

Report & accounts for the year of activity: 2020



Introduction

This Annual Report is for XirCammini's 2nd year of operations and covers the period 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020.

XirCammini is a membership-based, not-for-profits, non-denominational and non-sectarian association open to all who support its aims, primarily focused on generating interest in pilgrimages or hiking of ancient routes or pilgrimages in Europe and beyond. We are registered with the Office of the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations. To achieve its objectives, XirCammini is open not only to those who have already undertaken a Camino, but welcomes as members all who are interested in its aims and activities. More information about XirCammini is available on our website: <https://xircammini.org/>

Despite having planned a full programme of local and overseas walks for 2020, XirCammini had to cancel all of its overseas activities and social, fund-raising activities. Therefore, its activities were restricted to local walks (<https://xircammini.org/universal-peace-walk/>) While it was intended to roll out the first Universal Peace Walk in March 2020, this event was also cancelled due to Covid-19.

The Board of Administrators

During this period the administrators remained unchanged from the previous financial period and were:

Name	Surname	Role
James	Portelli	President
Marie Louise	Muscat Azzopardi	Vice President
Rituccia	Portelli	Secretary General
Mark	Mifsud	Treasurer
John	Chircop	Administrator (Social Media)
John	Darmanin	Administrator (Local Walks)
Charmaine	Mifsud	Administrator (Social Events)

(Appendix B sent to the Commissioners' Office as a separate attachment for further details on Administrators)

Meetings

The Board held quarterly meetings (i.e. February, June, October and December) and all of the above administrators attended the meetings. The February, Oct and Dec meetings were online.

Projects / Activities During 2020

All overseas fundraising walks and local social fund-raising activities were cancelled in 2020 due to Covid-19.

In this, 2nd year of operations we dedicated time to building our social media presence through our website (<https://xircammini.org/>), our Facebook Page and Facebook Group Community (<https://www.facebook.com/XirCammini> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/345359409704852>), our LinkedIn Page (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/xircammini-ngo-165b18182/>), as well as building partnerships with Like-minded overseas associations <https://xircammini.org/get-involved/joining-hands-with-like-minded-organisations-in-europe/>.

The following is a summary of this year's activities:

		Malta	Rest of Europe	Rest of the World
1.	Walks & Activities (Walks)	16	2*	0
2.	Registered Members	126	2	2
3.	XirCammini social media members' community	644	36	12

*Note: The 2 overseas activities consisted of treks organised by Vai Col Trekking (Sicilia) and were not fund raising activities for XirCammini.

The median age of members is between 35 years – 64 years old (65% fall within this band) and the gender distribution is 65% ladies and 35% men.

Members are very active within our social media forum with 375 posts, around 750 comments and almost 7,500 reactions by almost 500 active members.

Financial Report

Unfortunately due to Covid-19 we (a.) cancelled all our fund-generating activities and (b.) deferred the decision to introduce a membership fee until 2021. Our local walks are all free-of-charge.

There were no donations this year and we returned any 2020 deposits collected in 2019 on cancelled fee-generating activities. So, after refund and some miscellaneous expenses our cash position deteriorated from € 1,000 cash in bank at the end of Dec 2019 to € 420 at the end of Dec 2020.

Conclusion

Prior to Covid-19 we were able to sustain XirCammini from revenue-generating activities for members, donations by an administrator and voluntary services of some members, without the need to introduce a membership fee.

As a result of Covid-19, with the cancellation of activities, XirCammini's already modest revenue stream was depleted.

Emphasis in 2021 will be in establishing a partnership with the Ministry of Tourism vis-à-vis the Universal Peace Walk with a view to making it more widely known an accessible even for tourist hikers, re-introducing walks later in the year, strengthening local and overseas affiliations and also activating the annual membership fee.

I would like to conclude by thanking all volunteers (administrators, trek leaders, Wed-Group Leaders etc.) and all members who participated in our events and urge everyone to continue building on this in 2021 and beyond.

Financials Prepared in conformity with the guidelines issued by the Office of the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations.

Appendix E

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Name of Voluntary Organisation: XirCammini VO Number: 1646

Year Ended: 31 December 2020

Income

€

Donations received	-
Interest on Fixed Deposit Accounts	-
Interest on Savings Accounts	-
Interest/Dividends on Investments	-
Membership Fees	-
Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	-
Rents Receivable	-
Sponsorships (Revenue Generating Activities) Received	-
All Revenue Generating Activities in 2020 were cancelled due to Covid-19	-
Total income	0

Expenditure

Advertising	-
Annual Registration Fees	-
Website Expenses	-
Miscellaneous expenses	29
Net Refund of 2019 Deposits for 2020 activities	500
Bank charges	51
Literature and Brochures	-
Total expenditure	580

Excess of Income over Expenditure	580
Excess of Expenditure over Income	

Funds Movement	At the beginning of the year €	Net Movements for year €	At end of year €
Cash in hand/petty cash			
Current accounts	1,000	(580)	420
Savings accounts	0	0	0
Fixed Deposit accounts	0	0	0
Malta Government Stocks	0	0	0
Shares – Local	0	0	0
Other local investments	0	0	0
	1,000	(580)	420

The accounts have been approved by the members at the Annual General Meeting (online poll) closing on:

15th March 2021

Signature of Administrator

Signature of Administrator

James Portelli

Mark Mifsud

Name of Administrator

Name of Administrator

President

Treasurer / Finance Director

Designation

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Date:

15th March 2021

Appendix F

A NIL reply has to be submitted if no fundraising activities are held for the general public.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Name of Voluntary Organisation: XirCammini

VO Number: 1646

Date of Statement: 1st January 2020 - 31st December 20.

Nil Return: No Public Collections.

Organisation Chart

VO Number: 1646

