

DEAR LIONS

The season that never became a real season is over. Probably the strangest season in the existence of Leiden Lions ever. It's a good time to review a number of issues.

Corona

Covid 19 dominated not only Leiden Lions, but the whole world. For Leiden Lions it mainly meant that we could hardly get on the ice and then only under strict conditions. A big thanks to everyone who has contributed to making it as much as possible for our members to get on the ice while complying as much as possible with all the necessary measures. Unfortunately, due to the strict measures, there was no ice in the ice rink since the beginning of February.

Refund of contribution

As a result of the Corona virus, very little skating was possible, so the board has put the reimbursement of (part of) the contribution on the agenda. The board has always told you that full reimbursement of the contribution would not be possible, but that we would make every effort to refund as much of the contribution paid to the members as possible.

At the moment, the state of play is as follows. We still have to collect some EUR 12 000 in non-paid membership fees. The board believes that all members should 'suffer' equally and that this overdue contribution will therefore be collected.

We are working to promote that our club will get as much as possible back of the contribution paid to IJNL (approximately 5k) and the rent paid to the Ice Hall (approximately 50k). The part of IJNL is the smallest, but we also have the least expectation to get anything back from this. We are hopeful of getting something back from the ice rink, but it will be a few months before this is definitively decided. We do have the ice rink's commitment that there will be a refund.

Below is the (provisional!) Balance sheet and Statement of Income and Expenses included. Of course, these still need to be checked by the audit committee, and accounting changes can still take place. However, this does provide an insight into the financial situation of the association.

Activa	31-3-2021		31-3-2020		Passiva	31-3-2021		31-3-2020	
<i>Viottende activa</i>					<i>Eigen vermogen</i>				
Debiteuren	€	36.460,84	€	4.736,00	Reserves	€	10.225,31	€	5.753,34
<i>Liquide middelen</i>					<i>Vreemd vermogen</i>				
Bank	€	27.659,47	€	2.749,34	Voorzieningen	€	51.875,00	€	-
					Crediteuren	€	2.020,00	€	1.732,00
					Overige schuld	€	-	€	-
TOTAAL	€	64.120,31	€	7.485,34	TOTAAL	€	64.120,31	€	7.485,34

	GEREALISEERD 20/21	BEGROOT 20/21	GEREALISEERD 19/20
Baten	€ 108.682,84	€ 111.082,00	€ 107.904,36
Contributies (Club Collect)	€ 108.166,58	€ 108.582,00	€ 98.346,12
Sponsoring	€ 52,76	€ 2.500,00	€ 9.558,24
Boetes	€ 168,00	€ -	€ -
Diversen	€ 295,50	€ -	€ -
	GEREALISEERD 20/21	BEGROOT 20/21	GEREALISEERD 19/20
Lasten	€ 75.416,87	€ 111.082,00	€ 107.904,36

Of the costs for 2020/2021, €50,997.15 is for the ice rental of the past year. We know the following about this cost item: about 50% of the ice hours paid for have not been taken by the association. This means that roughly 50% of these total costs will have to be refunded.

The ice rink has indicated that it can pay half of that refund at short notice (rounded off about €12,500). The other half (again €12,500) will probably not be paid until early 2022. This is all linked to the government's support schemes. This total claim, amounting to €25,000, is included in the debtors (debiteuren) on the balance sheet. The remainder of the debtors, approximately €12,000, concerns contributions still to be received.

The contributions to be settled / refundable are included under 'provisions' on the debt side of the balance sheet. It is clear, of course, that this total amount is greater than the bank balance at present. In other words, we can only make this payment when all the contributions have been paid, and the overpaid funds have been received from the ice rink.

At the moment, therefore, it seems that we will be able to repay around 25% of the contribution paid. We are going to see if we also make this depend on the amount of ice age that has been given. Later in the year we expect to be able to repay more, because we will have collected the remaining contributions, and received a large part of the claim on the ice rink.

Members

The period during which membership could be cancelled is now formally over (as of 1 May). Given the strange situation this year, we want to extend that notice period until after the ALV. In that case, you can cancel until 1 July 2021.

We see at the end of the season that our membership is under pressure. We received 12 cancellations post season. Fortunately, the rest of the members are loyal. Leiden Lions is a small association and we desperately need our members, so in this our appeal to everyone to put their shoulders to it and recruit more members.

Especially our youth department, which has been on the small side for years, can use our support at the moment. One of the developments is the further cooperation with Zoetermeer Panthers.

But the senior teams will also require a certain amount of attention after the necessary changes for the next season.

Youth

We have recently received a nice offer for the youth: Jared Henderson, in collaboration with The Swedish Starzone Sports, offers a coaching platform for the youth in the categories u8 to u14. This can be offered to the entire team as well as to players individually.

An app is used, through which the players can follow their training on- and off-ice every month. A plan for the entire season is being drawn up and followed up. A training session would then be organized monthly between the team coach and Jared, during which the progress of the training sessions and the teams would be evaluated. We will inform the youth teams in detail about this later. But if there are already questions, or if some are already interested, more information can always be requested via secretaris@leiden-lions.nl

Training Development Leiden Lions

Because we would like to think along about ways to stimulate the training of the club in the broadest sense, we had also come up with the following. We want to create a central database of trainings and exercises that teams (both seniors and juniors) use. The idea is very simple: if trainers and team leaders share their ideas, we can bundle them together. This way, a series of training and exercises can be found per level. For trainers, this can, in the end, make a big difference in preparation time. Members themselves can also view the (planned) training courses in advance. As a result, the duration of explanation on the ice will often decrease, allowing the qualitative ice time to increase. We are still working on further developing these plans. Do you have ideas or suggestions, or do you want to help in this project? Send an email to secretaris@leiden-lions.nl

IJNL

The board has actively participated in various activities of our association IJshockey Nederland. We participated in meetings on youth, regional cooperation (in particular with Zoetermeer and The Hague), new administration and the WBTR.

Unify

IJNL has just introduced a new system for member administration, invoicing, competition administration and many other matters. This is made available free of charge to the members of the union. We have just started the implementation and it seems to us a good system. In the future, an app will even be available for each member. If you want to know more about what the system can offer you can visit the website of www.allunited.nl.

WBTR

The Legal Entities Governance and Supervision Act (WBTR) is aimed at 'good governance' of an association or foundation. If you fill this in correctly, you will prevent incidents (e.g. financial malpractice). The law wants to ensure that the administration and supervision are in order. An important part of the new WBTR, which we must comply with before 1 July 2021, is the personal, joint and several liability of board members and supervisors. Previously, there was also liability- but the law has become stricter. If something goes wrong within the association, you as a director can be held personally liable, also for actions of fellow board members. In financial transactions, this can have major personal consequences. It doesn't matter if you're a paid board member or a volunteer. By setting up the association according to the WBTR, you reduce the chance that something will go wrong and the chance of annoying personal consequences is virtually nil.

We have started the implementation and ensure that Leiden Lions complies with the WBTR. Ultimately, this will also lead to us having to change our statutes.

ALV

The financial year of Leiden Lions has ended and it is time for the board in a general meeting to account for the past financial year and in particular for our financial situation. We have chosen the date Monday 21 June 2021 and all members are invited to do join. This

will be an online/video meeting. We will inform you about the details at the beginning of June.



New Ice Rink

On 4 April, the City Council of Leiden finally approved the construction of the new ice rink. Completion is scheduled for the end of 2022.



See also: https://olco.nl/projecten/zwemmen-en-schaatsen-onder-een-dak/?current_page=1

Future

We don't know exactly what things will be like at the start of the new season, but let's stay optimistic and look forward to a hopefully normal season 21-22. A season that is also dedicated to preparing for the move to the new ice hall in 2022. It is clear that the Dutch Ice Hockey Association is also busy preparing the new season as well as possible. As soon as more is known about the developments surrounding the new season, as well as developments from the government (think of measures, or rather relaxations, that affect our sport), we will let you know!

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