



BrEACC – Brazilian Educational and Cultural Centre

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2011

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2011

OBJECTS OF BrEACC

The objectives of BrEACC are disseminating Brazilian culture by teaching Portuguese, and helping children to understand and respect other cultures and different ways of living.

BrEACC is a voluntary organisation funded by members of the Brazilian community in the UK. The school meets at the Crane Community Centre – 49/51 Meadway – Twickenham on 34 Saturday mornings during school term times, each academic year. A full prospectus, in Portuguese, is available from BrEACC's website or from the School.

OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES OF BrEACC

The following served as Committee Members, and hence as Trustees in the year ended 31 August 2011.

Benoit Mes – Chairman

Adriana Smart - Events Manager and Administrator

Elizabeth Umehara Buckley - Secretary and IT Manager

Carla Silveira – Secretary

Fabian Iñiguez - Treasurer and IT Manager

Fabio Moreira - Treasurer

Katia Fonseca Peixoto - Teacher's Coordinator

Fabio Moreira stepped down as Treasurer and Fabian Iñiguez stepped down as Treasurer and IT Manager before the end of the year. In the November elections, Graciano Soares replaced Benoit Mes as Chairman.

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REVIEW OF THE YEAR

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Events: Carnival, Festa Junina's Party, "Summer Ball"

Carnival Party Feb 2011

Carnival is an integral part of the Brazilian culture. It is by far the most celebrated festival of the Brazilian calendar and every year BrEACC organises a party to celebrate it. It is a great opportunity to get the Brazilian community together and show our children and the local community our music, dance and food for the occasion. The party this year was of small scale and mainly for the children. However, the sales of traditional food and drinks provided for a good opportunity to raise funds as usual.

Festa Junina June 2011

Festa Junina is the annual Brazilian celebration which takes place in the middle of winter (in the southern hemisphere) and are most associated with the Brazilian North-eastern area, but celebrated in the whole of Brazil, mainly on the days following the Catholic feast of Saint Anthony, John the Baptist and Saint Peter.

These popular festivals not only coincide with the rainy seasons of most states in the north-east but they also provide the people with an opportunity to continue the tradition of giving thanks to Saint Peter and Saint John for the rain. They also celebrate rural life, the harvesting and feature typical clothing, food, dance (particularly "quadrilha", which is similar to square dancing), and music. It's a very important festival for the Brazilian calendar and it's full of folklore, which makes the party very popular in England particularly amongst children.

This year's party was held at St Margaret's Church, in St Margaret's and attracted over 200 people. It was an opportunity for other members of the community to present. "Banda Pé de Jurema" was the main band playing traditional Brazilian music and the 'quadrilha' dance involved everyone present. There were sales of traditional food and drinks as well as games and activities that kept children and families busy throughout the day.

Summer Ball

Unfortunately, the social fundraising event for the parents did not materialise this year. The committee remains confident that such an event would boost BrEACC's popularity and contribute positively to our finances.

New group names

It was decided to rename the teaching groups to bring them in line with the popular denomination of the classes based on Cante e Brinque, the first and most successful group throughout the years. The move also aimed to make it easier to move students up or down the level without giving a sense of demotion, when the move was downwards based on the old level distinctions. The old levels after Cante e Brinque, e E1 and E2 are now respectively called Group Pantanal and Grupo Amazonia. The fourth group created at the end of last year is now called Grupo Cerrado.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND THANKS

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to our projects and events this year, small or large, because every contribution is extremely important to BrEACC.

A big thanks also to all our old and new members who have been supporting us all year round.

FUTURE PLANS

BrEACC will continue to organise the most popular parties, such as Carnival and Festa Junina, as usual. However, the need to engage in more significant fundraising activities continue and the new Committee is considering several options, including a summer ball for the parents from BrEACC but open to the public and a fundraising dinner for potential donors.

RESERVES

At 31 August 2011 BrEACC has reserves of £2,386, equivalent to 6 weeks of recurring expenditure. All funds raised and contributed are held for the benefit of the pupils of the school.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The process of identifying the major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the Officers and Trustees, continues. The Officers and Trustees are committed to continuing this review of risks identified, and to making sure that their systems established to mitigate those risks are improved, where necessary.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

BrEACC's activities are open to all. The Trustees are of the opinion that all may benefit from a greater understanding of Brazilian culture, of the Portuguese language, and from an increased understanding of different cultures and ways of living.

Graciano Soares

Chairman

30 May 2012

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the Trustees of the Brazilian Educational and Cultural Centre on the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2010 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, and seven Notes to Accounts

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the Fund's Officers and Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 you as 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 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 section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act 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.

Robert Ashdown

Chartered Accountant

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30 May 2012

Statement of Financial Activities

	NOTES	2011 (unrestricted)	2010 (unrestricted)
Incoming resources			
Voluntary income and sponsorship		0	20
Activities for generating funds	2	2,558	1,088
Investment income		4	2
Charitable activities	3	11,287	12,213
Total incoming resources		13,849	13,323
Resources expended			
Costs of activities for generating funds	4	2,460	405
Charitable activities	5	13,095	9,478
Total resources expended		15,555	9,883
Net outgoing/incoming resources		(1,706)	3,440
Reconciliation of Funds			
Net funds brought forward		4,046	606
Total funds carried forward		2,340	4,046

The Notes to the Accounts form part of these Financial Statements

Balance Sheet

	NOTE	31.08.11	31.08.10
Current assets			
Cash at bank	6	2,340	4,046
Total current assets		2,340	4,046
Liabilities falling due within one year	7	0	0
Net assets		2,340	4,046
 The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds		2,340	4,046
Total charity funds		2,340	4,046

Graciano Soares

Carla Silveira

Trustee

Trustee

30 May 2012

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Notes to the accounts

1. These accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis on the historic cost convention and in accordance with the Charities SORP 2005.
2. The activities for generating funds are the gross receipts from cultural events and cake sales
3. Charitable activities consist of fees paid for classes.
4. Costs of activities of generating funds are the costs of the cultural events set out in Note 2

5. Charitable activities include:	2011	2010
Faculty Fees	10,440	5,813
Brazilian Project	0	728
Rents	1,767	1,716
Materials and travel	406	639
Insurance	482	417
	13,095	9,313

6. Cash at Bank

CAF Bank	2,337	4,043
NatWest	3	3
	2,340	4,046

7. Liabilities falling due within one year

No unpaid liabilities were known at the end of each year.

8. Related Party Transactions: reimbursements of expenses incurred in the normal running of the charity were made to Committee Members, volunteers, and members of their families.