now enjoy, and his wisdom, candour and humour will be sorely missed.

The principal challenge for the Trust over the coming years, from my perspective, is to maintain the profile we have at the club and to further grow our shareholding. Raith Rovers has been fortunate over the last couple of years to benefit from larger gate revenues than can normally be expected in the second tier of Scottish football, but the larger clubs are unlikely to remain at this level forever, and we have seen a gradual decline in attendances outwith these matches. The economic climate continues to

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make match-going an expensive luxury, and there may well be further readjustments to the league structure and financial model as Scottish football responds to these financial pressures. It is imperative that Raith Rovers remain in position to thrive in this changing environment, and as a Trust we must play our part in anticipating and reacting to whatever changes come our way.

I, and the rest of the Trust board, are grateful for your continuing membership and support. I am proud of our achievements over the years and thank you for playing your part.

Alan Russell
CHAIRMAN

BUSINESS REVIEW – MEMBERSHIP REPORT

At the end of the membership year (31st July 2015) the membership stood at 219 (At the same date in 2014 the membership was 233). The Membership renewal process took place from 1st August onwards, with reminders sent out in October. Typically, the reminder letters have always generated a good response from the members and at the time of writing (24th January 2016) the current membership stands at 203.

The assumption has been made that, as season ticket holders are now entitled to vote in Supporter – Director elections this could explain the slight drop in membership numbers.

Of the 219 members at the end of the 2014 – 2015 year, 184 were receiving Trust communications by email with the remaining 35 continuing to receive membership renewals / reminders by post.

Niall Russell

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

BUSINESS REVIEW – TREASURER'S REPORT

The trust have returned to a profit this year of £5,824. We have benefitted from a £500 increase in membership income and a £2,800 increase in fundraising income. Fundraising income has come from a number of sources including the Raith Trust Quiz night, the Burns night which we held for the first time in 2015, a generous donation from Carol Smith of the sponsorship money she raised in the triathlon, and a contribution from Steven Lawther who generously shared some of the profits from his book "Unthinkable" celebrating the 20th anniversary of Raith Rovers winning the Coca Cola League Cup. We have also made an improvement on the cost side through co-operation with the club by changing our postal address to Starks Park. This should have a significant benefit in reducing our postage costs which were our single biggest expense that didn't go to Raith Rovers.

With this improvement in income we have been able to make a number of significant contributions to the club over the course of 2015. We sponsored the Roary Club which we believed was a great opportunity to engage with the young Raith Rovers fans and we contributed sponsorship to the revamp of the South Stand and the inclusion of the fantastic pictures which now adorn the South Stand concourse. On top of this we made our largest single investment in the club since Reclaim The Rovers, with a £10,000 cheque handed over in the Autumn which has traditionally been a challenging time for the club in terms of cash flow.

We also took the decision this year to write-off the value of stock we were holding as we felt it was unrepresentative of the true value we are likely to gain from the stock we have left. The "Rovers Greats" book continues to be something we can use to generate income in future but we will account for any such income as donations.

Overall it has been a good year for the trust. The increase in income has allowed us to support the club with various initiatives and be able to make a large investment, but these also benefit the club in more intangible ways by bringing the Rovers community together through the events we run. They also ensure the trust maintains a high profile with the club and amongst the fans.

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 2015.

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.

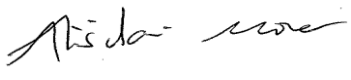
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (continued)

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 30th January 2016

Qualification ACMA

Name Alisdair More

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015**

	2015	2014
	£	£
Income		
Members' subscriptions	1,095	1,160
Donations	5,005	4,354
Fund Raising	4,055	1,240
Fund Raising (prior year)	-	(5,200)
Affinity Income	-	96
	<u>10,155</u>	<u>1,650</u>
Expenditure		
Printing, postage and stationary	191	586
Advertising and sponsorships	2,753	2,660
Membership subscriptions	100	100
	<u>3,044</u>	<u>3,346</u>
Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)	<u>7,111</u>	<u>(1,696)</u>
Stock write-off	(1,269)	-
Retained Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year	<u>5,842</u>	<u>(1,696)</u>

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

BALANCE SHEET – PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	Notes	2015 £	2014 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	2	<u>203,551</u>	<u>203,551</u>
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		18,649	11,551
Stock	3	<u>-</u>	<u>1,269</u>
Net current assets		18,649	12,820
Total assets less current liabilities		222,200	216,371
Creditors:			
Amounts falling due after one year	4	<u>59,500</u>	<u>59,500</u>
Total Assets less Liabilities		<u>162,700</u>	<u>156,871</u>
Called up Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	5	219	232
Income and expenditure account	6	<u>162,481</u>	<u>156,639</u>
	7	<u>162,700</u>	<u>156,871</u>

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The financial statements were approved by the Board on 30 January 2016.



G Condie
Treasurer



A Russell
Chairman

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015**

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

Unlisted Investments Cost	2015	2014
At Cost 1 July 2014	203,551	198,551
Added in Year	-	5,000
At Cost 30 June 2015	<u>203,551</u>	<u>203,551</u>

The unlisted investments represent:

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

3 Stock

In past accounts stock has been recognised at original cost and relate to books and t-shirts the trust has purchased and sold. Whilst some stock remains, given the relative value of the stock in the accounts and the likely revenue that could be gained from the selling the stock, the directors have elected to write it off. Any income which may be received in association with these items in the future will be recognised as a donation.

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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

219 Ordinary Shares of £1 each	<u>219</u>	<u>232</u>
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6 Statement of movements on profit and loss account

Income and Expenditure Account

Balance B/Fwd	156,639	158,335
Retained surplus/(deficit) for period	<u>5,842</u>	<u>(1,696)</u>
	<u>162,481</u>	<u>156,639</u>

7 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	2015	2014
Surplus/(deficit) for the financial period	5,842	(1,696)
New shares issued in period	-	17
Shares cancelled in period	<u>(13)</u>	<u>(0)</u>
Net addition/(deduction) to shareholders' funds	5,829	(1,679)
Opening shareholders' funds	<u>156,871</u>	<u>158,550</u>
Closing shareholders' funds	<u>162,700</u>	<u>156,871</u>