14th August 2020

To: Clubs, Regions, National Associations and Networks

Copy: Federation Management Board
Federation Consultative Council
Federation Programme Action Committee

Dear Members,

**SIGBI Financial Statements 2020**

Please find attached the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2020 for:

- SIGBI Ltd – 31 March 2020
- SIGBI Trading Ltd – 31 March 2020
- SIGBI Benevolent Fund – 31 March 2020
- SIGBI Diamond Education Grant – 31 March 2020
- SIGBI Emergency Relief Fund – 31 March 2020

As per normal procedure, the SIGBI Limited and SIGBI Trading Limited statements will be filed at Companies House, and the SIGBI Ltd and the three charity statements will be filed with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

As you will know, due to circumstances, there will be no AGM included in this year’s conference and therefore no vote will be taken on these accounts. We are not in breach here since amendments brought in by the Companies Act 2006 removed the requirement for members to vote on the accounts provided that accounts are laid before them.

SIGBI Trading made a substantial loss in the year to 31st March 2020. This was largely as a result of a dramatic fall in the value of investments during March, coupled with the interest of £5,400 charged by SIGBI Ltd on the loans to SIGBI Trading.

The Board of SIGBI Trading Limited were keen to address this issue as soon as possible and therefore the investments were sold at the beginning of August. Their value had returned to pre-Covid levels though the Board was nervous that a second wave and impending recession might damage their value irreparably. The bounce back in value will show as a gain in the accounts to March 2021 equivalent to the loss in 2020.

There was no ultimate loss on this sale when compared to the value transferred from SIGBI Ltd in 2018. On sale, £200,000 of the £300,000 loan from SIGBI Ltd has been repaid which will serve to significantly reduce the interest charge in the year to March 2021.
If you have any further questions regarding the accounts, please do not hesitate to contact me, copied to Gina Coad, SIGBI Executive Officer (hq@sigbi.org), by Friday 25 September 2020. This will give me the opportunity to respond before conference.

Have you seen the new format for Standing Committees effective from November this year? Each Director has a Standing Committee and this is now open to all to members to join. Members with the right skills are being asked to apply to support Directors over a two-year period so if you are a qualified accountant with experience in the charity or corporate sector please think about applying to the Finance Committee. I look forward to working with you over the next couple of years to ensure the continued financial success of our Federation.

In friendship,

Ruth Healey
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