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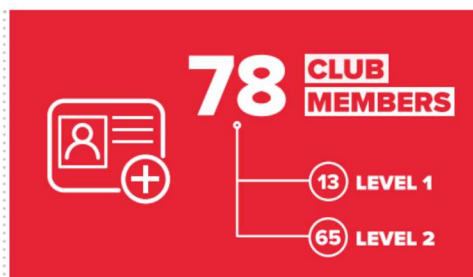


ClubSport Aberdeen

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Performance 2022



**SPONSORED THE CLUB OF THE YEAR
CATEGORY AT THE ABERDEEN SPORTS AWARDS**

18,740

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

74% MALE
13,858

26% FEMALE
4,882



**LAUNCH OF THE
NORTH EAST YOUTH
SPORTS PANEL**

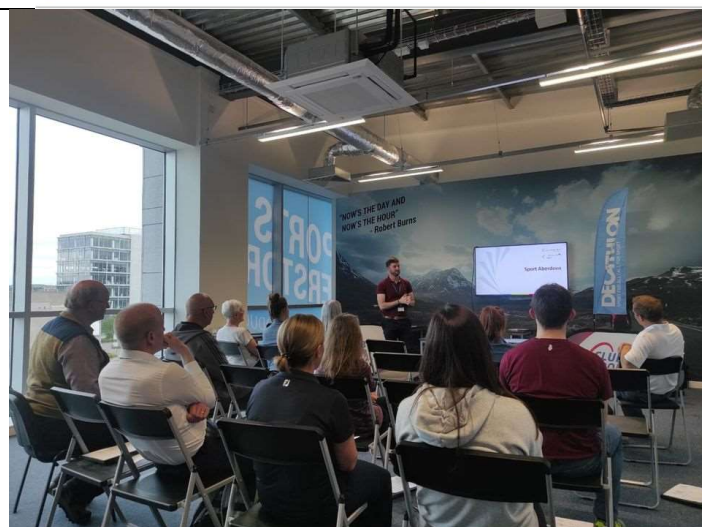


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The objectives of ClubSport Aberdeen are:

- The advancement of public participation in sport through encouraging citizens of all ages, all communities, local clubs and organisations carrying out the majority of their activities within Aberdeen
- Provide a unified voice and practical support for sports clubs throughout Aberdeen
- Working in partnership with other bodies to further the purposes of Club Sport Aberdeen

Structure, governance and management

As a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, ClubSport Aberdeen have legal status and are governed by the organisation's constitution.

ClubSport Aberdeen appoint a group of trustees each year who have overall control and management of the charity. They are responsible for the charity's governance and strategy, and for making sure that the charity is administered effectively.

Charity Trustees:

The Trustees for reporting year 2021-22 are:

Chair:	Vice Chair:	Treasurer:	Secretary:
			
Brian Pahlmann (Aberdeen Amateur Athletics Club)	Mark Pain (Granite City Wanderers Hockey Club)	Gordon McIver (Sooyang Do Association)	Edna Ewan (Aberdeen Amateur Athletics Club)

Board Members:

				
Angie Keith (Bon Accord MBC Hockey Club)	Neil Paterson (Aberdeen and District Juvenile FA)	Kirsty McLeod (Gordonians Hockey Club)	Caroline Walker (Aberdeen & District Netball Association)	Claire MacDonald (Grampian Disability Sport)

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Caroline Walker and Claire MacDonald were co-opted to the Board in October 21.

Achievements and performance

In the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic, as restrictions lessened and sport began its return, the board became aware of several Aberdeen clubs that were thriving, but also a few that had folded. To gain a consensus among clubs and what support could be provided, the board composed and distributed a survey to member clubs.

To further gauge the health of Aberdeen sports clubs, chair Brian Pahlmann visited several member clubs, including Rubislaw Tennis Club, Ultimate Judo, and Aberdeen Grammar Rugby, to gain their unique perspectives and understand their situations.

Using this feedback, the board was able to provide bespoke guidance to member clubs and public signposting to resources, and speak on behalf of clubs to partners, including the reactivated Active Aberdeen Partnership

Over the summer period, club engagement was high in the Summer of Play programme - a partnership with Aberdeen City Council and Sport Aberdeen offering funding to Level 2 member clubs to provide free activity for children at summer camps and activities. The board were therefore happy to further engage with and promote the Easter of Play project in spring 2022. For this holiday period, member clubs who took part would receive £100 towards running taster sessions for new participants, and a number of member clubs signed up.

Aberdeen's Sports Awards also returned in March 2022, having last been presented in 2019 and following several COVID-19 delays, with Club Sport continuing to have representation on the awards shortlisting panel through Brian Pahlmann.

ClubSport Aberdeen sponsored the Club of the Year Award to celebrate the work of the leading sports clubs in Aberdeen. The winner was Aberdeen Amateur Athletic Club in part for their efforts toward inclusion and diversity in the community.

As part of the award sponsorship, board members hosted a table and welcomed representatives from several member clubs, including Sooyang Do, Aberdeen Amateur Athletic Club, and Bucksburn Amateur Swimming Club. The board were also delighted that the inaugural winner of our Service to Sport Award (supplied as part of our affiliation to Scottish Club Sport) - Gordon McCathie from Ultimate Judo – was also able to attend on the night.

All enjoyed the night's celebration of sport, the opportunities to connect and reconnect with friends and colleagues, the laughs and the tears, and the antics of Eddie the Eagle.

This year also saw the establishment of the first North East Youth Sports Panel, in partnership with Club Sport Aberdeenshire. Following a successful recruitment campaign nine young people became founding members of the panel.

The group worked hard over the last six months to establish the purpose of the group; delegate key roles required and raise their profile in the area. An important task has been to connect with the key organisations to build partnerships to enhance and support projects going forward. The Panel is currently supporting the Kit for All project, working with clubs in the area and raising awareness through their social media platforms.



Members met face to face for the first time in spring 22 for some teambuilding activities

The board continued to work closely with several other partners throughout the year. With Covid restrictions gradually easing in schools to allow extra-curricular programmes to restart, we linked with Sport Aberdeen and Active Schools to re-launch the Active Schools voucher scheme. This was an opportunity for pupils to attend Level 2 member club sessions free of charge if they enjoyed trying the sport through Active Schools.

Through our membership of Scottish Club Sport, we were also able to develop a partnership with our local Decathlon store in Aberdeen. Despite the partnership being in its early stages, we have already agreed to promote each other via our social media platforms, while the store very kindly agreed to host our first face to face AGM since the pandemic.



Given the success of our inaugural Service to Sport Award, the board decided this year to make it an annual award, with nominations being requested before the AGM. We are pleased to confirm that 2022's winner was Eric Mannal of Dyce Boys Club.

As always, the board would like to thank Tom Lambert (Community Sport Manager at Sport Aberdeen) for his continued hard work, positivity and support over the course of the year. We would also like to thank those trustees who are due to step down at the end of the year – to Edna Ewan for her dedication to the role of Secretary throughout the Covid period, and to Kirsty McLeod for her commitment and innovation while working on the Digital Communications committee.

Finally, sadly the board lost a further member during the year with Gordon McIver losing his second battle with cancer in Autumn 2021. Gordon was a founding board member and filled the role of treasurer, but more importantly he was the heart of our organisation. We all miss him greatly.

Financial review

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves: The reserves that we have set aside provide financial stability and the means for the development of our principal activity. We intend to maintain our reserves at a level which is at least equivalent to £1100.

The Board regularly reviews (quarterly) the amount of reserves that are required to ensure that they are adequate to fulfil our continuing obligations.

Details of any deficit

No deficit was made during the year.

Donated facilities and services

No facilities or services were donated during 2021-22.

Future plans

Over the next year, the board hope that club sport in Aberdeen continues to strengthen post pandemic. With this in mind our main aims for the next 12 months are as follows:

- Focus on recruitment for key positions on the board, including Secretary, Treasurer & Vice Chair
- Continue to support key citywide projects such as Kit for All and Active Schools vouchers schemes.
- Enhance & improve our partnership with Decathlon to enhance the profile of both organisations locally.
- Continue to represent member clubs on a variety of citywide and regional forums
- Work with Aberdeenshire Club Sport and local authority partners to deliver Club Conference at Inverurie Academy in September 23.

We look forward to engaging and meeting with more clubs over the course of 2022-23.

All the best,

Brian Pahlmann, Mark Pain, Angie Keith, Edna Ewan, Kirsty McLeod, Neil Paterson, Caroline Walker & Claire MacDonald

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