



BrEACC – Brazilian Educational and Cultural Centre

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2012

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2012

OBJECTIVES OF BrEACC

The objectives of BrEACC are to disseminate 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 on class days.

OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES OF BrEACC

The following served as Committee Members, and hence as Trustees in the year ended 31 August 2012.

Graciano de Santana Soares – Chairman

Adriana Smart - Trustee

Elizabeth Umehara Buckley - Secretary and IT Manager

Carla Silveira – Secretary and General Director

Katia Fonseca Peixoto - Events and Teacher's Coordinator

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REVIEW OF THE YEAR

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS REPORT

The financial and academic year of 2011-12 has been extremely successful. BrEACC has seen its profile rise yet again resulting in greater number of requests for membership. As this report shows, we have been involved in a number of activities that has helped us stamp our name amongst the Brazilian community in London while providing a most essential language teaching service, as well as a number of cultural activities to the community. Tighter finance control, increased web visibility and growing membership have helped BrEACC's finance improve twofold since last year's report. Given the well-established working processes and fund-raising activities, BrEACC is in its best position to face any new challenges that might come its way.

Events: School Carnival, Festa Junina (June Party)

Carnival Party Feb 2012

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.

Once again, the trustees opted to do a small-scale party mainly for member parents and children. Despite the small scale, the sales of food and drinks contributed to our fund raising strategy.

June Party 2011 (Festa Junina 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 northeast 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 on 7th July at All Hallows Church Hall, in Twickenham, and attracted over 300 people. It was an opportunity for other members of the Brazilian community to show their arts and crafts and music. "Menino Josué e Anselmo Neto" was the main attraction playing traditional Brazilian music. The traditional 'quadrilha' (square dance) involved everyone present and was for many the highlight of the party. There were sales of traditional food and drinks as well as games and activities that kept children and families busy throughout the day.

Home learning exercise book

This year we saw the introduction of the BrEACC Exercise Book. The book is an attempt at improving the way volunteer-teachers manage home learning activities while providing a portfolio of children's achievement throughout the year. It has been well received by the volunteer-teachers, parents and the teachers.

Brazilian study books

We are thankful to the Brazilian Consulate for helping the Brazilian government fulfil one of its aims of providing schoolbooks to organisations delivering teaching and learning of Brazilian Portuguese. BrEACC received 72 books from a range of subjects and school years. A copy of each has been kept in our offices for reference, but the majority was distributed to all parents of free of charge.

Communications

Our communication channels have been improved by the setting up of Google Apps as a means of providing email for communication amongst the trustees our members. Our website has been revamped and proven to be a focal point of access to information about the school for both existing and prospective members. Over the year, it has had in excess of 452,000 hits. This has reflected in a growing number of members of the community now being able to find out about BrEACC, which is reflected in our growing membership. But perhaps the greatest success is the Breaccbook, our social network page on Facebook. More and more new internet users are also attracted to it. The number of followers now sits at 300 and growing.

Other highlights

Focus Brazil

In October 2012, BrEACC was well represented at the second edition of Focus Brazil Europe. BrEACC gave a strong contribution to the Portuguese teaching panel. Katia Fonseca Peixoto gave a substantial contribution to the organisation of the event. Luisa Vessoni, a student in the Grupo Cerrado, won first prize in the drawing competition. Thayná de Albuquerque Dorneles, also from Grupo Cerrado, won the writing competition.

BBC Radio London 94.9

During the Olympic games members of BrEACC took part in the live show presented by Eddie Nestor from Somerset House.

Olympic Games opening ceremony

Children from BrEACC and other Brazilian communities took part in Danny Boyle's opening ceremony film. Filming included a trip to Buckingham Palace where students spent the day. They were followed by Carla Silveira and Katia Capovilla.

GEPELCA

BrEACC has led on the creation of the study group of Portuguese teachers working with young children and adolescents. The group meets once a month outside teaching hours and aims to provide volunteer-teachers and assistants with an opportunity to develop their teaching and learning knowledge and skills.

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.

We would also like to thank all our existing members and welcome the new ones who have been supportive of our activities.

We are also grateful to the Brazilian Consulate in London for the distribution of schoolbooks this year.

FUTURE PLANS

BrEACC will continue to organise the most popular parties, such as Carnival and Festa Junina, as usual. However, Committee will continue to investigate new ways of raise funds to ensure our plans can be delivered.

Graciano Soares

Chairman

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	2012 (unrestricted)	2011 (unrestricted)
Incoming resources			
Voluntary income and sponsorship		0	20
Activities for generating funds	2	3,132	2,558
Investment income		2	4
Charitable activities	3	12,687	11,287
Total incoming resources		15,821	13,849
Resources expended			
Costs of activities for generating funds	4	1,678	2,460
Charitable activities	5	11,292	13,095
Total resources expended		12,970	15,555
Net outgoing/incoming resources		(2,851)	1,706
Reconciliation of Funds			
Net funds brought forward		2,340	4,046
Total funds carried forward		5,191	2,340

The Notes to the Accounts form part of these Financial Statements

Balance Sheet

	NOTE	31.08.12	31.08.11
Current assets			
Cash at bank	6	5,191	2,340
Total current assets		5,191	2,340
Liabilities falling due within one year	7	0	0
Net assets		5,191	2,340
 The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds		5,191	2,340
Total charity funds		5,191	2,340

Graciano Soares

Trustee

Carla Silveira

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:	2012	2011
Faculty Fees	7,990	10,440
Brazilian Project	1,869	0
Rents	2,431	1,767
Materials and travel	193	406
Insurance	487	482
	12,970	13,095

6. Cash at Bank

CAF Bank	5,191	2,337
NatWest	3	3
	5,194	2,340

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.