# Report of the Directors and Financial Statements Year Ended 31 October 2011



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Report of the Directors for the Year Ended 31 October 2011

The Directors present their report with the financial statements of the Abernethy Highland Games Association (hereinafter referred to as the Association) for the year ended 31 October 2011.

#### Statutory and Administrative Details

Status

The Association is a company limited by guarantee governed

by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Registered name

Abemethy Highland Games Association

Company registration number

SC282688

Community Amateur Sports Club registration number 00091

**Registered Office** 

The Post Office Nethy Bridge Inverness-Shire PH25 3DA

**Directors** 

The directors throughout the year were:

DV Carrott DJ Dean OBE K Duncan JS Hunter IG Kirk

Rev JAI MacEwan JA McCook MBE JA McCook

LA Renton The Lord Strathspey

NS Sutherland

The directors are elected at the annual general meeting to serve for one year, but are eligible for re-election. Further directors may be appointed by the board at any time to serve until the next annual general meeting, at which time they are eligible for re-election.

**Company Secretary** 

JS Hunter

**Bankers** 

Bank of Scotland

Scottish Widows Bank

Independent Examiner

P Davidson Drumin Green Lane Kingussie PH21 1JU

Report of the Directors for the Year Ended 31 October 2011 (continued)

#### **OBJECTIVES**

The Association's objectives are to promote and organise an annual Highland Games in the village of Nethy Bridge. The income and property of the Association must be applied solely for these purposes.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND CONVENORS

Directors and Convenors currently have the following responsibilities:

Directors

Neil Sutherland

David Carrott
David Dean
Fiping and Drumming
Keith Duncan
Figure Games Secretary
Piping and Drumming
Track and Field Events

John Hunter Treasurer and Company Secretary

Chairman

Ian Kirk Stands and Catering Rev Jim MacEwan Entrance Gates

Alastair McCook Signage

Sandy McCook Vice Chairman/Maintenance/Photography

Linda Renton Publicity/Merchandise/Raffle

The Lord Strathspey Clan Grant

Convenors

Claire Bryce Highland Dancing

Roy Calder Field

Alison Greggans RSPB Liaison Alan Gordon Field Safety

Eric Ibbertson Programmé Advertising

Colin Kirkwood Programme
John McCook Children's Races

John McGlinchey Website Ian McLachlan Trophies

Barbara Paterson Minute Secretary

Stuart Paterson Car Parks
Alban Thom Pipe Bands

Convenorship of the Road Race, Tug of War and Transport are unfilled at present.

#### **ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND DEVELOPMENTS**

13 August 2011 brought sunshine and light cloud as well as one or two showers but these did not seem to dampen the enthusiasm of the large number of visitors who came to Nethy Bridge for a very successful Games Day. Although down on last year's record numbers, there were 3,201 paying visitors (2010 3,602) and a total attendance, including participants, helpers and judges, of 3,758 (2010 4,147).

The impressive Grand Opening Parade, including Massed Pipes and Drums, had eight pipe bands with 161 members. The Games also provide the venue for the Annual Gathering of the Clan Grant Society whose members join in the Opening Parade.

As well as the pipers and drummers, competitors included 102 highland dancers, 58 track and field competitors and 77 road race runners. The programme of fun athletic events for youngsters and their parents and guardians was again very popular.

The Association offers complimentary tickets to all its OAP members. The Strathspey Steam Railway Company operates an inclusive rail and games ticket which provides rail and bus transport from Aviemore Station to the Games field: 94 visitors travelled to the Games in this way.

The Association continues to encourage youngsters in the Highland tradition of competing in heavy events: the Youth Project Reserve has been designated for this purpose.

Report of the Directors for the Year Ended 31 October 2011 (continued)

The Association has continued to invest in the long term future of the Games. This year the main projects were: changing the layout of the entrances at both the Hall and the Duack Gates; removing the grass bank beside the tennis courts; and purchasing some additional internal partitioning for the new Secretary's Tent which was acquired last year. Each of these projects produced noticeable benefits on Games Day.

Over the last three years the total of our own resources which we have either spent on or committed to capital expenditure, repairs and renewals exceeds £20,000. This significant sum excludes the £6,500 grants received last year towards the cost of the new Secretary's Tent.

#### **FINANCIAL POSITION**

Income from Games Day amounted to £24,086 (2010 £23,056) an increase which was due to additional rental income from commercial stands as well as a £1 rise in the admission charge for adults. Expenditure in running the Games amounted to £15,692 (2010 £15,415) resulting in a Games Day surplus of £8,394 as against £7,641 in 2010. Other income, including interest, sponsorship and donations amounted to £2,064 (2010 £1,921). Other expenditure including insurance, repairs, renewals and a charge for use of assets/depreciation amounted to £4,019 (2010 £3,199), resulting in an overall surplus for the year of £6,439 (2010 £6,363).

#### **RESERVES**

The Directors have allocated £5,000 of this year's surplus to the Development Reserve. This is earmarked as a contribution to a project (which is being co-ordinated by the board of the Nethy Bridge Community Centre) to enhance the wooded area adjoining the Games Field and thus improve the amenity available on Games Day.

The remaining surplus has been divided equally between the Replacement Reserve and the General Reserve. The Replacement Reserve is available to fund abnormal expenditure considered by the Board to maintain or improve the running of the Games. The General Reserve is required to ensure the long term future of the Games. The Directors are satisfied that the balance of the General Reserve is adequate to meet several years of potential deficits.

There are no restricted funds.

#### FINANCIAL CONTROLS

The Directors believe that the Association has sound processes for handling cash on Games Day and for reporting the income and expenditure of the Association.

#### **RISKS**

The Directors have assessed the major risks to which the Association is exposed. These relate to injury to members of the public attending the Games and to weather-related financial losses.

In common with all Highland Games, the Directors are required to obtain a Public Entertainment Licence, the terms of which specify the standards required for the running of the event by the Local Authority, Police and Fire Service. The current licence was issued in 2009 and runs until April 2012: application for a new 3-year licence will be made in early 2012. Third party insurance is provided by the Association's own insurance policy as well as cover through Scottish Athletics (SA). Athletic and Heavy Events are run by SA accredited officials who ensure that these events are conducted with a proper regard for the safety of competitors and the public. There is periodic police presence and a qualified and fully equipped ambulance team is present throughout the day.

The other principal risk is financial. Income is weather dependent and therefore uncertain and costs are highly geared so significant deficits are possible in adverse weather conditions. The Directors consider that it is necessary for the Association to maintain reserves sufficient to cover potential losses arising from several years of adverse weather conditions.

The Directors are satisfied that systems are in place to learn from the experience of each Games so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen potential organisational risks.

Report of the Directors for the Year Ended 31 October 2011 (continued)

#### **ORGANISATION**

The Association is managed by a Board of Directors elected by company members. The Board has appointed officials to ensure the satisfactory running of the Association and convenors to manage the various activities of the Games. The Board meets with convenors approximately monthly in the Nethy Bridge Community Centre.

Our thanks go to Peter Crane, Richard Eccles and Desmond Dugan who have stepped down as convenors after many years of involvement.

#### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

At the request of the Directors, Peter Davidson, a retired bank manager, has independently examined the financial statements. His report is on page 8.

#### **APPRECIATIONS**

The Association is indebted to the large number of local residents, including members, who assist with running the Games and without whom the holding of the Games would not be possible. It is also indebted to the many local organisations which provide sponsorship and other assistance.

The Directors wish to express their appreciation for all this support and generosity.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and has been signed on behalf of the Board by:

NS Sutherland Chairman

8 December 2011

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 October 2011

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Road Race			•						
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The notes form part of these financial statements

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 October 2011 (continued)

		Year to 31-Oct-11		Year to 31	Year to 31-Oct-10	
		£	£	£	£	
Surplus for year			6,43 <u>9</u> ]		6,363	
Appropriated as follows:			7			
Development reserve		5,000		1,900		
Youth project reserve		0		400		
General reserve		720	ĺ	2,032	[	
Replacement reserve		<u>719</u>	6,439	<u>2,031</u>	<u>6,363</u>	
Balance Sheet as at 31 Octo	ber 2011	£	£	£	£	
Assets						
Cash in Bank Bank of Scotlar	nd current a/c	1,218		807	i	
Scottish Widow	s deposit a/c	35,668	ĺ	33,698	ì	
Santander	savings a/c	<u>o</u>	36,886	<u>169</u>	34,674	
Trophies no	ote 1		15,000		5,000	
Stock no	ite 1		294		205	
Debtors		0		0	Ì	
less: creditors/provisions no	te 4	<u>-747</u>	-747	<u>-588</u>	<u>-588</u>	
	<del></del>		<u>51,433</u>		39,291	
Reserves no	ote 5					
Development reserve		5,000	i	1,900		
Youth project reserve		1,000		1,000		
Revaluation reserve		15,000		5,000	İ	
Replacement reserve		1,835		3,513		
General reserve		28,598		<u>27,878</u>	{	
			<u>51,433</u>		<u>39,291</u>	

The Company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 October 2011.

The members have not required the Company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2011 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the Company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the Company

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 8 December 2011 and were signed on its behalf by:

NS Sutherland

Chairman

JJ. 1. W.D.

Director

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 October 2011

#### 1 Accounting Policies

#### Accounting convention and compliance

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with (i) the special provisions of of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and (ii) the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008)

#### Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Until 31st October 2010, depreciation was provided on the Games Shed (which cost £9,875 net of grants in 2002) at an annual rate of 4%. At that date, the remaining balance of £7,077 was offset against the Revaluation Reserve. The cost of the new Secretary's Tent (which was £6,272 net of grants in 2010) was charged to the Replacement Reserve. Instead of depreciation, a "use of assets" charge is now made annually in the Statement of Financial Activities and the equivalent amount is credited to Replacement Reserve.

Trophies, which have an estimated value of £15,000 (2010 £5,000) are kept in a good state of repair and are not depreciated.

#### Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and realisable value.

#### 2 Income shown net of expenditure

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		31-Oct-11				31-Oct-10	
	Income	Expenditure	Net		Income	Expenditure	Net
	£	£	£		£	£	£
Programmes	1,540	603	937		1,486	595	891
Raffle	1,081	80	1,001		1,134	8 <del>9</del>	1,045
Merchandise	272	159	113		740	462	278
3 Expenditure shown net of incon	ne						
		31-Oct-11				31-Oct-10	
E	Expenditure	Income	Net		Expenditure	Income	Net
	£	£	£		£	£	£
Dancing	2,165	710	1,455		2,229	752	1,477
4 Creditors: Amounts Falling Due	Within One	e Year					
		31-Oct-11				31-Oct-10	
		£				£	
Accrued charges		440				540	
Other creditors		<u>307</u>				<u>48</u>	
Total		<u>747</u>				<u>588</u>	
5 Movement in Reserves		Dev'ment	Youth	Revaluation	Replacement	General	Total
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1 November 2010		1,900	1,000	5,000	3,513	27,878	39,291
Contribution to Woodland Project stu	ıdy	-1,900					-1,900
Provision for implementing Woodlan	d Project	5,000					5,000
Used to fund expenditure					-3,497		-3,497
Use of assets credit					1,100		1,100
Increase in value of trophies				10,000			10,000
Appropriation of surplus for year					719	720	1,439
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During the year to 31 October 2011, a contribution of £1,900 was made towards the cost of a feasibility study which has examined the possible development of woodland adjacent to the Games Field. A further £5,000 has been allocated towards the implementation of this project which, if it proceeds, would enhance the area available for use on Games Day.

The estimated value of the AHGA Trophies was increased from £5,000 to £15,000 in the year to 31 October 2011.

#### Independent Examiner's report to the Directors of Abernethy Highland Games Association

I report on the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 October 2011 which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

The Company's Directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Company and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and the seeking of explanations from you as Directors 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.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

to keep accounting records in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Companies Act 2006

have not been met or

2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Peter Davidson

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Green Lane

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8 December 2011