



Breacc – Brazilian Educational and Cultural Centre

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

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 St Mary's Junior School 131, Richmond Road, TW1 3BA Saturday mornings during school term times in London, and at St Michael's Church, Poole Road, BH2 5QU. A full prospectus, in Portuguese, is available from Breacc's website or from the School on class days. Breacc's official site provides information in English as well as in Portuguese.

OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES OF Breacc

The following served as Committee Members, and hence as Trustees in the year ended 31 August 2015.

Graciano de Santana Soares – Chairman

Fabiana Teixeira - Treasurer

Katia Fonseca Peixoto – Secretary

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REVIEW OF THE YEAR

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS REPORT

The financial health of Breacc remains stable. Expenditures have risen partly due to the cost of room hire and the opening of a new school in Bournemouth. Our events, in particular, our summer fete, have provided a good source of marketing and income generation, which has mitigated the increases in cost.

BREACC BOURNEMOUTH

In September 2015, we opened a new branch in Bournemouth. After months of planning and organisation, the London-based community worked with a group of Brazilian families interested in us extending our offer to that city. A Local Director was identified with the aim of running a community event to promote Breacc and attract new members. Over 300 people attend the event, which coincided with our calendar of summer fetes. As a result, over 40 families joined Breacc and the new school was opened. We provided training to the local volunteers who wanted to act as class leaders and soon the Bournemouth team was up to speed with the way Breacc works. This model has given us the confidence to evaluate further request from other Brazilian communities across the UK to set up a local Breacc.

CARNIVAL PARTY 2015

Carnival is an integral part of the Brazilian culture. It is by far the most celebrated festival of the Brazilian calendar and features every year in Breacc's calendar of events. The carnival party is an internal event that attracts mainly existing members. Nonetheless, it is a significant opportunity to show our children and the local community our music, dance and food for the occasion.

JUNE PARTY 2015 (FESTA JUNINA 2015)

This year we held two summer fetes, one in Richmond and one in Bournemouth.

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 the school premises in Twickenham. Over 600 people attended the event contributing to a record amount raised. It was an opportunity for other members of the Brazilian community to show their arts and crafts and music. "Banda Pé de Jurema" 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

Our communication channels are effective in connecting with existing and prospectus members. Our Breaccbook has passed 1000 followings and its growth potential is evident. Our website provides updates on our achievements and promotional materials. Interest for membership continues to grow.

GCSE RESULTS

Breacc students continue to excel in their exams: all those who took their Portuguese GCSE this academic year passed with As. A former student who is now 18, has also taken Portuguese A-Levels and is now helping as a volunteer class assistant.

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.

RESERVES

At 31 August 2015 Breacc had reserves of £10,636 equivalent to 6 months of recurring expenditure (2014: £10,104). All funds raised and contributed are held for the benefit of the pupils of the school.

FUTURE PLANS

A key strategic decision was to look for ways to raise the profile of Breacc in view of increasing competition from emerging Brazilian groups in London. Some of our key strategic decisions were to:

- Continue to invest in our online footprint with the expansion of our Facebook fans and a revamp of our website
- Partner with organisations that offers high-quality, high-visibility benefits to the Brazilian community, such as the Brazilian Embassy in London and the CulturalFestiv.com, which organizes the Children's Brazilian Film Festival.
- Continue to support Focus Brasil and its Education Forum

As a result, our new website has received positive responses and our Facebook has reached the 1000th 'like'.

Breacc attended the Children's Film Festival in great numbers and conversations are underway to create a partnership that will see Breacc's logo as one of the sponsors of the event in the next year.

We are organising a visit from the Ambassador of Brasil to London for the next summer term.

We are also planning our participation in the Education Forum at Focus Brasil 2016.

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 10 June 2016

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 2015, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

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

10 June 2015

Statement of Financial Activities

	NOTES	2015 (unrestricted)	2014 (unrestricted)
Incoming resources			
Income from donations	2	23,381	19,275
Investment income		0	8
Total incoming resources		<u>23,381</u>	<u>19,283</u>
Resources expended			
Charitable activities	3	22,849	19,075
Total resources expended		<u>22,849</u>	<u>19,075</u>
Net outgoing/incoming resources		532	208
Reconciliation of Funds			
Net funds brought forward		10,104	9,896
Total funds carried forward		10,636	10,104

The Notes to the Accounts form part of these Financial Statements

Balance Sheet

	NOTES	31.08.15	31.08.14
Current assets			
Cash at bank and petty cash	4	10,635	10,104
Total current assets		10,635	10,104
Liabilities falling due within one year	5	0	0
Net assets		10,635	10,104
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds		10,635	10,104
Total charity funds		10,635	10,104

Graciano Soares

Fabiana Teixeira

Trustee

Trustee

10 June 2016

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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 FRSSE (SORP 2015).
2. Income from donations includes amounts received at social events and fees paid for classes
3. Charitable activities include:

	2015	2014
Faculty Fees	12,754	9,660
Costs of cultural events	3,598	1,762
Rents	2,450	3,969
Materials and travel	599	672
Insurance	497	517
Teacher's training	1,355	960
Storage	1,510	1,445
Advertising	86	90
	22,849	19,075

4. Cash at Bank and petty cash

CAF Bank	10,475	10,104
Petty cash	160	0
	10,635	10,104

5. Liabilities falling due within one year:

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

6. 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.