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Sibes and Sled Dogs Husky Welfare Ltd

Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements for the Year ended 31st May 2017

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Sibes and Sled Dogs Husky Welfare Ltd

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st May 2017

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st May 2017.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) - Charities SORP (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Reference and Administrative Information

Registered company number 09044393

Registered charity number: 1167029

Registered Office:

18 Brentwood Road, Nelson, Lancashire, BB9 8AX

Trustees/Directors:

Andrew MacDonald - Trustee/Director
Christine Duxbury - Trustee/Director
Sammie Widdup - Trustee
Cameron Firth - Trustee

Independent Examiner:

David Morgan FMAAT
Blackburn and Blackburn Limited
Accountants
73 Albert Road
Colne
BB8 0BP

Bankers

Lloyds Bank

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is a private company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, amended by special resolution at Companies House May 2016

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st May 2017

Structure, Governance and Management continued

The charity's policies and direction are set by the Board of Trustees who meet regularly throughout the year. There is also regular communication by email and telephone, and with informal sub-group meetings.

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review risks to which the charity may be exposed, and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. Risks to which the charity is exposed have been identified and are regularly monitored.

The Trustees are responsible for complying with the guidance of the Charity Commission on public benefit when performing their duties and confirm that they have done this.

Overview

Sibes and Sled Dogs Husky Welfare (SASD) is a dog rescue dealing with the rescue, rehoming and research of Siberian Huskies, Alaskan Malamute and other associated breeds. The rescue was initially established in January 2012 by John Duxbury. SASD gained Registered charity status on 10th May 2016.

Objectives

Sibes and Sled Dogs Husky Welfare was established as a charity with the following objects:

"To promote humane behaviour towards animals by rescuing, researching, rehabilitating and rehoming sled dog breeds which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage and to educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare and prevention of cruelty and suffering".

Activities

Finding the perfect loving homes for unwanted or abandoned sled dogs forms the background to all our day-to-day activities.

We rent dedicated kennels in Barnoldswick, Lancashire, which provide emergency kennelling for a maximum of 7 dogs, and have a network of foster homes across the UK.

We know that owning and caring for a sled dog is not for everyone and carefully assess the temperament and behaviour of all dogs in our care before attempting to rehome them. All receive any required vet treatments, grooming or training prior to being offered through our rehoming program.

Available dogs are promoted through our Website and Facebook pages and once a suitable home is found dogs are transported using our own fully liveried van to ensure their safety.

We offer unlimited back up and support to all our fostering families.

Land is rented from Pendle Borough Council for a nominal amount, enabling us to provide an off lead area, a running track and memorial area. We also use this area for a variety of fund raising events from weekly walks to our annual fundraising Funday. Our weekly walks are currently attended by between 20 and 30 dogs. Unfortunately this area is in a remote location and has been subject to vandalism six times during the year, each time requiring 3 volunteers a full day to repair. We are working hard to make sure this area is as secure as possible for future use.

We run an annual "away camp" and organise other events to raise awareness of the breed and the responsibilities of owning such dogs and also to raise the profile of the charity and take the opportunity to fundraise.

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st May 2017

A Special Welcome from Sebastian

Hi everyone, I am pleased to offer you the first annual report from SASD.
Although the rescue was started in 2012 this is the first year of us being a fully recognised charity.

I was rescued by John and I know he was so keen to be a fully recognised charity and I'm so sad he is not here to see it.

This is my story as much as SASD now.

I was a pound dog in Newcastle and John collected me, and then I lived with John, Christine and Sammie.
I was troubled, aggressive and upset with everything.

On the Brew and Butty walks I got to know Ellie and I knew she loved me but her big hoomans felt I couldn't go there as they already had 6 dogs!!

Then something awful happened - John never came home from the kennels one day and us dogs were told he wasn't coming home again because he had gone over the Rainbow Bridge.

I was so upset I became very poorly and 3 days after John didn't come home I was taken to the vet by Ellie's hoomans.
The vet said I was very poorly and maybe I was going to join John.

But I recovered and a few days later I was allowed home.

But I didn't go back to Christine and Sammie as they were too upset and had so much to sort with the kennels, land, work, funeral and their own dogs.

Because I needed special care I went home to Ellie and her hoomans.

I was very scared and not sure about things, I'm such a sensitive little man, I don't like fireworks, bangs, and if things change I get very worried, but I realised I needed to trust again and now my life is good; I live with people who love me and I get out and about loads, I've started running with Ellie and built up my strength, I'm a top dog now and people say I am so handsome.

I go on the walks and awareness events and although I can't tell people how much SASD means to me I think they know because I get told I have a special look in my eyes that says lots.

Contribution Made by Volunteers

The charity is managed by the trustees and a team of dedicated volunteers, all of whom are essential to the smooth running of the charity. They provide temporary foster homes, carry out home checks, collect dogs we take under our care, transport dogs to vet/grooming appointments, exercise dogs, and assist with training and behavioural problems.

In addition our volunteers help raise much needed funds. We currently have a core of around 100 members providing anything from 2 days a year up to 30 hours a week to support us.

The charity currently has no paid employees and no payments are made to trustees.

Volunteers are occasionally reimbursed for reasonable out of pocket expenses (such as a basic meal) if they have to travel for long distances to transport a dog.

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st May 2017

Our Trustees and Admin Team

Christine Duxbury : Director

Co-founder and widow of John Duxbury, currently works at Lancashire County Council as a driver for young people and adults with special needs to school/day centres. Support worker for adults with special needs and the elderly. Support with anything and everything, mainly land, events and merchandise but time permitting will support any area as will all of us.

Andrew MacDonald: Director

Director at Lustalux, Suppliers of Architectural Window films, Graphics and Signage. Proud adopter of 5 rescue huskies. Support to Christine with all sorts and everything. In my spare time I enjoy being a taxi service to my 2 teenage girls, listening to awful music and pounding the lanes of the Fylde Coast with our 5 rescue huskies and 2 labradors.

Cameron Firth: Trustee

Steward at the Local Golf Club. Been involved with SASD since John started the rescue, help with the kennels, transport runs, support at events and land.

Sammy Widdup: Trustee

Works in retail locally, helps with merchandise, land, kennels and events.

Steve Moss: Admin

Stay at Home Dad. 24 hour SASD emergency phone, hands on with dogs and events. Anything and everything that I can do to support the rescue and this wonderful dog breed.

Angela Hornby: Admin

Social Work Manager for Children's services. Volunteer for events and fund raising, home checking, camp activity organiser, transporting and collection of dogs and support at land and off lead.

Ian Hornby: Admin

Factory Manager. Volunteer for events and fund raising, camp activity organiser, transporting and collection of dogs and support at land and off lead.

Ruth Turner: Admin

Advocacy and Finance Manager at a charity for Deaf People. Became involved with SASD after meeting Beau when taking our husky Nook to the land for some off lead playtime, had a home check and adopted Beau. SASD volunteer and "words".

Lucy Pearson: Admin

Dog Walker and Trainer as a Day Job. Volunteer at SASD as kennel co-ordinator. I am part of the admin team because I want to help the 'difficult' dogs that have been misunderstood by people and therefore end up in rescue. I want to give any dogs that can't be rehomed because of a humans mistakes a higher quality of life.

Number of Trustees

The current trustees are happy to continue with their roles and charity is actively looking to appoint additional trustees.

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We have 2 kennel dogs that are long term residents and will require very experienced families.
A lot of volunteer time is spent with our two "ladies".

CANDY

Candy is almost five years old, was brought to the rescue from the pound and has been with us for around three years.

Candy gets most excited when she sees the kennel volunteers getting her lead out to go for a walk, she also loves to play out with her best friend Storm.

Candy and the kennel volunteers have a mutual respect for each other, she doesn't particularly want an affectionate relationship with people and so we never push her.
She is very content in the kennels and enjoys watching the volunteers going about their duties.

ALASKA

Alaska is three years old and has been in kennels for the majority of her life. Her owners paid for her to live in a boarding kennel before she came to the rescue due to showing aggression at home.

Alaska is a very content girl, she loves her walks and runs in the field but also enjoys quiet time in her bed.

She is a very vocal girl with a big attitude that keeps kennel volunteers entertained on every visit.

Alaska makes her likes and dislikes very clear especially when it comes to people, she has a select few who she trusts and for those lucky few she offers her external loyalty, affection and unconditional love.

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Fundraising and Support

Finance has been a challenge as we rely on donations and rehoming fees.

Our main sources of income are fundraising activities, donations and voluntary nominal adoption fees for dogs we rehome. We also have a small number of merchandise items for sale through our website shop.

We attend numerous events in and around East/West Lancashire throughout the year to promote our charity and to raise the awareness of the breed and the specific requirements of ownership.

Event attendance is primarily a fund raiser/awareness raising activity.

Events attended cover schools, petting sessions at local Care Homes and as many local open days and county fairs as possible. Our priorities here are two-fold, to spread awareness but also to raise funds by selling merchandise, tombola stall, raffle etc.

Alternative funding sources are currently being investigated in terms of grant funding.

We have an active and informative website and a Facebook page with over 5,000 likes and followers.

Achievements and Performance

Often dogs have come into us in a very poorly and neglected state. Approximately 10% are in ill health and a further 10% have been ill treated. Many require urgent veterinary attention, vaccinations, chipping, and in some cases operations. Our vets bill overall is our largest expense and in severe cases we have placed a post on our Facebook site asking for members to donate to a specific dog.

During our first Charity year we have supported approximately 100 owners to keep their dogs by offering advice, support and guidance.

50 dogs have been rehomed this year, some coming into kennels for assessment and intensive work by our experienced kennel volunteers, others being able to go into foster homes prior to adoption and some are straight adoptions.

Of these 50 dogs we had a total of 5 dogs that had to be rehomed under second placements.

In more general terms during the year we built a loyal team of volunteers, and a regular stream of donors.

Our Euthanasia Policy

It is the policy of SASD to not euthanise any dog without the express recommendation from a Veterinary Surgeon.

We work with dogs with all manner of issues, food guarding, aggression, separation anxiety etc and when we feel they are ready to be rehomed we spend time searching for the right home, making sure that the adopting home is fully aware of any previous issues and triggers. We are happy to report that no dogs in our care were PTS during the year.

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Financial Review

During its first full year of operation the charity received income in excess of £30,000.

Our spending included a total of £11,901 on dog welfare, £5,076 on transport for dogs rescued and rehomed and £4,512 on rent and maintenance of our dedicated off lead area, which is used on a regular basis to provide much needed exercise for our sled dogs in a safe and controlled environment.

We attended a 'camp style' get-together for sled dog owners at a cost of £3,178, this cost being offset by donations received from attendees. This is envisaged as being an annual event going forward and is already booked for 2018.

We have had one claim made against the charity that one of our dogs had run into a car and caused damage. Although the dog was unhurt and there was no conclusive evidence that the accident occurred our insurance policy paid the claimant a sum of £1,000.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees review the level of reserves on a regular basis to ensure that the appropriate levels are maintained to finance the day to day operations of the charity.

The charity's opening balance sheet reserves were boosted by the receipt of assets amounting to of £13,760 belonging to the pre-existing company of Sibes and Sled Dogs Husky Welfare Ltd prior to obtaining charity status in May 2016.

At present reserves are sufficient to manage our regular activities. Should a position be achieved where reserves in excess of day to day requirements are held then initially these would be held in a separate account and used for vets bills.

Going Concern

The trustees confirm that the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Future Plans

As we continue to see an increase in unwanted Sled dogs due to their popularity and being the latest "fashion" dog first and foremost our aim is to support more dogs into rescue and into forever homes.

The refurbishment of our kennel is an ongoing project and will require volunteer support and financial input during 2017/18. We do not currently have any staff working at the kennel and ideally would like to achieve some funding for one of our more experienced volunteers to be able to spend more time working with the kennel dogs on a regular basis. This we feel would allow us to potentially reduce the time each dog is in the kennel environment, which is better for their welfare and would allow us to increase the number of dogs we can help throughout the year.

We aim to continue to raise awareness amongst more communities and individuals, including exploring ways of attracting corporate and small business sponsorship.

We will continue to attend appropriate events and fetes and use social media to interact with and gain new followers, volunteers and donors.

We also intend to further develop our off lead area and improve facilities available within it for the use of any dogs living within reasonable travelling distance from our base.

We have a vehicle that can be used for collecting dogs and delivering to new homes and to transport dogs and merchandise to events. This vehicle is in need of replacement and we would hope to secure funding during 2017/18 for a replacement vehicle.

Special thanks to our regular funders for their support this year:

XLCR Vehicle Management Ltd - www.xlcrvehicleremarketing.co.uk

Clearday Rawfeeds - www.cleardayrawfeeds.com

Merry Puppins - www.merrypuppinsdogs.com www.facebook.com/merrypuppinsdogs

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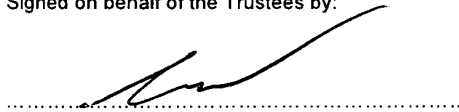
Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st May 2017

Declaration

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:



Andrew MacDonald - Trustee

Date

23/02/2018

Independent Examiners report to the Trustees of Sibes and Sled Dogs Husky Welfare Ltd

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to 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 the Charity Commission. 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 seeking 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.


Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:


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David Morgan FMAAT

Blackburn and Blackburn Limited
73 Albert Road
Colne
Lancashire
BB8 0BP

Date

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Statement of financial activities (including summary income and expenditure account)
for the period 1st June 2016 to 31st May 2017

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
Income					
Donations and legacies		19,722			19,722
Charitable activities		4,721			4,721
Other		7,865			7,865
Total		32,308			32,308
Expenditure					
Raising funds		7,101			7,101
Charitable activities		21,489			21,489
Other		5,362			5,362
Total		33,952			33,952
Net income/(expenditure) before tax		-1,644			-1,644
Tax payable		0			0
Net income/(expenditure)		-1,644			-1,644
Transfers between funds		0			0
Other recognised gains/(losses):		0			0
Net movement in funds		-1,644			-1,644
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward (from period prior to charitable status)		13,760			13,760
Total funds carried forward		12,116			12,116

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Balance Sheet at 31st May 2017

FIXED ASSETS	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total
Tangible assets		7,714			
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock of merchandise		275			
Cash at bank		5,557			
Cash in hand		10			
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors and accruals		-1,440			
NET CURRENT ASSETS		12,116	0	0	12,116
FUNDS AND RESERVES OF THE CHARITY					
Unrestricted funds		12,116	0	0	12,116

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.


These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

Signed on behalf of all the trustees/directors :

Print Name: A-MACDONALD

Date


Signed:



23/02/2018

Signature of director authenticating accounts being sent to Companies House

Name:



Date

23/02/2018

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st May 2017

Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) - Charities SORP (FRS 102) (effective January 2015) - the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Company Status

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital.

Accounting policies

Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources;
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met. The charity did not receive any grants in the accounting period.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Expenditure and liabilities

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £50. They are valued at cost and depreciation is provided at an annual rate of 15% written down value.

Stocks

Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at cost.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Trustee's Remuneration, Benefits and Expenses

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st May 2017. Trustees were occasionally reimbursed for small basic meal costs whilst on long journeys to collect or deliver dogs. The total costs of reimbursements paid in the year was £108.

Related Party Transactions

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st May 2017

Notes to the accounts

INCOME

Analysis of Income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £
Donations and legacies:				
General donations and gifts	13,629			
Kennel sponsorship	6,093			
Gift Aid	0			
Legacies	0			
Grants	0			19,722
Charitable activities:				
Off Lead Area	755			
Dog Adoptions	3,966			4,721
Other Income:				
Event Income	7,103			
Other	762			7,865
Total Income	32,308	0	0	32,308

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st May 2017

EXPENDITURE

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Expenditure on raising funds:

Incurring seeking donations - merchandise	3,852	
Staging fundraising events	3,178	
Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity	71	7,101

Expenditure on charitable activities:

Kennel rental	3,180	
Temporary kennels	731	
Other kennel costs	438	
Pet food supplies	1,490	
Vets fees	5,554	
Specialist dog rehabilitation fees	400	
Van expenses - fuel, insurance and maintenance	5,076	
Subsistence payments to volunteers	108	
Off lead area	4,512	21,489

Other administrative costs:

Software	360	
Bank charges	132	
Accountancy	700	
Independent examiners fee	500	
Depreciation	2,115	
Insurance	747	
Equipment repairs	117	
Printing and stationery	246	
Sundries	158	
Telephone	287	5,362

Total Expenditure

33,952

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st May 2017

Movement in funds - cash flow statement

Cash flows from operating activities:

	Opening transfer	Incoming	Resources expended	Fund transfers	At 31 May 2017
Unrestricted funds	0	32,308	-33,952	0	
Increase (decrease) in stocks	400		-125		275
(Increase) decrease in creditors	-480		-960		-1,440
Tangible assets	9,460	369	-2,115		7,714
Cash in bank and hand	4,380	1,187			5,567
Total funds and reserves	13,760	1,556*	-3,200	0	12,116

See reserves policy for details of opening transfer.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant & Equipment	Van	Total
Cost			
b/fwd from period before charity status obtained	6,628	4,500	11,128
additions in year	369		369
	<u>6,997</u>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>11,497</u>
Depreciation			
b/fwd from period before charity status obtained	1,668	0	1,668
charged in year	990	1,125	2,115
	<u>2,658</u>	<u>1,125</u>	<u>3,783</u>
Net Book Value at 31st May 2017	4,339	3,375	7,714

CREDITORS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR:

Accrued expenses	2017
	1,440