



Annual Report 2019



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A message from Fergus

After the fire in October 2018, some of us perhaps wondered if Lakers could survive. In a way, we lost everything in that fire – premises, equipment, buses, and the future.

Except, of course, for the never-say-die spirit of Lakers. Because of that spirit and determination, we spent 2019 rebuilding. A wonderful new premises, a lot of renovation, a new fleet of buses, and an exciting range of activities for our members.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the Presbyterian community, who became the best landlords any voluntary organisation could have. And we are forever indebted to the team that came together to remodel our premises and make it the bright welcoming place it is.

But hardly had we finished all that than Difference Days arrived and transformed us once again. I can still remember the sense of wonder I felt at how they managed to produce magic out of chaos and left behind an even more attractive home for our members.

Having started 2019 faced with a series of challenges, we ended the year in a healthy financial position. We didn't know then, of course, that 2020 would bring new challenges and crises that would seriously affect our fund-raising capacity among other things. But Lakers has shown again and again its capacity to overcome even the most daunting circumstances, and we'll do whatever we have to do to keep the spirit of Lakers alive and strong.

We couldn't do it without a small but quite extraordinary team of staff. I'm not exaggerating when I say I learn something from them every day, especially when they are working with our members. Our exceptional volunteers are in many ways the life and soul of Lakers – each one of them makes a huge difference every day. Our parents and families bring energy and ideas to the club, and their involvement is invaluable.

But our members are what it is all about. I'm really proud of the fact that so many of them have become firm friends – they make me feel welcome in their club, when I sometimes think I ought to be welcoming them!

Without wishing to single anyone out, I want to say a special thank you this year to Rebecha, Dan and Marion, who all joined the Board over the last year or so. Our Board is a challenging and demanding place to be, and they have become outstanding Board members. They are relentless and strong advocates for their fellow members, and they put the rest of us on our toes at every Board meeting. In the process they make Lakers a better place to be for all of us.



Fergus Finlay, Chair

Financial Statements

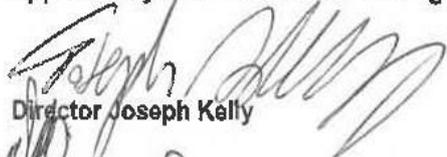
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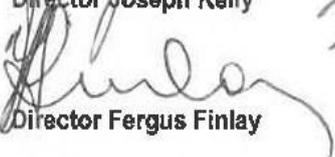
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	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2019 €	Restricted Funds 2019 €	Total 2019 €	Total 2018 €
Incoming Resources					
Generated funds:					
Investment and other income		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities:					
Pobal		-	92,268	92,268	88,643
HSE		-	186,704	186,704	136,704
Fundraising & donations		151,264	-	151,264	184,740
Donations received for improvements to premises		-	32,205	32,205	75,000
Donations received for mini-bus		-	52,000	52,000	20,000
Donations received for coffee shop project		-	12,533	12,533	-
Club membership subscriptions		6,220	-	6,220	6,440
Club activities		132,975	-	132,975	141,598
Miscellaneous income		1,320	-	1,320	-
Total incoming resources		291,779	375,710	667,489	653,125
Expenditure on:					
Cost of charitable activities	4	495,132	278,972	774,104	562,594
Cost of fundraising	3	20,298	-	20,298	7,192
Total resources expended		515,430	278,972	794,402	569,786
Net movement in funds for the year		(223,651)	96,738	(126,913)	83,339
Transfer between funds	13	179,205	(179,205)	-	-
Exceptional Item					
Net insurance proceeds as result of fire		-	-	-	191,253
Reconciliation of funds					
Balances brought forward at 1 January 2019		556,633	95,000	651,633	377,041
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2019	13	512,187	12,533	524,720	651,633

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year. The results for the year have been calculated on the historical cost basis.

Approved by the Directors on 10th August 2020 and signed on its behalf by


Director Joseph Kelly


Director Fergus Finlay

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BALANCE SHEET

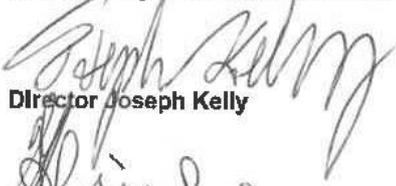
as at 31 December 2019

	Notes	2019 €	2018 €
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	6	177,456	22,511
Current Assets			
Stocks	7	-	-
Debtors & prepayments	8	12,962	14,868
Cash at bank and in hand		412,468	700,713
		<u>425,430</u>	<u>715,581</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(78,166)</u>	<u>(86,459)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>347,264</u>	<u>629,122</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		524,720	651,633
Creditors			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	10	-	-
Net Assets		<u><u>524,720</u></u>	<u><u>651,633</u></u>
Funds			
Unrestricted funds		112,187	156,633
Restricted funds		12,533	95,000
Designated funds		400,000	400,000
Total funds	13	<u><u>524,720</u></u>	<u><u>651,633</u></u>

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The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, applying Section 1A of that standard.

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Activities

We kicked off September with 67 classes running over 7 days with the introduction of 4 new junior activities and 5 new senior activities. There were a few small adjustments made to the timetable from previous years as we settled into our new centre and classrooms. The drama groups, the dance classes, the drummers and the music groups all produced another outstanding sell out performance of The Wizard of Oz in the Mermaid Theatre in June, this was another fantastic performance showcasing the members wonderful talents.

123 members attended the 8-week summer camp programme where they went on trips to Tayto Park, Kiroa Farm, the athletics field, and the cinema. They also took part in a show for their parents and guardians in the new stage area in the garden at the end of the week which was thoroughly enjoyed by all and new lifelong friendships were formed.

Once again Bray Sailing club offered Lakers an opportunity to learn a new skill with two “Lakers Try Sailing” courses and members who had tried this in previous years were able to build on skills learnt with “Lakers at Sea”.

Jasper from Master Adventure held a 10-week course of Rock climbing in Tallaght climbing centre for members aged 12-25, this was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Special Olympics

2019 was another busy year for all our members who compete in Special Olympics competitions. We are truly grateful to all our coaches in Athletics, Bowling, Bocce, Badminton, Basketball, Football, Skiing and Swimming who give so much time to training and members and accompanying them to competitions. Competing in different sports gives our members the chance to learn, develop and enjoy the experience of competitions.



Bowling Team

Ladies Basketball Team



In March one of our members Paul Condron and our Sports instructor Graham Hillick travelled to Abu Dhabi as part of the Irish Football Team competing in The Special Olympics World Games and returned champions with bronze medals.



Team Ireland

Swimming Competition



Club Events

2019 was a very busy year for Lakers and the first big event was the family weekend in February. 20 families headed off the Galway Bay Hotel for a lovely weekend. It was great to welcome a few new families and a fun filled weekend was had by everyone.

We had a Valentines Disco in Greystones Rugby Club in Feb and a Summer Disco in Bray Tennis Club in June. As usual these are very popular with all our members and we are very lucky to have a dad of one of our members step up as DJ and provide all the popular tunes.

Lakers took part in Greystones and Bray St Patricks Day Parades in March and despite the bad weather on the day there was great representation at both.



In May another group set off for France for the Annual Holiday and spent a very pleasant 10 days in Benodet.

June was an especially busy for us as we had a group of volunteers from Difference Days in creating our wonderful garden and shortly after we had our Annual Production in the Mermaid which was a fantastic success and showcased the amazing talents of our members.

We also had the official launch of our new centre where we welcomed all our members, families, volunteers and supporters. It was our way of thanking everyone for the fantastic support shown to us after the fire and helping us to settle into our new centre.



We then went straight into July and the start of 8 weeks of summer camp. Once again, our staff and volunteers had a packed timetable of events and outings for all age groups and abilities to ensure every member had a great experience.

Also, in July we had a group of 40 members volunteers with 3 staff members attend the Westlife Concert in Croke Park which of course was enjoyed by all.

Next was our Annual Barbeque and Prizegiving Day which was the first one to be held in our new premises and once again members were awarded for their great achievements throughout the year. Every member was also presented with a special 30th Anniversary pin to celebrate Lakers 30th Anniversary.



We settled back into September and things quietened for a while before plans to celebrate our 30th Anniversary with a Ball in Druids Glen Marriot Hotel. 200 people attended a fantastic night with lovely food and of course great music. The dancefloor was packed from the first note.



At the start of December, we had a group of 30 attend Mama Mia Musical in Bord Gais Theatre so once again there was plenty of singing and dancing.

We finished off the year with our Christmas Parties in Lakers and the visit of Santa which is the highlight of the year for so many.

Volunteers

A special thanks to the wonderful volunteers who provided invaluable support to the staff team. Our active number of volunteers for 2019 was 150 ranging in age from 16-75, which enabled the club to provide as much continuity as possible for our members by participating in activities, driving, and escorting members on bus trips.

Volunteers also support all our fundraising events and help in many other ways such as registration at the Roundwood Run, marshalling the route, supporting the Glendalough walk, and selling raffle tickets, representing the club at fund-raising events and even running their own campaigns.

Volunteer training was provided for Basketball /Junior Club, Children First, Safeguarding, Epilepsy and Driver inductions. Thank you all for everything you do.



Fundraising

Lakers saw fantastic support from members, families, and the local community in 2019. We had a Diamond Ring Raffle at the beginning of the year raising over €1815 with 50% of it coming in from online.

Our Annual Event in April the Lakers Roundwood Run was great success with over 220 runners registering, and funds raised after costs of €4380.

We also saw an increase in walkers at our Annual Glendalough Walk with 69 people attending to hike one of our 3 different routes around Glendalough making just over €3600.

We had runners in the Women's Mini Marathon, Dublin City Marathon and Tough Mudder.



We received over €48,300 in grant funding and we had a major increase in school donations and school events such as Bakers for Lakers, Halloween Fancy Dress Competitions and more, creating over €4300 in planned income, and over €3k more in unrequested fundraisers.

We also have to give a big kudos for the huge amount of support from local sports clubs and community groups including: Bray Sailing Club, Bray Wanderers, Bray Lions Club, Bray Lawn Tennis Club, Bray One Act Drama, Kilmacanogue Horse Show, Wicklow Vintage Car Club, Bray Rotary Club, Wicklow Patchwork Group, various golf clubs around county, and many more groups that came together to set up fundraisers for our club creating over €22k in supporter income.

We also had had great support from Corporate companies such as Megazyme, Fleishmann Hillard, Broadcast Video Services, Irish Distillers, Deloitte, CPL, Benaulin, Chadwicks, Supervalu Bray & Greystones, Salesforce, Absolute Print, AIB Bray, Permanent TSB, Wicklow Wolf Brewery, The Sports Room, Wicklow, and many more local businesses – who gave not just in the form of donations and fundraisers, but also with voluntary work, offers for skill sharing, promotion, free services, and various gifts (table tennis table & promotional stands for example) and prizes (for our raffles and events).

Lakers online shop was also started, with our first product “wedding favours” creating over €1200 in income.

Bag packing and collection boxes in various shops around Bray and County Wicklow also brought in over €2140. Facebook donations and advertising increased last year as we started to get used to more digital fundraising and our Christmas Raffle sold over 5600 tickets last year.

The year ended with a fantastic show from our Christmas Carol Singers who were a great hit in Greystones once again.



Staff

- Andrew Synnott Receptionist & Volunteer Co-ordinator
- Anne King – Fundraising, Events & Volunteer Manager
- Cathy Kelly- Accounts Administrator
- Christine Power – Art Instructor
- Ciaran Tucker - Caretaker
- Dan Ryan – Caretaker
- Dave Farrell- Caretaker
- Graham Hillick – Sports Instructor
- Helen Furlong – Activities Manager
- June Molloy – Potter Instructor
- Kathy Baker – Fundraising Co-ordinator
- Lisa Fox – Card Assemble
- Lisa O’Brien – Sports Instructor
- Malcolm Newitt – Driver & Transport Coordinator
- Mary Doherty -Card Assemble
- Nadia Dorcey – Music Instructor
- Niamh Ni Ghrainne – Cookery Instructor & Social Media Assistant
- Nicky Dickenson – Card Assemble
- Sandra Fagan – Family Liaison Manager
- Sharon Carton – Domestic Technician



Directors 2019

- Chairperson: Fergus Finlay
- Vice Chair: Brian O'Mahoney
- Secretary & Treasurer: Joe Kelly
- Ian Daly
- Christopher King
- John Latchford
- Elaine Lande
- Mark Woods
- Breffni O'Neill
- Brenda McGuirk
- William Day
- Michael Fitzpatrick
- Stephen Donnelly
- Dan Ryan
- Marian O'Rourke
- Rebecha McAuley



Joe Kelly, Fergus Finlay and Brian O'Mahoney