Western Isles Motocross Club

Trustees' Annual Report

6th April 2024 to 5th April 2026 (2 yrs)







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Charity Trustees

1. Stuart Mackay (Chair / Treasurer)
2. Anna Macleod (Secretary)
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5. Keith Macdiarmid
6. Andrew Mackenzie

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 £20 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 - £15 Senior £10 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

In Early 2024 the track had been shut for a prolonged period with a lot of the drains getting re-worked. By April this work was complete and the track was available to use once again, but as has often been the case the numbers had declined over the winter period. A container was kindly donated to the club which was hoped may get some interest in a bit of sharing of some practical workshop skills - if nothing else it provided a more suitable kids chill out area, keeping the portakabin for more formal purposes. Looking at the state of the portakabin, it is quite likely to be utilised more in the future being a lot more robust and able to withstand the high windspeeds we get at the track. The remainder of 2024 only has sporadic use through the year. The newly built kid track continued to hold up well and was popular with the younger riders and there was a late attempt to re-instate the boxing day bash but only the brave attended due to inclement weather.

For the first half of 2025 the months rolled by with very few riders out at all. At the AGM in August John Mitchell and Andrew Mackenzie agreed to take over the management of the facilities - track, buildings and vehicle (including a newly donated V8 rangerover), while Keith and Murray agreed to take on the role as clerk of the course as they were in more regular attendance. This may have been the boost that was required to bring about more use at the track for the second half of the year and for the first time in many years, the track was in use for the winter months. The Boxing Day Bash of 2025 was very well attended having had a lot of work done by members and thanks to Maculay Askernish for the use of the plant.

2026 looks just as promising with good numbers at the club and the track being used frequently. The kids are getting into it and the Dads are too!! There's even plans ahead for club members returning to Orkney for the beach race - which was a 60 Year celebration of their club. Here's hoping we make it that far, what would Motocross even look like in 2063

Financial review 2024-25

Receipts

Membership (memberships and fees) £406
Donation £3600
Miscellaneous & Interest £149

Payments

Purchase of Portacabin/Container £3647
Miscellaneous £171

Financial review 2025-26

Receipts

Membership (memberships and fees) £1141
Interest £5

Payments

Nil

Future plans

As we move into the Summer of 2026 it's all about enjoying the tracks that we have and getting the kids out for some safe structured riding.

We hope to fill the container with tools and get it made into a proper workshop in a Also getting the co

Thanks for your support

Thanks to these companies for supporting the club this last year:
Macaulay Askernish
Hebridean Plant Hire

Also thanks to the following Individuals:
Norman Macdonald (Chartered Accountant) - verification of accounts.
Eddie Mac's Photography Club

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

	S Mackay
Print name	STUART MACKAY
Designation	CLUB CHAIRMAN
Date	13TH OCTOBER 2026