

**Subject:**High Dam Northern Championships

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AS you will know, we have not yet secured permission from John Chaplin for the use of his land for car parking, assembly and for the competition. His concern is for the safety of the residents of Finsthwaite. I have sent him the covid risk assessment and the BOF guidance we will be adhering to and I am awaiting his reply.

In the meantime I have spoken to Karen Parker who is very keen to support the event with anything that needs to be done from a planning point of view including updates to the map and a rearrangement of the start(s). LOC are similarly keen to press ahead with the British Middle Champs within the BOF guidance. Nevertheless we are all keenly aware that with the coronavirus regaining a hold, that it may still be necessary to cancel the event. As a result Roger Smith and I are proposing the following strategy.

- Despite Mr Chaplin's current stance, we continue to hope that things will have changed sufficiently by early May, to enable us to stage the two events.
- BMDOC on Saturday. NC on Sunday as previously debated.
- Because of the uncertainty over whether it will actually happen, we should plan to make the weekend minimalist. For two reasons: 1 - if we still need to socially distance, which is almost certain, then we don't want to encourage folk to hang around. 2 - we don't want to commit to placing contracts for services that we then have to cancel.
- This means the only thing we will provide is toilets. No traders, no caterers, no PA, no results on display (but internet results posted ongoing) No prize giving.
- If things brighten up then we are sure the traders, caterers, etc. can be recruited at short notice.
- An entry system that enables those sharing a car to have start times close together.
- We should put a piece onto the BO website and also in the monthly email from the Chief Executive, along the lines of the note, in blue, below.
- Deadline of 1 March gives us 2 months to complete the organisation, re-enter the forest to check for map changes and finalise planning. We may need to introduce extra starts to accommodate social distancing.
- Don't open entries until 1 March, but issue updates between now and then to keep folk informed of any changes. Promise full refunds of entry fees if we have to pull the event. We need to know if this is acceptable to both clubs and whether or not we also refund admin fees charged by the supplier.

[BMDOC/NC weekend - 8 and 9 May 2021. Please keep this weekend free in your diary. We are hoping that we will be able to stage these two events but that will depend on where the country finds itself with C19 and the attitude of the landowners. Currently, we cannot get agreement for access, but we are hoping this will change. We will make a final decision on 1 March and communicate it to BO members as soon as possible. If you want to make accommodation bookings in anticipation, you are recommended to ensure that you will be able to cancel if the event cannot go ahead.](#)

**Can you please contact the MDOC committee to endorse this strategy. We can then inform BOF Fixtures and anyone else who needs to know.**

Regards

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