



BrEACC – Brazilian Educational and Cultural Centre

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2013

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2013

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 2013.

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 2012-13 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 2013

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 2013 (Festa Junina 2013)

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

We continue to use 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.

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.

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.

RESERVES

At 31 August 2013 BrEACC had reserves of £9,896 equivalent to 9 months of recurring expenditure (2012: £5,153 or 5 months). 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

Independent Examiner's Report

to the Trustees of BrEACC – Brazilian Educational and Cultural Centre

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2013, which are set out on pages 8 to 14.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- To state 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 Commissioner. 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in my statement below.

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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

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.

Robert Ashdown, Chartered Accountant, 75 Brookville Road, London, SW6 7BH

31 August 2014

Statement of Financial Activities

	NOTES	2013 (unrestricted)	2012 (unrestricted)
Incoming resources			
Voluntary income and sponsorship		0	0
Activities for generating funds	1	2,730	3,132
Investment income	2	6	2
Charitable activities	3	16,519	12,687
Total incoming resources		19,255	15,821
Resources expended			
Costs of activities for generating funds	4	2,081	1,678
Charitable activities	5	12,431	11,330
Total resources expended		14,512	13,008
Net outgoing/incoming resources		4,743	2,813
Reconciliation of Funds			
Net funds brought forward		5,153	2,340
Total funds carried forward		9,896	5,153

The Notes to the Accounts form part of these Financial Statements

Balance Sheet

	NOTE	31.08.13	31.08.12
Current assets			
Cash at bank	6	9,896	5,153
Total current assets		9,896	5,153
Liabilities falling due within one year	7	0	0
Net assets		9,896	5,153
 The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds		9,896	5,153
Total charity funds		9,898	5,153

Graciano Soares

Carla Silveira

Trustee

Trustee

31 August 2014

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Notes to the accounts

1. These accounts are prepared on an accruals 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:	2013	2012
Faculty Fees	7,557	7,990
Brazilian Project	236	1,869
Rents	1,983	2,431
Materials and travel	32	231
Insurance	518	487
Teacher's training	770	0
Storage	1,335	0
	12,431	13,008

6. Cash at Bank

CAF Bank	9,898	5,153
NatWest	0	0
	9,898	5,153

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.