

ROCKVALE REBOUND T.N.

ANNUAL TRUSTEES REPORT 2015/16

The Rockvale Rebound's session for 2015/16 got off to a rather shaky start because of the resignations of both Claire Muir and David Kilbourn, due to business commitments. It had meant that we were without a Website manager, but Karen R had agreed to take over that role. We were also short of a reader in the team, although Karen had also volunteered to take over the team leader's post. We had already secured the services of Denise Currie as a reader and had hoped to get Bridget Thompson along as well, but Bridget just didn't turn up for the reading session. We were fortunate, though in that Mamie Bell called to offer her services as a reader so the team did get up to full strength after all, and we were able to find someone to fill in for David. Shortly afterwards we also secured Sammy Dennett as a potential recording operator, and, after the appropriate training time, Sammy fitted in well with the two teams and now produces regular good quality news tapes.

Our first event of the year was our Annual General Meeting, which, as has been the case for many years, was held in the function suite of Townend Bowling club. It was an exceptionally fine affair with the three young ladies from the Vale of Leven Academy being presented with gifts as tangible tokens of our appreciation for all the sterling work they had done in winning the wonderful amount of £3000 for the benefit of Rockvale Rebound. Susan Kerr was also presented with a beautiful flower arrangement as a thank you for her success in obtaining from the Clydesdale and West Yorkshire Bank the most acceptable sum of £500.

The rest of the meeting took its normal form, with a good clear account of our financial status being presented by Sarah Worthey, the account having been prepared by Sarah and impeccably audited by Tom Woodbridge. Both Tom and Sarah were thanked for their diligent work. All committee members were re-elected to serve for another year and after the business of the day had been attended to, the assembled gathering were able to enjoy a marvellous buffet lunch, provided by Margaret Coleman. A full report of the A.G.M. was prepared and submitted to Karen for inclusion in our Website.

June was a memorable month, for it was on Wednesday, the 10th of that month, in the Perth Concert Hall that the winners of the YPPI competition received their cheques, so Abby, Laura and Jennifer were delighted to be there for their cheque. Rockvale Rebound was represented by Amelia and Davy Kerr, which was considered most appropriate by all the committee, since they are Abby and Laura's grandparents. It was truly a wonderful affair and a full report was prepared by Amelia. The cheque was then given over to Sarah Worthey, our treasurer, for placing in our Bank account.

August, however, was something of a mixed time for us because we were all very saddened to learn of the passing of two people who had given very much of their skill and experience to Rockvale Rebound. They were David Dyer and Tracy Munro, both of whom had been with us for many years. The organisation was well represented at both church services and suitable tributes were included in our news tapes. They are gone, but not forgotten.

Also in August we had our Summer Outing when we went to Troon and had a most enjoyable lunch at the South Beach Hotel, The arrangements for such having been attended to by Margaret Fitzsimons. After lunch we headed Northwards to Largs where people were able to make much of all that Largs has to offer, from the Vikingar Centre, watch the ferries plying between Largs and Millport and, of course, partake of Nardini's much renowned ice cream. We couldn't have engineered better weather for the sun shone from early morning until late in the evening and everybody agreed that it had been one of the best outings that we had gone on although, due to holiday arrangements, only 17 members were able to enjoy the day. A full report of the outing was prepared by Ricky Holloway and Bobby Simpson and was forwarded to Karen for inclusion on our Website.

At the October committee meeting it was suggested by Davy Kerr that a volunteers get together should be considered because most readers didn't know any of the people on other teams. It was agreed to hold such a meeting on the 14th of November. It was a worthwhile exercise with 26 people in attendance and it was also agreed to hold a follow-up work meeting on the 27th of February. This too was a fruitful occasion although only 18 people managed to come along. Nevertheless some positive ideas were brought to light, which were all

noted by Ricky and the committee will no doubt be discussing them and the best way in which they can be actioned. One of the ideas was in relation to fund raising, and this will rank highly on future agendas, since we had not engaged in any fund raising events during the year, having received the £3000 as well as a further £500 courtesy of Susan Kerr via the Clydesdale and Yorkshire Bank's charity system.

Our Christmas Lunch was once again held in Townend Bowling Club's function Suite and was a grand affair. Unfortunately Amelia and Davy Kerr were unable to attend due to a family bereavement. Laura Shaw had offered to entertain us on the keyboard, but, for the same reason, she had to decline. Ricky took on the reins, though, and assisted by Amy McGrandles, Mary Holloway and Bobby Simpson, the entertainment section of the afternoon went with a real swing. The purvey was once more provided by Margaret Coleman, and was superb as always.

Once again a full report of the proceedings was created and passed to Karen for placing on the Website.

Our Website address is:-

www.spanglefish.com/rockvalerebound/

At the January committee meeting it was brought to the attention of members that there was something of an overspend associated with the payments of the Gas and electricity bills. An extraordinary meeting was arranged to discuss the issue further and that was followed by a special meeting with Sarah Worthey, Amelia Kerr and Ricky Holloway at which the cause of the overspend was identified and appropriate steps taken to rectify the situation, and within a few days the finances were back on track. It was also decided to invest £2,500 in a manner that would realise the best dividend possible, and this was agreed to by the full committee.

So another year in the annals of the history of Rockvale Rebound wound to a close, being something of an 'up and down' year, although there were, undoubtedly, more ups than downs.

There are many roles within the Rockvale Rebound and no one role is either more or less important than any other. They are all interwoven, intertwined and interdependent. So, whatever your role might be within the organisation, be proud, very proud of what it is that you do, because a lot of people derive a lot of pleasure as a result of your time and efforts.

R. Y. Simpson M.B.E.

Chairman R.R.T.N.