



Minutes:

TVOC Club Meeting: Tuesday 15th September 2020

Held online at 8pm

Present: Neville Baker (Chair), Chris Poole (Vice-chair), Martin Ricketts (Treasurer), John Dalton (Secretary, minutes), Marie-Anne Fischer (Membership Secretary), Jon Wheatcroft, Bob Beresford, Pattie Beresford, Robin Bishop, Mark Thompson

Apologies for absence: Alun Jones, Yvonne Hodson, Heidi Lloyd

1. Matters Arising from previous Club Meeting

a) TVOC Membership information to be printed on TVOC maps

ACTION: John Dalton to pass on JPEG to mappers and Series Coordinators and John Farren.

ACTION COMPLETE

b) Volunteering group to help encourage more volunteers.

ACTION CARRIED OVER

c) Permanent Orienteering Course at Keep Hill and Deangarden Woods (John Dalton)

Bob and Pattie have got 3 courses set up using the existing control sites. They have sent John a 2-page PDF with the map, and with all the courses ready for publication.

Bob pointed out some concerns with the map. The point symbols are smaller than the Sprint specification (ISSprOM2019) requires. This could be a problem when the whole map is used. However the POC courses only use the paths so the map is suitable for that.

Bob would like to walk around the area to check that courses. Then the POC can be made available.

ACTIONS:

- John Dalton to put 2 PDFs into one PDF document.
- Bob to send PDF and control descriptions to Nev
- Bob to check the area once more before agreeing that the POC can be opened up
- John will then make the POC available

Previously it had been proposed that a payment of some sort to the mapper, Jegor Kostylev, for his efforts in producing this map. Note that Jegor is an external mapper and is not a member of TVOC. It was **AGREED** to pay Jegor £300 for his efforts as a non-member of the club.

ACTION: John Dalton will coordinate this payment to be made.

It was **AGREED** that, in the future, we should try use TVOC mappers to complete our mapping.

It was **AGREED** that, in future, Mappers should be able to focus on mapping, allowing Planners to focus on the needs of planning.

d) Ideas for Youth League (in conjunction with Saturday Series): Joel Taylor

The meeting believed it was unlikely that this could happen in the timeframes suggested.

ACTION: John Dalton to update Joel with this sentiment.

ACTION COMPLETE

e) Donation for Woodland Trust for Penn Woods?

To be considered after the next Penn event

ACTION CARRIED OVER

f) AGM:

- Will take place online on **Tuesday 17th November at 7:30pm**. This will be followed by the standard club meeting. John Dalton plans to use Webex for this meeting.



- An agenda will be published in advance. People who cannot attend should liaise with the Chair ahead of the meeting to vote on their behalf.

ACTIONS:

- John Dalton will set up a Webex call for this meeting
- John Dalton will set up an Agenda etc. to will be put on web site
- John Dalton will coordinate communication about the AGM via TVOC e-News

2. Recent Club Successes

None

3. Past Events

a) Maprun

Several Maprun events have appeared. Thanks to everyone who has done this. It has been interesting to visit new areas.

a) EMIT

It was noted that the Saturday Series Planner Guidelines still refer to EMIT.

ACTION: Robin Bishop offered to upgrade these to refer to SIAC. **ACTION CARRIED OVER**

4. British Orienteering 2021 TVOC Membership Submission

Agreement to TVOC Membership fees for 2021 (currently £1 senior, £0 junior and £2 family membership)

It was **AGREED** that the fees for 2021 will remain the same as for 2020 as above

Payment of TVOC Club Membership fee.

ACTION on Martin Ricketts

Any changes to TVOC role-holders

ACTION on John Dalton

5. 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

6. Saturday Series (Neville Baker)

Will not happen for the foreseeable future

Nat Skidmore has been updating the accounts, and passing money over to Martin Ricketts.

7. Summer Series 2020 (Chris Poole)

Nothing happening for now.

8. Oxford Street Series (currently Thames Valley Street Series) (Robin Bishop)

Thanks to Ben for doing a lot of work on getting Maprun operating.

A lot of people have been using the events, including new people and Oxford students. However, some TVOC regulars have NOT been attending the Maprun events for some reason.

An average of approximately 30 runners have competed in each event before the closure date.

The current series is to be closed after the 12th event at Booker/Sands in High Wycombe, organised by Phil Arnold.

It has been suggested that two parallel series be set up during winter.



One series will be focused on Oxford (for 6-8 events, one a month starting in October).

The second series (perhaps still called TVSS), will have events spread around the rest of the TVOC area.

This would bring us to March or April, with a new series, perhaps combined with the TVOC Summer series, over the summer.

Bob and Pattie already have a Marlow / Marlow bottom event prepared. Thame has been suggested, converting the existing map if necessary.

9. Other Mapping Topics

- a) The availability of the most recent TVOC maps in a Dropbox location to be centrally available as an archive or library was suggested.

ACTION CARRIED OVER: Neville to raise with John Farren

ACTION CARRIED OVER: Robin to consider how this could be done as Dropbox had limited free storage
Robin is still considering.

- b) The availability of Chiltern AONB LIDAR data (Mark Thompson)

ACTION: John to contact Mark and Andrew for feedback

Mark provided the following input after talking to Andrew:

Requests [to use this LIDAR data] from others on the AONB website last month were informed that access to the DTM, DSM and Point Cloud will not be until 2021. No month was given. Their programme (for which they got the Lottery Grant) includes a comprehensive report on the archaeology findings and 'they want first crack of the whip on this'. This is in its early stages. I think you will get the same answer even if you ring them.

Bob wondered if we can we go to the Chiltern AONB to explain that the data can be put to much wider use? Particularly as most of the funding came from the National Lottery. Bob knows someone on the Chilterns AONB Board and wondered if they might be able to help us with getting data access for producing orienteering maps.

10. Officers Reports

- a) Chairman:

Nothing

- b) Treasurer:

Has been tidying up accounts. We still have some relay money from people for the JK and British Relays. Martin proposes that this money be returned. This was **AGREED**. Martin to coordinate this.

- c) Secretary:

Nothing

- d) Captain:

Nothing

- e) Membership Secretary:

Nothing

11. SCOA Report (Jon Wheatcroft)

Next meeting is Thursday this week (17th). There has been no SCOA meeting since the previous TVOC meeting.

The following will be discussed on the 17th.

- Our bid from the Taylors for funding from JK19 to be considered at the meeting. We know of no other bids for these funds. But this might be put on hold given the suspension of our Saturday Series.
- The meeting will ask for details of any bodies from whom we are struggling to get land permission. E.g. FC and NT.



12. Situations Vacant or Becoming Vacant

Role	Previous Holder	Comments
Team Leader, Registration and Results	Alun Jones	Still no progress on finding someone to take this post on. For now, the Registration team are agreeing amongst themselves who is taking a lead for the team for each event.
Chairman	Currently Nev Baker	Required to stand down at next AGM. A volunteer has put their name forward.

It was noted that we have some senior people responsible for Enquiries.

ACTION: Enquiries: Neville to check with John Thompson and Roger Baker, for example about their willingness to be involved future events. Bob and Pattie were happy to step in under such circumstances.

Nev did talk to them, and they do seem to be happy to come to future events in this capacity.

13. Any Other Business

a) Heidi Lloyd and POC

Heidi Lloyd reported that she now has write access to the POC are on the British Orienteering web site so that she can share the workload with Ben Green given the workload to support Maprun.

b) Robin

Is it worth converting Maprun Score courses into linear events? So people can run around a course? This was warmly agreed.

ACTION: Robin to discuss with Ben.

14. Date of next meeting:

Next Club Meeting was confirmed as 8pm on Tuesday 17th November, and is to be preceded by the 2020 AGM at 7:30.

Location: Both meetings will be on-line meeting to allow attendance for the AGM. Please contact John on secretary@tvoc.org.uk for an invitation to either meeting.

APPENDIX 1: Future Events

Changes and additions since the previous meeting are shown in red.

2020

a) Penn Wood / Common Wood (Sunday 27th September 2020, Level C, SCOA League)

Organiser: Neville Baker/Marie-Anne Fischer. **Planner:** Mark Thompson. **Controller:** Peter Riches.

Mapper: Bob Beresford.

Map:

Map of Penn Wood (not Common Wood) has been recently updated by Bob Beresford

Mark Thompson reported that courses have been re-planned. Mark is due to visit again to see what effect new forestry work will have, and may have to re-plan again! (A 10m strip of wood has been taken out along one ride). Mark and Bob will visit on Friday to see what effect the work was having on courses and mapping). Final courses expected by the weekend. Ordering maps on Monday. Alun has shared what is needed for printing. About 300 maps in total. And we will get a number of blank maps in case of further map corrections being needed.

Otherwise all in place.

Marie Anne asked about the code needed for one set of gates. Mark Thompson to see if he can find out what it is. (This has now been provided).



First Aid with EMC booked by Nev

b) Shotover or possibly Bradenham (Sunday 22nd November 2020, Level C, SCOA League)
Organiser: tbc. **Planner:** tbc. **Controller:** tbc. **Mapper:** Martin Ricketts.

There is a clash with a Guildford event. However, if event entry is limited, this might not be a problem. Another option is to move this event into December.

Map:

Martin Ricketts will review.

ACTIONS:

- Neville to check with Oxford City Council regarding permission. **ACTION CARRIED OVER**
- Neville to check with BMW regarding use of Car Park. Gary Mills organised last events here. A donation might have been made. **ACTION:** Nev to talk to Gary Mills

BRADENHAM AS AN ALTERNATIVE

Mark Thompson, Bob and Pattie have done much of the remap needed at Bradenham. Quite a lot of changes have been made. Further mapping work is on hold until a date for event at Bradenham is confirmed.

Chris Poole shared the following about Bradenham:

- Matt is the current warden at Bradenham.
- Nev has become aware that two orienteering events are taking place on NT land. One at Stowe. So can we go to Bradenham to seek permission on this basis?
- Chris has contacted Matt again regarding Bradenham,
- Chris has also visited the farm base. All work offices were locked. So it is not clear how we make contact with Matt.
- Chris can continue to try and look out for Matt. Bradenham is looked after by Hughenden. Can we also talk to Hughenden?

ACTION: Chris Poole to continue to pursue

2021

c) Options for an event on Sunday January 3rd 2021 would be considered after suggestions it might be a good 'end of Christmas/New Year holiday' event.

An event has now registered by Nev on this date, but no location. Nothing else is on that day. This may also depend on what happens to the November event location.

Jon Wheatcroft has talked to Mike Hampton, noting an event in parks are actually busier with the public than some urban areas. So can we consider other non-central sub-urban areas? Can we go back to Didcot Ladygrove, for example?

d) Hambleden (Sunday 14th March, CompassSport Cup regional round, Level B)

Organiser: John Dalton. **Planner:** Mark Thompson and Peter Riches. **Controller:** tbc. **Mapper:** Mark Thompson.

We have land owner permission.

ACTION: Nev to investigate Controller. **ACTION CARRIED OVER**

John Dalton has:

- Informed Tom and Julie who have agreed to attend to provide catering
- Provisionally booked toilets
- Registered a request for First Aid attendance with EMC Medical Services

Entries being handled by Andy McGregor. He estimates we might have up to 800 entries as there is no SW round. Can we cope with 800 entries? John Wheatcroft thinks that 500 would be OK under current



regulations with two starts. Jon considered whether 800 is achievable under current regulations. He felt that we would need three starts. Everything else at Hambleden space-wise should be fine.

We do not believe we can limit the entry for this event. Could the event be split over two days if necessary? And who knows what the required arrangements might be needed March.

e) Chiltern Challenge 2021 (Sunday 2nd May, High Wycombe area? Great Hampden?, Level B)

Nev has talked to Richard Sharp. Switch to May, possibly at Whiteleaf and Great Hampden. Last used in 2018. This event was very good. It was very hot in May, and courses were a bit long. Some land had been sold off (Monkton Woods). Did add some new woods. Other than that, it has not changed in size. Can you get a Black course in?

In February it is a shooting estate. Take care to go too early. But undergrowth is already high in some of the area. 2nd May is a good date? (This is a bank holiday weekend). Early May was **AGREED**.

And an Urban Event nearby by another club would be great.

ACTION: Nev to confirm 02MAY21 to Richard Sharp. **ACTION CARRIED OVER**

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

Nettebed / Bix are alternatives (preferred due to ease of parking)
Christmas Common as a possible alternative if parking is suitable

f) Wycombe Abbey, Keep Hill and Deangarden (**Date to be confirmed.**, Level C) **Organiser:** Sue Jones / Neville Baker. **Planner:** Nat Skidmore. **Controller:** Freya Askham. **Mapper:** Jegor

Parking to be in public car parks in High Wycombe. (Helpers park at school).
Start and Finish to be in school

A new date will require permission from the school. We may not get let back into the school grounds during the next academic year. **Permission to be obtained** via Sue Jones for use of the school

ACTION: Nev to keep in contact with Sue Buxton / Ian Buxton

Map:

Map considered to be complete

g) **Nettlebed** (**Date to be confirmed**, Level C) **Organiser:** tbc. **Planner:** tbc. **Controller:** tbc.
Mapper: tbc

Would help to fund raise for Sue Ryder. Jon believes Sue Ryder still own the land and are using the site.

Could also be considered as alternative location for Bradenham event in November 2020.

Robin thinks he was last to update the map approximately 3 years ago.

ACTIONS:

- Nev to explore this location
- Martin Ricketts to inspect the area from a mapper perspective

PREVIOUS EVENT SCHEDULE BELOW FOR REFERENCE: SCHEDULE PARKED FOR NOW.

h) **EVENT POSTPONED, NEW DATE NEEDED** Abingdon South Urban Event (Sunday 28th June 2020 tbc, Level C, SEOUL?)

Organiser: tbc, **Planner:** Neville Baker, **Controller** tbc, **Mapper:** Fiona Bunn



Nev in contact with Gary Mills about re-arranging at some point.

Map:

Already completed by Fiona Bunn

i) **EVENT POSTPONED** Witney. (Sunday 27th September 2020, Level C, UKUL event)

Organiser: tbc. **Planner:** Ben Green. **Controller:** tbc. **Mapper:** Martin Ricketts.

Event thought to be unlikely to go ahead in September. But we should assume it will go ahead at some point..

We have provisional permission for an Event Centre near Waitrose.

Map: Martin Ricketts is currently mapping the area. There is still much mapping work to do,

2021

j) Options for an event on Sunday January 3rd 2021 would be considered after suggestions it might be a good 'end of Christmas/New Year holiday' event.

ACTION: Neville to consider

k) Level C forest event

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

l) Level C forest event

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

m) Urban Event:

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

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n) Chiltern Challenge 2022 (Sunday 27FEB22, Level B)

2023

Chiltern Challenge 2023 (Sunday 26FEB23, Level B)

o) Hambleden? (British Relay Championships with SCOA, date t.b.c.)

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

Potential clash with Tough Mudder event at Hambleden