

Trustees Annual Report 2024

Charity Name: The Aeromodellers Association (Scotland) Limited

OSCR Registration Number: SC049915

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1. Trustees in office at Date of TAR:

Mr. I Cartledge	Chairman / Director
Mr. T McElroy	Secretary
Mr. M Christie	Treasurer

2. Additional Trustees during reporting period:

There were no additional Trustees during the reporting period (ended 30/09/2025). Mr. I Cartledge and Mr. M Christie were appointed Trustees at the AGM in November 2024.

3. Governing Documents:

The governing documents of the Aeromodellers Association (Scotland) Limited are the Articles of Association, these are available on the Associations website and at Companies House.

The company's activities and contacts with external agencies are managed by the Trustees.

In accordance with the company's Articles, business meetings are held regularly to discuss ongoing issues and supervise the activities of the company and in particular, the financial position of the company.

4. Trustees' recruitment and appointment process:

During the reporting period the company operates with three Trustees positions drawn from the company membership, i.e. Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.

Each Trustee is proposed, seconded and elected to their respective position by the membership each year at the Associations Annual General Meeting.

In exceptional cases, where a sudden vacancy has arisen, a member may be seconded as a Director/ Trustee. In these cases, the seconded Trustee is confirmed in the post by a vote of the attending club members at the next Association Annual General Meeting.

5. Charitable Purpose and activities:

The company's objective is to organise recreational activities with the aim of improving the life conditions for the persons for whom the facilities and/ or activities are primarily intended for.

The main activities engaged are summarised below: -

- Promoting interest and participation in aeromodelling in Scotland in a safe, responsible and environmentally friendly and sensitive manner.
- Benefit members of the company and member clubs by coordinating the work /training activities of clubs and /or sports organisations.
- Promoting or supporting competitions, club and national championships, or similar events.
- Being the official united liaison body in Scotland with other National Organisations in matters relating to the regulation, and development of the sport of aeromodelling.
- Furthering the forgoing objectives by organising such activities and taking such other actions and deemed appropriate
- Maintaining a Register of Association members as required by the Department of Transport under regulations in place and those still to be introduced.

The Company shall be a non-profit making, non-political, non-sectarian, non-denominational and open to all genders. The Company will be non-discriminatory and adhere to the Disclosure Scotland Act.

6. Summary of Achievements.

The Company continues to be involved in the discussion and implementation of changes in the Air Navigation Order (ANO) and the defining and implementation of Article 16 authorisation for model flying in the UK.

This being carried out with the CAA (Civil Aviation Authority) and in conjunction with the other three recognised Associations in the UK. This is an ongoing protracted process due to the continual legal changes required to meet the needs of the model Associations and the requirements of the UK government.

Throughout the year, the SAA management team have held regular Council meetings to ensure planned actions remain on track whilst also ensuring members supported activities such as 'Fly-ins' and 'Training and Testing' weekends continue to be made available.

We attended some public trade events to promote the hobby and sport of Aeromodelling.

We awarded "Club Grants" to eligible model flying clubs across Scotland. The purpose of these grants was to help clubs to improve their facilities, to the benefit of club members, and to help clubs to continue to provide the sport of model flying.

7. Financial Review

Income £ 21,117.00

The income generated during this accounting is down on the previous due to an increase in the insurance cost. We have slightly increased our membership on the previous year, however as we maintained the membership fee, we didn't financially benefit from this increase.

Expenditure £20,425.00

We had an increase in expenses this year due attending some public events that required additional accommodation costs. We also paid out £4760 as "Club Grants". Whilst some of this was covered by the previous year's surplus, some of the funds also came out of our reserves.

8. Reserves

The charity has £71,452.00 of unrestricted funds.

These comprise of:

Merchandising stock	£608.00
Assets(inc Trophies)	£1,385.00
Available Reserves	£69,459.00

- *Available reserves being Cash in hand and in Bank*

9. Deficit information

Due to the awards of grants to clubs, increased overall expenses, depreciation of assets / Trophies and write off on old merchandising stock, the charity had a deficit for the financial year of (£148.00)