

- 1.2. (6) ~~Caddisoe 2020: KeP to discuss scope and rates with Colin Hicks~~ - Event postponed
- 1.3. (8.3) Respond that regrettably WIM will not be represented: **PH** - Done
- 1.4. (8.6) Get a quote for the cost of business cards: **ES**
ES by email: bml charge for 500 cards with the WIM logo on one side and contact details on the other:
£32(+vat).
This purchase should be delayed until we return to hosting events.

2. Treasurer's Report

- 2.1. Nothing to report

3. COVID-19: British Orienteering Guidelines for resumption of the sport

The guidelines are available on the British Orienteering website. Committee comments are below:

- 3.1. Events must see <40 competitors per hour at each start. This could be difficult to achieve at major events.
- 3.2. The guidelines are fairly clear.
- 3.3. **RK:** We should see how implementing the guidelines works at the BAOC event at Rushmore Arena on 05 August 2020.
- 3.4. Toilets: There is the question of responsibility - who should provide sanitising sprays and wipes? Opinion was divided - maybe best to insist on individual provision by competitors, but also for organisers to make some provision.

4. Equipment

- 4.1. **RK:** Equipment purchases that were previously planned have been postponed. We might need cash resources for additional materials or equipment to ensure safety of officials and competitors from COVID-19 infection.

5. Recent Events & Meetings

5.1. Sun 16 February Regional, Ocknell

This event was postponed two days before the event on the advice of our our ex-Met Office planner, Michelle Spillar, due to an adverse weather forecast of gales, flooding & bad weather which proved very accurate. After the committee consulted via email, Fabian4 efficiently refunded, in full, entry fees for pre-entries. Although the club took a financial hit for this, we hope to be able to use the courses and thus the maps when the event is rescheduled next January.

5.2. Sat 29 February 2020 TrailO, Thorncombe Wood

Despite bad weather during the preceding week, this event passed off successfully on the day. Lots of WIM volunteers helped out officiating and the event, which was used as a Selection Event by British Orienteering, was very well received by members of the GB

TrailO squad & other competitors

5.3. MapRun League, including Mon 03 March 2020 Map Run event, Verwood. The Verwood MapRun event was our first experiment with using MapRun for informal events, and its success led to the production of many MapRun training courses for use during lockdown, and for the subsequent & very successful MapRun league which WIM & WSX have organised through July & August whilst conventional orienteering events have had to be suspended.

5.4. Sun 15 March 2020 CompassSport Cup & Trophy qualifying round, Cranham Woods, Gloucester.

WIM won the Trophy class and thus qualified for the finals, scheduled to be held at Sutton Park, Birmingham. Rob Mills, the Club Captain, thanked everyone who ran for the club on the day.

5.5. Tue 23 June 2020 SWOA Committee Meeting

The SWOA Committee met via ZOOM on 23 June, (& again in July) & minutes have been circulated to club secretaries. Many clubs have been using MapRun (or in the case of BOK, the Norwegian equivalent, (Usinlygo) to hold virtual orienteering events during lockdown. As WIM have had to cancel the scheduled 2-day Caddihoe 2020 event, DEVON have kindly agreed to move their hosting of the event from 2021 to 2022, so that WIM & WSX can hold their postponed event in 2021.

6. Caddihoe 2021 (from Caddihoe Committee KeP and ES)

- The event is expected to go ahead in 2021 as was planned for 2020.

7. Forthcoming Events and Meetings

See Fixture List distributed by **CB**, with additional comments:

7.1. Sat 22 August 2020 This event is cancelled.

7.2. Mon 07 September 2020 WIM/WSX Avon Heath **RM** is organising. This event will be run through the MapRun app. The start window can be extended, and there will not be any sanitising required.

7.3. Sat 03 October 2020 This will be a low-key event. Permission is pending.

7.4. Sun 18 October 2020 CSC/CST Sutton Park, Birmingham Permission is pending from Birmingham City Council. Could be cancelled.

7.5. Mon 09 November 2020 WIM/WSX Alderholt **KeP** is organising. Probably MapRun format.

7.6. Sun 13 December 2020 WIM Gore Heath Permission looks unlikely.

7.7. Sat 26 December 2020 Canter Moors Valley We need to think about how this might go

ahead. A mass start is prohibited under the current rules.

7.8. Sun 17 January 2021 WIM Regional, Ocknell Of our forthcoming Sunday events, this looks the most likely to go ahead.

7.9. Mon 21 January 2021 WIM/WSX Blandford Likely to go ahead

7.10. Mon 01 March 2021 WIM/WSX Fordingbridge Likely to go ahead

7.11. It is pointless to attempt to finalise any events after this date.

General comments:

7.12. **RK:** All events must be pre-entry; even the smallest. British Orienteering has offered to pay the Fabian4 fees for pre-entries.

7.13. Most major events are being postponed for 1 year.

8. A.O.B.

8.1. **KeP:** During COVID-19 lockdown, **JW** has made a big effort to contact all club members by telephone to chat. Well done John.

8.2. **CB:** The advanced age of many WIM members places them into the category of being vulnerable to severe consequences if they become infected with COVID-19. Therefore, these members should avoid exposure by not accepting roles as certain event officials.

8.3. **RK:** Download boxes have 2m cables. Queues for download must socially distance.

8.4. **CB:** We must be strict, and not allow appeals at events, but instead minimise contact with competitors.

RK: Any appeals can be dealt with through email after the event.

9. Next Meeting

Wednesday 26 August 2020 at 19:30, through Zoom.