BRITISH COMBINATORIAL COMMITTEE

Report and financial statements for the year ending
30 September 2013
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Prof P J Cameron (Queen Mary, University of London), Chair
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Charity registration number

SC019723

Website

http://www.maths.qmul.ac.uk/~pjc/bcc/
The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2013.

Structure, governance and management

For the purpose of charity legislation, the Trustees are precisely the members of the British Combinatorial Committee. The Committee governs in accordance with the Constitution, which is available on the Committee’s website, or from the Secretary on request. The Chair and six members of the Committee are elected biennially. The local organisers of the next British Combinatorial Conference and the editor of the British Combinatorial Bulletin are ex officio members. One further member of the Committee was co-opted. Also co-opted is the organiser of the Postgraduate Conference.

Objectives and activities

The British Combinatorial Committee was founded in 1977 with the general aim of encouraging the study of Combinatorial Mathematics, and with the particular purpose of organising every two years a conference in Great Britain devoted to this field of research. Previously, five such meetings had been organised on an informal basis. The British Combinatorial Conference has since become one of the leading international conferences in this expanding area of mathematics. The Committee’s activities have widened to include support for postgraduate conferences, various shorter meetings and occasional prizes. The Committee also publishes the British Combinatorial Bulletin, which has appeared annually since 1975; the current issue, edited by Dr D B Penman at the University of Essex, is available at http://privatewww.essex.ac.uk/~dbpenman/BCB/index.htm.

Financial support

The following is a list of the activities in 2012-13 for which the Committee agreed to provide partial financial support.

1. 31 October 2012
   Old Codgers Combinatorics Meeting
   University of Reading
   Attendance: 30
   Subsidy: £450

2. 30 January 2013
   12th OU Winter Combinatorics Meeting
   The Open University, Milton Keynes
   Attendance: 45
   Subsidy: £180

3. 15-16 May 2013
   Two One-Day Colloquia in Combinatorics
   Queen Mary, University of London (15 May), London School of Economics (16 May)
   Attendance: 80
   Subsidy: £1230.00
4. 5 June 2013
   One-Day Meeting on Combinatorics
   Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford
   Attendance: 52
   Subsidy: £500

5. 14-16 August 2013
   Postgraduate Combinatorial Conference
   Royal Holloway University of London
   Attendance: 19
   Subsidy: £260.14

Voluntary work

The Society's officers and Committee members undertake all their work for the Committee on a voluntary basis. They therefore receive no payment beyond reimbursement of some of their expenses.

Financial review

The Committee's finances generally follow a 2-year cycle, since the British Combinatorial Conference is held in alternate, odd-numbered years. The net surplus from previous conferences, including royalties from invited lectures published by Cambridge University Press, provides the funds used to underwrite future conferences and to support secondary activities. Accounts for the 2013 conference have yet to be finalised. In round figures, income for 2012-13 was £1339 and expenditure was £3637. This leaves a balance of £14500, the bulk of which is held in interest-bearing bank accounts. The Trustees consider that the Charity is exempt from audit.

Plans for the future

The Committee has agreed to support Combinatorics meetings at Queen Mary, University of London on 14 May 2014, and at the London School of Economics on 15 May 2014, and at the University of Oxford on 5 June 2014. The next British Combinatorial Conference is to be held at the University of Warwick from 6 to 10 July 2015.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Committee's General Policy and Rules require accounts to be prepared annually on 30 September. It is the responsibility of the Trustees to ensure that the annual financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity, and of its surplus or deficit for the year. The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance of proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Committee. They are also responsible for safeguarding the the assets of the Committee and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.
On behalf of the Trustees

(signed)

Prof P J Cameron
Chair
(date) 14.5.14

(signed)

Prof J W P Hirschfeld
Secretary
(date) 15.7.14
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER’S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees of the British Combinatorial Committee, registered charity number SC019723.

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2013 which are set out on page 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The charity’s trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner’s statement
My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 seeks explanations from the 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 the course of 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 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

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.

Signed: [Signature] Date: 1 May 2014

Name: Dr G E Thomas
Relevant Professional qualification/professional body (if any):

(Formerly) Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society

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Receipts and Payments Account for the period
1 October 2012 to 30 September 2013

Year to Year to
30/9/2013 30/9/2012

Receipts
Interest 204.89 215.25
Royalties from Cambridge University Press 704.32 1256.61
Unused parts of grants for conferences 429.72
(Surplus from 23rd BCC, Exeter, 2011)

Total receipts 1338.93 7136.08

Payments
Grant for London 2-day conference (Queen Mary/LSE), May 2013 1230.00
Grants for one-day conferences 1390.14 1540.94
Expenses for committee meetings 316.85 191.70
Open University Combinatorics Prizes 200.00 100.00
Postgraduate Combinatorics Conference 2013 500.00
(Grant for London 2-day conference (Queen Mary/LSE), May 2012) 1600.00
(Postgraduate Combinatorics Conference 2012) 500.00
(French-British Workshop on Analytic Combinatorics, Sep 2012) 500.00

Total payments 3636.99 4432.64

Surplus / (deficit) for year (2298.06) 2703.44

All funds are unrestricted

Statement of Balances as at 30 September

Bank accounts:
Opening balances 16807.53 14104.09
Surplus (deficit) for year (2298.06) 2703.44

Closing balances 14509.47 16807.53

Made up of:
Bank of Scotland Treasurer’s Account 1205.66 708.61
Scottish Widows Bank Charity Deposit Account 13303.81 16098.92

14509.47 16807.53

Signed: Date: 7 July 2014

Dr K J Edwards (Treasurer)