



TVOC Club Meeting Minutes

Held at 8:30pm on Tuesday 16th July 2019 at The Merry Bells, Wheatley

Present: Neville Baker (Chair), John Dalton (Secretary, Minutes), Martin Ricketts (Treasurer), Chris Poole (Vice-chair), Marie-Anne Fischer, Robin Bishop, Bob Beresford, Pattie Beresford, Andreas Fisk, Steve Stone, Seamus Cunnane, Alun Jones, Heidi Lloyd, Nat Skidmore

Apologies for absence: Yvonne Hodson, Roger Thetford

1. Matters Arising from previous Club Meeting

a) New web site design (Steve Stone, Nat Skidmore (with Mike Shires))

The new web site has been live for some weeks now. People who have tried posting to the new site are very impressed with how easy it is to use. If any questions arise, please contact Steve or Nat. The meeting thanked Steve and Nat for their efforts with this. **ACTION COMPLETE**

b) Junior TVOC Representative

Joel Taylor is interested in taking over the role from Fiona Bunn and continues to give this further thought. **ACTION CARRIED OVER:** John Dalton to keep in touch with Joel.

c) Information to be printed on TVOC maps

Suggestion that information about joining TVOC should be printed on event maps. Nat suggested we try this for the Saturday Series event after Hodgemoor

d) Timing Systems (Robin Bishop)

There were no matters arising from recent SGM, and decision to purchase SI equipment. **ACTION COMPLETE**

e) TVOC Membership Fees for 2020

The previous meeting agreed that the senior membership fee to join TVOC in 2020 will be £1. Juniors to continue being FOC. The previous meeting also agreed that we would reduce the club membership to £1 for joiners for the remainder of this year provided that BOF can do it. New membership for the balance of this year would then be £12 for seniors (with British Orienteering membership).

It was agreed that this change can now take place as soon as possible.

ACTION: John Dalton to liaise with British Orienteering to implement as soon as possible.

CARRIED OVER TO NEXT MEETING: A discussion about social members, their membership fee (£1 seems too little), and their eligibility to compete in TVOC Club Championships, and insurance cover.

f) Waddesdon (Yvonne Hodson)

Waddesdon's summer activities will be based on a theme of Sport. They would be very pleased if TVOC were able to be included in these activities. Dates are 24th July to the end of August. We don't have to put something on continuously – we could select a day/days/week/period. Up to us.

Yvonne Hodson reported the following:

Andrew Chalmers has done them some trails (courses with controls, (they use their own pin punches) with a topic of trees. They can sell these themselves. I am not organising a rota, but any help to sell the trails would be very welcome - anyone can just turn up to volunteer (say you are from TVOC).

On Sunday 18th August, Waddesdon are having a Big Sports Day - just like the traditional school ones with sack races, egg-and-spoon races etc. Yvonne wondered if we'd like to do a Naughty Numbers or string course for that day although. The meeting confirmed that this would be very difficult as the Emit kit has now been dispersed.

ACTION: Nat offered to contact Yvonne to suggest she publicise this need by email, and help to get something up on the new web site

2. Recent Club Successes

JWOC and Fiona Bunn



(JWOC is the Junior World Orienteering Championships. Junior because it is for those aged 17 to 20. So this is the World Championship, for top up-and-coming orienteers).

The British ladies team took a stunning victory in the relay event at JWOC in Denmark in the W20 class. The British team consisted of Fiona Bunn (TVOC), Megan Keith (INVOC) and Grace Molloy (FVO), in one of the best results ever by a British team. They beat 32 other teams including teams from all the main orienteering countries (Sweden, Norway, Finland, Russia etc. etc.)

Just making the British squad is a fantastic achievement. But to beat the best juniors from the rest of the world is, well, virtually unheard of. Well done Fiona, and well done all.

ACTION: Neville to consider how this unique achievement for a TVOC member to be recognised by the club

Colin Duckworth, World Trail O Championships Pre-O

In the Para competition, Colin Duckworth (TVOC) made his team debut, and put in the best British performance of the first day of competition. Colin's score of 24 points and no errors on the timed controls left him in 8th place. After the second event, Colin finished an excellent 15th out of 39 competitors from all over the globe.

Robert Charlton has received the following incentive scheme certificates for their performances at orienteering events: Navigation Challenge ***

3. Past Events

From Previous Meeting
Emergency Radios

- Mark Thompson recommended we buy some proper radios for use in an emergency primarily for coordinating searches for lost competitors.
ACTION: Neville to purchase a pair of the best radios available to the public (i.e. non-commercially at about £70 a pair. These can be tested for range before further pairs are purchased.
- Waddesdon, February Half Term (16-24 February), National Trust (Yvonne Hodson)
ACTION: Neville Baker offered to send specific thanks to Andrew and Liz Chalmers for their outstanding efforts. **ACTION:** John to ensure this has been done.

4. Future Events: see <http://tinyurl.com/TVOC-plans>

NOTE: The meeting should now be reviewing newly appointed Planners and Controllers for Level C events. (Level B events are reviewed by SCOA).

SEE APPENDIX FOR FULL DETAILS OF ALL EVENTS CURRENTLY PLANNED

5. Saturday Series (Nat Skidmore)

Two more events need Planners/Organisers to complete the year, provisionally:

- September 28th at Wittenham Clumps
- December 28/29th at Chesham Bois

We are currently very short of help on Saturday at Hodgemoor.

The series continues to make a surplus for reinvestment back into the sport.

CARRIED OVER TO NEXT MEETING: Should we set up a Volunteering group to help encourage more volunteers?

6. Summer Series 2019 (Chris Poole)

Series going well. We are seeing an extra 3 or 4 more people to each event. There are 3 more events to run for this series.

The meeting thanked Chris for his efforts.



7. Oxford Street Series (Robin Bishop)

The final event of the series is still due in August. Roger T may plan an event in Ladygrove on the 10th or 11th August.

8. Other Mapping Topics

Daniel was interested in mapping Westwood, near Little Chalfont. No update available.

The availability of the most recent TVOC maps in a Dropbox location was suggested. **ACTION:** Neville to raise with John Farren

9. Officers Reports

- a) Chairman:
- b) Treasurer:
- c) Secretary:
- d) Captain:
- e) Membership Secretary:

10. Situations Vacant

Role	Previous Holder	Comments
Team Leader, Registration and Results	Alun Jones	Alun offered to coordinate the bedding in of the new SI software
Magazine Editor	Ian Buxton	
Saturday Series	Nat Skidmore	Nat would be pleased to be able to hand this role on now. It might make sense to split the role into 3 or 4 separate roles: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diary coordination• Land permissions• Administration• Mentoring Planner/Organisers DISCUSSION CARRIED OVER TO NEXT MEETING

Team Leader, Registration and Results:

Still no progress on finding someone to take this post on. For now, the EMIT/Registration team are agreeing amongst themselves who is taking a lead for the team for each event.

Magazine Editor:

On a temporary basis (after August), Chris Poole offered to take on a caretaker role of this sort, focusing on on-line information. He proposes to use email and the web site to produce a regular flow of information to the site in summarised, digest form.

ACTION: All Situations Vacant to be reviewed at next meeting.

11. Any Other Business

- a) Meeting support for Seamus Cunnane to continue as a Controller
The meeting approved Seamus Cunnane to continue as a Controller.

12. Date of next meeting:

- Next Club Meeting confirmed as 8pm on Tuesday 17th September 2019 at The Merry Bells, Wheatley.



APPENDIX: Future Events

Changes and additions since the previous version of the Minutes are shown in red.

2019

a) Thame Urban Event (Sunday 1st September 2019. Urban, Level C, UKUL and SEOUL League events)

Organiser: Glynis and Jon Wheatcroft, **Planner:** Neville Baker. **Controller:** Eric Harper. **Mapper:** Mike Shires

THESE HAVE ALL BEEN APPROVED BY TVOC

Jon Wheatcroft reported that entries are open. All is OK.

b) Wendover (Sunday 10th November 2019, Level C)

Organiser: Adam Poole. **Planner:** Chris Poole. **Controller:** Geoff Ellis, BOK. **Mapper:** Jim Prowting.

THESE WERE APPROVED BY TVOC IN A PREVIOUS MEETING

Chris reported at the meeting:

- The Trig point field has been booked.
- Courses have been planned, and have been reviewed by the FC. The FC have asked for the Start to be moved.

Map:

Jim Prowting

2020

c) Hambleden (British Nights, Saturday 22nd February 2020, Level A).

Organiser: John Dalton, **Planner:** Neville Baker, **Controller:** Alan Rosen (HH), **Mapper:** Mark Thompson and John Farren.

And

d) Hambleden (Chiltern Challenge, Sunday 23rd February 2020, Level B).

Organiser: John Dalton, **Planner:** Neville Baker, **Controller:** Alan Rosen (HH), **Mapper:** Mark Thompson and John Farren.

ACTION: Neville Baker to ensure all officials have been authorised

General Comments

- Permission **AGREED** verbally. With possibility of camping / campervans. Land access fees agreed as acceptable to the meeting.
- Courses for both days fully-planned
- Courses and control locations reviewed by Controller visit

Map:

Hambleden mapping completed by Mark Thompson and John Farren pending final checks next year

Other comments:

- Estimate 350 entries for the Night Event, 500+ entries for the Chiltern Challenge
- Catering (Tom) and CompassPoint booked
- Camping / caravans / motorhomes allowed overnight
- Adverts in CompassSport (and publicity postcard fliers) kindly to be prepared by Mike Shires for inclusion in October and December editions
- First draft budget has been produced for review
- First draft Flyer has been written
- Consider Taplins, or Carters (Reading) for hire of marquee etc.



e) Wycombe Abbey, Keep Hill and Deangarden (Sunday 19th April 2020 tbc., Level C, Yvette Baker Trophy?)

Organiser: tbc. **Planner:** Nat Skidmore. **Controller:** tbc. **Mapper:** Jegor

Permission has been obtained by Chiltern rangers to access Deangarden Woods. We thus have provisional permission to Keep Hill and Deangarden Woods together.

ACTION CARRIED OVER: Neville to try and confirm an acceptable date with Sue Buxton

Map:

Jegor has agreed to do the map during August.

TVOC need to specify the map. John Dalton has liaised with key TVOC mappers to agree a specification for this work. **ACTION:** specification to be shared with Jegor. **ACTION COMPLETE**

ACTION: John Dalton to share this information with Nat

f) Abingdon North Urban Event **or Witney**. (Sunday 27th September 2020, Level C, UKUL event tbc.)

Organiser: tbc. **Planner:** tbc. **Controller:** tbc. **Mapper:** tbc.

ACTION: John Dalton to contact Witney Town Council for permission. **UPDATE SINCE MEETING:** Permission now granted by Witney Town Council

Map: Martin Ricketts offered to map

g) November/December 2020 event, Shotover **strongly** proposed (November/December 2020, Level C)

Organiser: tbc. **Planner:** tbc. **Controller:** tbc. **Mapper:** tbc.

Map:

ACTION: Neville to consider

2021

h) Chiltern Challenge 2021 (Sunday 28th February, High Wycombe area)

Organiser: tbc. **Planner:** tbc. **Controller:** tbc. **Mapper:** tbc.

Nettebed / Bix (**preferred due to ease of parking**)

Christmas Common **as a possible alternative if parking is suitable**

i) Level C forest event

Organiser: tbc. **Planner:** tbc. **Controller:** tbc. **Mapper:** tbc.

j) Level C forest event

Organiser: tbc. **Planner:** tbc. **Controller:** tbc. **Mapper:** tbc.

k) Urban Event: Witney?

Organiser: tbc. **Planner:** tbc. **Controller:** tbc. **Mapper:** tbc.