**No Limits AGM - Chairman’s Report February 2022**

Welcome everyone to this year’s Annual general meeting- this is the first time that we have had one after a club event so this is very much a’ try it and see’ event.

Once again I can report that 2021 was a year like no other for the No Limits Club. Along with the rest of the world we had to face the consequences of a Pandemic.

We started the year still in lockdown, so all the club events were suspended apart from the Saturday morning Zoom calls- particular thanks go to Arthur Lawson, Fiona Hagenbuch and Jack Mathieson for their very valuable contributions in the form of quizzes, songs and film review choices.

 On 5th June the Saturday morning multi sports club resumed at Xcite Linlithgow (following a deep clean of all the equipment)– we opened with an organised walk along the canal bank followed by a restricted session in the main hall- it was wonderful to see so many familiar faces and over the next few weeks we were able to do away with the restricted sessions. Our thanks go out to Clubsport West Lothian for their provison of PPE, sanitising and and Things gradually got back to something approaching normality, however there is no doubt that a major consequence of the pandemic was a dramatic drop in the number of people attending.

The club resolved to do something about it and launched a drive using Facebook and personal contacts to attract new members.

 This proved to be very successful and as a result it’s fair to say we are busier than ever.

During July and August we ran Archery sessions at Beecraigs on Wednesday afternoons.

In September we took 20 people to Badaguish for an activity weekend which included Archery, canoeing, a vist to Landmark, BBQ e

On 30th October we staged a very successful Halloween event.

In November we managed to stage the ‘Andrew Graham’ memorial radio controlled car racing competition which was won by Robbie Sinclair, we also had an Archery session in December.

 On 3rd and 4th December Nichola organised collections at Morrisons store in Bathgate which raised over £600 . We introduced the use of card payments which has since proved to be a popular way of paying for club sessions and clothing- the new club polo shirts and hoodies were introduced.

**Donations:**

This club relies on much appreciated contributions of personal time from parents, carers and volunteers. It also relies on donations. We appreciate and acknowledge the generosity of our supporters in 2021.

West Lothian Council £600 (Fishing)

Active West Lothian Fund- £250 ( Covid recovery)

 Oscar Delaneys’ granny- £50

Sandy Scott- £100

Lynne Mckellar £5

Lee Campbell £10

Rona Mcleod £20

Christopher Weddell-£57

Blackburn Community Council £150 (Kielder fund)

 In December unfortunately due to Covid restrictions we were unable to have our Xmas party which had to be postponed till March, it was agreed that the annual sports award would be put on ice for the year as there had been such limited opportunity- on the other hand it was agreed to present the Endeavour Award to Arthur Lawson for his service to the club during Lockdown- well done Arthur.

**Committee**

I’d like to thank the committee for their contribution and support throughout 2021. It has been another challenging year but we maintained our focus on continuous improvement in areas such as the Club development plan, Disciplinary Procedures and Chid Protection training. We are working hard to make No Limits an exemplary club and we are still focused on providing all of our members with the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of activities and have fun in a safe environment.

All in all 2021 has been a year we will not forget, we managed to resume normal services at the earliest opportunity but had to tailor their introduction according to restrictions that applied at the time

 It has been an honour to carry out the role of Chair and hopefully next year’s speech will reflect more positive outcomes, and with that said I will end my speech and wish you all the best for the coming year.