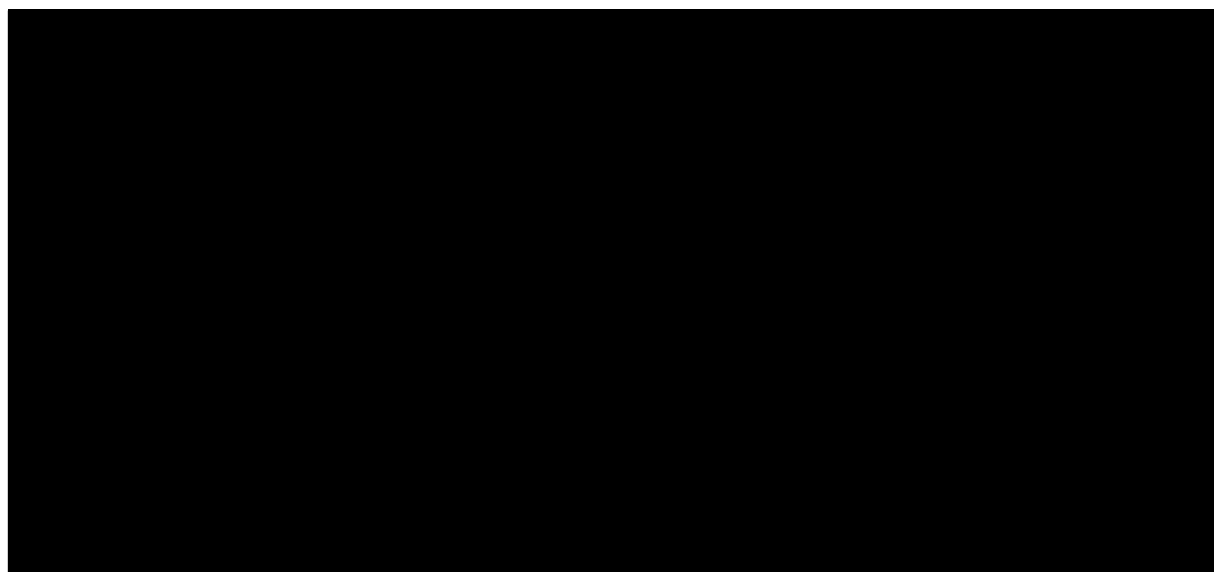


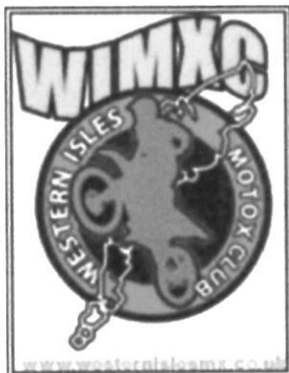
Western Isles Motocross Club

Trustees' Annual Report

6th April 2023 to 5th April 2024

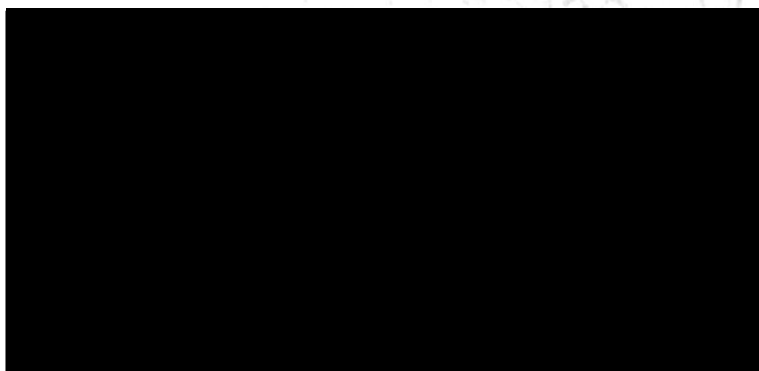


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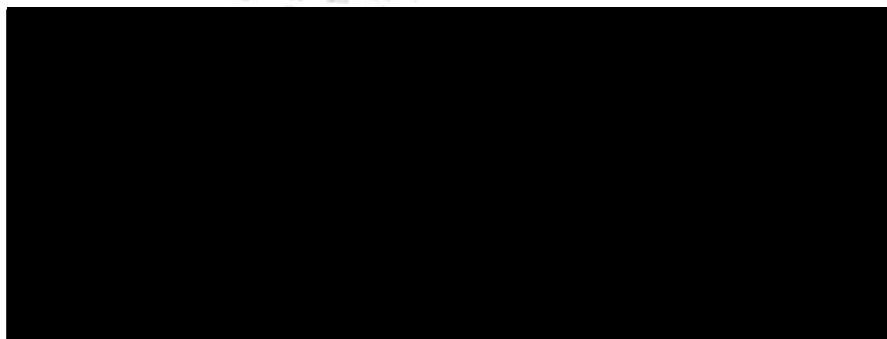
Western Isles Motocross Club

Scottish Charity Number: SC050663



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Charity Trustees



Objectives and activities

To promote the sport of Motocross and quad biking in the Western Isles community

To provide social and competitive events including training and practice day opportunities for any new members

To provide controlled, safe facilities for the regulated use of offroad motorbikes and quads

To advance the skills of riders, creating an opportunities for experienced sportsmen to pass on their skills to others.

Improve health and fitness through outdoor activity: Motocross and quad biking are physically demanding sports and races are won on a combination of fitness and skill.

Charitable Purpose

The Western Isles Motocross Club was formed at a public meeting in October 2003 following the publication of the results of questionnaire, led by the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund. These showed that a considerable number of young people on the island of Lewis, in the 14-25 age category, were interested in taking part in off-road motor sports. It was evident at the public meeting that many people of all ages already participated in the sport of Motocross despite having no designated area to practice on, either dependent on the good will of farmers and crofters for access to land or unregulated riding in the open landscape of the Western Isles. Unregulated use was having an adverse impact on fragile areas such as common grazing land and the dune/machair environment as well as posing a danger to people and livestock. These concerns led to some adverse press coverage with the unfortunate effect of presenting what is a legitimate and exciting sport as an anti-social activity. By September 2007, the required funding was raised by the club and a motocross track was built 3 miles outside Stornoway.

Who benefits from these activities?

Any person wishing to participate in riding motocross or quadbikes. We have currently members as young as 9 years old to those in their 50's, however it is inclusive to all ages whether riding or assisting in the running and maintaining the club as a social activity.

Predominantly we see a benefit to adolescent males as an alternative to mainstream sports - as documented in the BNSF report which is available on request

How is the club run?

- Members are responsible for supplying their own Motocross bikes (or racing quads) and their own protective riding gear
- Apply for Annual membership (£25 Senior and £15 Junior)
- Members added to a WhatsApp group for club updates and to for quick and easy communication with other members.
- We aim to have the track open every Saturday for practice sessions - £10 Senior £5 Junior.
- Currently we are not holding any races, only practice sessions
- Members encouraged to help maintain the facilities.

Other ways to get involved

There's always work to be done and there are many ways in which people such as Open up the track on a Saturday as Clerk of the Course, maintenance of club vehicles, track grading, stone removal, tyre wall re-building, accounting, fund raising and promotion, first aider, or assist with capital projects such as the building of a clubhouse or Kids track

Vision for the future

More inclusion of our community into creating a social space centred around Motocross riding. Improve existing facilities, increase numbers and host Motocross races.

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The Western Isles Motocross Club was formed at a public meeting in October 2003 as unincorporated association. Between 2003 and 2021 the Club existed as a Limited Company for periods before being dissolved and registered as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) on 11 Jan 2021. It is governed by CONSTITUTION of WESTERN ISLES MOTOCROSS CLUB which sets out its purpose, structure and describes how it is to operate.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The initial trustees appointed to the board of Western Isles Motocross club (SCIO) were all long standing members at the time of appointment. who signed the charity trustee declaration forms which accompanied the application for incorporation of the organisation. Further information on the board can be found in the constitution.

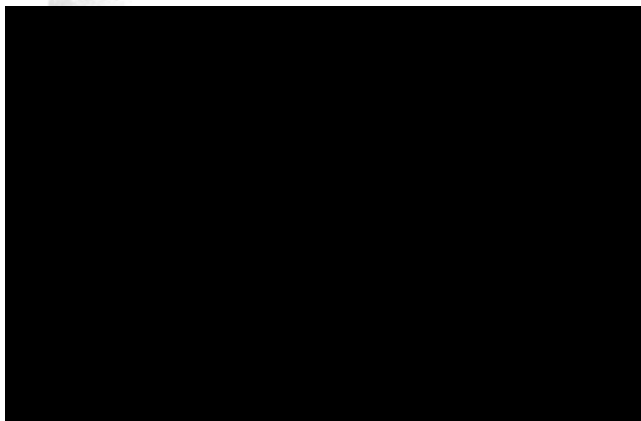
Annual Summary

Throughout the history of Western Isles Motocross club, there has often been peaks and troughs. While 2022 was spoken of as a rebuild year as we carried out so much work on the creation of the kids track, development of the carpark and extended area for placing a portacabin, 2023 was back to getting out on the track. We had a solid summer of riders out, however the poor continual Hebridean weather as the summer faded was enough to drop the interest week after week until we went into a bit of a slump over the Winter once again. This wasn't helped by the poor state in which the track was in due to heavy rains.

In January a lot of work was carried out in sorting the surfaces – Thank you Hebridean Plant hire and [REDACTED] for a lot of hours put in on the digger. Work started on fixing a few of the drains, however the work was not able to be completed until we completed we found a better solution

to an area that has always been prone to washing away in heavy rains. Thanks to Calmax who were able to provide some drains pipework left over from a housing project and to [REDACTED] for resolving this. The track was eventually re-opened again in April ready for the summer ahead.

Some further progress was made on the Kids track in installing a drain, surfacing the track and shaping some bumps and jumps for the young riders to go over. Crash barriers were created using tyres and some construction crash bags that are used for working at height, kindly donated by Alex Murray construction.



The area where the Portakabin is to be located has also been re-worked with the digger, so very grateful to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who had no prior affiliation with the club and brought in his own machinery to do a good turn for us.

Financial review

Gross trading receipts (memberships and fees) £848

Payments relating directly to charitable activities £207

Future plans

As we move into the Summer of 2024 with the track being in a good state, we hope to attract even more kids and adults to use the facilities. We are still on the lookout for some kind of workshop that can be used for all members.

Thanks for your support

Thanks to these companies for supporting the club this last year:

Hebridean Plant Hire

Alex Murray Construction

Calmax

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

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Print name

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Designation

SECRETARY

Date

29/12/24

Western Isles Motocross Club

Statement of Receipts and Payments
For the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total 2023
Receipts				
Membership Fees	445	-	445	-
Trading Receipts	403	-	403	10
Bank Interest	5	-	5	1
	853	-	853	11
Payments				
Cost of Charitable Activities				
Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment	35	-	35	-
Purchase of Portacabin	-	-	-	1,000
Fuel and Oil	141	-	141	91
Miscellaneous	31	-	31	30
	207	-	207	1,121
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	646	-	646	(1,110)

Statement of Balances as at 31 March 2024

Funds Reconciliation	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023
Cash and Bank as at 01/04/23	690	-	690	1,800
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	646	-	646	(1,110)
Transfer between Funds	-	-	-	-
Cash and Bank as at 31/03/24	1,336	-	1,336	690

Bank and Cash Balances

	£	
Treasurers Account	448	40
Club Account	882	590
Cash in Hand	6	60
	1,336	690

Other Assets

	Value £
Tractor	2,500
Trailer	400
Portacabin	1,000
	3,900

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

[Redacted Signature]

Chairperson - SECRETARY
24 February 2025

Independent Examiner's Report for Western Isles Motocross Club (SCO50663)

This report is in respect of the accounts of Western Isles Motocross Club for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's directors 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 directors consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) 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 was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. The procedures followed do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

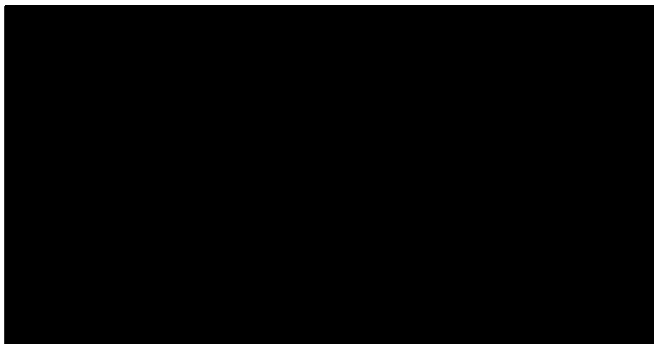
Independent Examiner's Statement

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.



5 February 2025