



CR Cats SC049230 SCIO

Previous
Period

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD

01-Jan-24 TO 31-Dec-24

2023

RECEIPTS

£241.57	Boat lease	£24.99
£0.00	Course	£0.00
£30,720.95	Fees	£26,616.31
-£1,143.28	Donations	£100.00
£15,449.48	Events	£16,955.19
£1,065.53	Grant	£311.63
£1,973.60	Membership	£1,714.33
£3,940.00	Misc	£4,448.00
£0.00	Gift aid	£979.51
£13,903.48	France etc	£15,358.04
£123.82	Bank Interest	£169.07
<u>£66,275.15</u>		<u>£66,677.07</u>

PAYMENTS

£280.00	Affiliation	£265.00
£0.00	Courses	£627.00
£24,646.81	Coaches	£27,644.07
£650.01	Electricity	£1,371.12
£7,911.74	Events	£8,054.54
£13,566.86	France etc	£17,176.20
£373.12	Pool Hire	£444.00
£841.55	Insurance	£823.87
£2,600.00	Kit	£8,107.15
£1,809.05	Misc	£438.68
£6,902.75	Pinkston	£11,033.00
£170.10	Site	£1,114.08
£0.00	Waste	£0.00
<u>£59,751.99</u>		<u>£77,098.71</u>

£6,523.16

Surplus (Deficit) for the Period

-£10,421.64

STATEMENT OF BALANCES

Opening Balances

Account 1	£14,193.82
Account 2	£24,274.05
	<u>£38,467.87</u>

Closing Balances

Account 1	£14,362.89
Account 2	£13,683.34
	<u>£28,046.23</u>

-£10,421.64

Prepared by Treasurer Name

Signature

Date

Date

Approved by Trustee Name

Signature

Date

Trustee Annual Report

CR Cats SCIO - SC049230

31/12/2024

Key Aims of CR Cats SCIO

Our constitution states that our aims are:

1. To foster, develop and advance public participation in canoe sports.
2. To organise training, competition and recreational activities in canoeing and kayaking with an emphasis on young people in Central Scotland.

Activities of CR Cats SCIO (Extracted from Trustee Reports/Mins from AGM, Feb 2025)

█████ opened his remarks by accepting the nomination from interim Chair to full Chair. █████ thanked the previous postholders: █████ (Chair), █████ (Secretary) and █████ (Temporary Secretary) for all their efforts and respected their decisions to step down and hoped they would continue to actively contribute to the Club.

█████ thanked █████, who continued as Treasurer when the Chair and Secretary both stepped down, thus maintaining continuity of governance for the club.

David then provided some detail around him returning to the post of Chair and what CR Cats stands for: previously on the Committee as well as Chair from around 2012-2018.

CR Cats has always been a canoe slalom club and it has recently also embraced Wild Water Racing, with club paddlers already on GBR teams. It also now sees the club embracing Kayak Cross

Club values and focus around the sport are:

- Safeguarding is at the forefront of our minds and the Safeguarding Officer (█████) is a key member of the Committee.
- Strong family focus. █████ shared that a club member had recently told him that the club had brought their family together, and █████ could not think of a better endorsement.
- Respect – while it was acknowledged that in a race the paddler are in it to win, but away from that, it is encouraged that we all continue to support each other's efforts.
- The CR Cats Committee were here to support the needs and goals of the paddlers, which must be foremost in every decision we make.

█████ then spoke about his two main priorities since taking on the interim Chair role:

1. Getting more Club Coaches; and
2. Getting more volunteers engaged with all the roles in the club, with more of a team-based approach.

On the club coaches front David said that for the past few years, the running of CR Cats sessions had depended on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], but [REDACTED] was due to graduate and move into her foundation year of medicine so would not be available to commit as much time to coaching.

That therefore left the club in an uncertain position so we need to plan to get many of the paddlers trained up as coaches and opening that up to other Scottish Slalom clubs. [REDACTED] went onto share details about Paddle Sport Instructor course, Core Training and Discipline Specific Training that were being organized for both the immediate future and into the summer and autumn, with many paddlers already signed up and the training subsidised by Paddle Scotland.

On the volunteer front [REDACTED] wanted a team approach so the responsibility wasn't always shouldered by one person, wanting to create a Safety Team, a Café Team - re-introducing Café Chaos - and a Grounds Team. There was also a small Finance Team, and an Epic Events Team to support the two CR Cats events each year and reminded everyone that the club was always looking for volunteers.

[REDACTED], reported specifically on the coaching front, and started her report by sharing paddlers promotions and prizes from the 2024 season.

There were 19 CR Cats promotions in 2024 as well as other Scottish slalom club paddler promotions. [REDACTED] cited a lack of promotions at the Div 4 to Div 3 level, saying that while there was a decent intake in 2023 that continued to paddle into 2024, there was limited update on weekend activity and competitions from them.

The Club enjoyed more success at the Scottish Schools Championships with CR Cats retaining the top club trophy and seven paddlers taking home titles in their respective age groups. At which many medals were won with [REDACTED] celebrating now being able to field seven teams at this event. Participation was the key to this success.

Lots of other success at the Scottish Championships and Junior and Senior National Championships.

[REDACTED] went onto say that winter training was over for another year with the 2025 race season starting at the weekend. Tuesday sessions were rejigged just before winter which had lead to a quieter early session, but second sessions were well attended. Thursday night sessions were also well attended with multiple other associate members joining and with more paddlers than ever now at university and still paddling this has helped.

Pool sessions had also been very successful with a lot of the regular improvers now rolling, hand rolling etc. and there were a few new faces from the 2024 starters attending. Six winter camps also went ahead this year.

[REDACTED] went onto talk about Spond, saying that after a slow start it was finally up and running, initially for CR Cats weekday sessions, then weekend sessions and it now includes Panther sessions as well. This type of communication seems to be working better for signing up to sessions and getting information out there.

Looking ahead to the 2025 season, [REDACTED] spoke about the Scottish slalom races where she hoped as many as possible would sign up and support these and provided information on opportunities round Wild Water Racing and Kayak Cross.

finished by thanking all the other coaches who have coached at sessions this past year, both to cope with demand of increasing numbers and cover us when we've been elsewhere. A special thanks went to who have led sessions at Alva this year, particularly for running summer sessions as they are very long days! She also thanked all those who helped during summer camps or pool sessions.

With regard to Community use explained that the Club continued to engage with local groups to promote community usage of the Alva site and shared the following: Wee County Archers, continue to have a container and run archery classes from May to September; Alva Guides also continue to use the site on a Wednesday night from May to September, including a kayaking session on one of the nights; Alva Scouts, Cubs and Beavers continue to use the site occasionally; and other Scout groups including those from Dollar, Menstrie and Stirling have also attended the site. A group from the Navy also attend annually.

Finance Report

This was another busy positive year on the finances for CR Cats on both Club and Collaborative fronts, ie when we are the lead club for organising coaching etc and managing the finances, eg France/Europe Summer Camp, Winter Training etc.

As mentioned last year, the Committee had been mindful as we are not-for-profit and given the recent surpluses and funds available, at looking at ways in which to develop the Club and support members whilst retaining a solid financial basis for operations/site going forward. The auditor mentioned the Cash at Bank at year-end provided four months cover which is perfect, within guidelines.

Bank balances at year end were £28,046 compared to £38,468 overall Club cash balance at the start of the year, about 800 or so transactions. Whereas Income remained almost identical to that of 2023 at £66,677 (£66,275, 2023) - outgoings increased to £77k (compared to that of approx £60k in 2023), which left us a year deficit of £10,422, compare to surpluses of £6,523 and £9,710 in 2023 and 2022 respectively and a loss of £8,945 in 2021. Significant swings have resulted whilst moving away from the Covid years.

This £10k net funds reduction and year-end swing difference of £16k had been envisaged mainly due to some large expenditure items e.g. new boats, and timing issue of paddlers fees against associated costs for two months at year end, but most of costs captured prior to year end.

The aim was to hold circa £15,000 as designated operational fund including ongoing coaching dues/costs, site works, plus £5,000 towards required replacement boat purchases. In addition, Reserved Funds were: Future Summer/Collab Training £288; Boat Repair Clinic etc £200.

Treasurer again thanked the Finance Team/fellow Committee members for their help, and for his macros which help with session calculations.

Trustees

February 2025

APPENDIX 3



		Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2					
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name	CR Cats					
Registered charity number		SC049230					
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	Jan	2024	to	31	Dec	2024
Set out on pages	(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)						
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.						
Basis of independent examiner's statement	My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees 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 view given by the accounts.						
Independent examiner's statement	In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or - to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.						
Signed**:				Date:	08-Feb-25		
Name:							
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):							
Address:							

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

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