



# Minutes:

## TVOC Club Meeting: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Held online at 8pm

**Present:** Chris Poole (Chair), Bob Beresford, Pattie Beresford, Neville Baker, John Dalton, Martin Ricketts, Marie-Anne Fischer, Heidi Lloyd, John Wheatcroft, Robin Bishop, Colin Duckworth, Charlie Manning, Paul Taylor, Robert Frost

**Apologies for absence:** Alun Jones

### 1. Matters Arising from previous Club Meeting

a) Volunteering group to help encourage more volunteers.

**ACTION CARRIED OVER TO NEXT MEETING. TO INCLUDE DISCUSSION FROM AGM.**

b) Permanent Orienteering Course at Keep Hill and Deangarden Woods (John Dalton)  
POC is now complete.

Bob used an extract from Jegor's map for the map. Courses and full instructions are now available and on the British Orienteering web site. A local Scout group has been very keen to try it.

Heidi Lloyd reported that there have already been 38 downloads.

**ACTIONS COMPLETE**

c) Donation for Woodland Trust for Penn Woods event

The following donations have been made: £200 for Woodland Trust (Penn Wood), £50 for P&TGRS (Common Wood), and £200 to Sam for car parking.

We have had a note back from the Woodland Trust to say thank you.

**ACTIONS COMPLETE**

d) British Orienteering 2021 TVOC Membership Submission  
Payment of TVOC Club Membership fee. **ACTION** on Martin Ricketts  
Any changes to TVOC role-holders **ACTION** on John Dalton

**ACTIONS COMPLETE**

e) Maprun

Is it worth converting Maprun Score courses into linear events? So people can run around a traditional course?

This can be done if the resource is available to do this. The best way is to get the source data from Ben and then set up linear courses from the existing control sites.

**ACTION:** Neville Baker to talk to Ben

### 2. Recent Club Successes

Janusz Holender has received the following incentive scheme certificates for their performances at orienteering events:

- Racing Challenge: Silver Award \*\*\*\*\*

Very little opportunity for other achievements.

### 3. Past Events

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

Alun Jones commented that he thought the event was a big success. It all went off without significant problem (except for late finishers), participants were very appreciative of our efforts. Martin can confirm figures, but Alun guesses that we about broke even.



b) 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. 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 (Neville Baker)

Continues to be on hold. No progress under the current circumstances. Any programme will depend on the reduction of restrictions to allow beginners.

#### 6. Summer Series 2020 (Chris Poole)

Chris is considering what we might be able to do. Perhaps via Maprun into more wooded or park areas? Then people can run it at any time during a specific period.

Some questions were asked about how reliable Maprun will be in a wooded area. The downside would be a loss of the social side of the Summer Series. Can there be a day specified for events if mixing is possible so that the social side of the series can be retained?

**ACTION:** Chris to consider

#### 7. Oxford Street Series (OSS) and Thames Valley Street Series (TVSS) (Robin Bishop)

Both winter series are up and running. One OSS event has taken place and an Abingdon event is due soon. For the TVSS, Marlow Bottom and North is due to finish soon, and a Princes Risborough event is in the pipeline.

#### 8. 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)

Bob wondered if we can we go to the Chiltern AONB to explain that the data can be put to much wider use? 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.

**ACTION CARRIED OVER**

c) Shotover Map (Martin Ricketts)

Significant work in the woods has been taking place within Shotover according to Neville. We are not sure whether Oxford Council would support an event under current circumstances. Also, the park has been very busy over the summer, with lots of new paths and so on being created. Things are more settled now. The City Council events team are not available at the moment.

**ACTION:** Martin to go and look to see what remapping might be needed.

#### 9. Officers Reports

a) Chairman:

The efforts of Neville as Chair over the last three years is greatly appreciated. Nothing else to add

b) Treasurer:

All payments are up-to-date. Jegor been paid a donation for his mapping efforts.



- c) Secretary:  
Nothing else to add.
- d) Captain:  
Nothing from the Captain
- e) Membership Secretary:  
Nothing else to add

## 10. SCOA Report (Jon Wheatcroft)

After last TVOC meeting was a SCOA meeting. Little else to report.

The Taylor's bid for funding was not, in the end, successful. However, half the money would be available, and the Taylors were happy with that. This was understandable under the current circumstances.

## 11. 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.
Team Leader, Finish	Bill Child	Bill is now handing over this responsibility. He will do the Bradenham event. But this will be his last event. We do need to find someone to take over the finish

## 12. Any Other Business

### a) Junior Activities (Paul Taylor)

Paul reported that Joel is still very keen to run a Junior League in association with the Saturday Series. Understandably, this is on hold until the Saturday Series can be restarted.

Paul asked whether the Yvette Baker Trophy was still going to be run next year. No one knew.

**ACTION:** Paul Taylor to try and find out.

### b) Club Championships 2020 (Neville Baker)

Could we still find an event to hold a 2020 Club Championships? Even if in January? The general sense from the meeting was that, for 2020, this will not be possible.

### c) Trail O (Colin Duckworth)

Can we put on a Trail O event at Hambleton in March? There is an area already mapped at 1:5,000 that was used for the JK in 2013. In principle this should be fine.

**ACTION:** Once the status of the Hambleton event has been confirmed, Colin can liaise with Organiser, John Dalton, about this.

### d) POC downloads (Heidi)

**ACTION:** Heidi will review statistics for POC Downloads for the next meeting.

### e) Merry Bells payments (Neville)

At the moment, the Merry Bells are not taking bookings. Should we make bookings once they re-open bookings? It was **AGREED** we should.

**ACTION:** Neville to progress.

### f) Shotover POC (Roger Baker)

Roger Baker has reported that some posts are missing on the POC.

**ACTION:** Neville to check in more detail.



### 13. Date of next meeting:

Confirmed as 8pm on Tuesday 19th January 2021. Location of this meeting is to be confirmed as either on-line meeting or to be held at The Merry Bells, Wheatley.

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## APPENDIX 1: Future Events

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

### 2021

a) Bradenham (~~Sunday 29th November 2020~~ Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021, Level C, SCOA League)

**Organiser:** Alun Jones. **Planner:** Peter Riches. **Controller:** Neville Baker. **Mapper:** Mark Thompson, Bob and Pattie Beresford

#### Map:

Completed by Mark Thompson and Bob and Pattie Beresford.

We are assuming that this event will go ahead on the 10<sup>th</sup> January as currently prepared. NT have given provisional approval for 10th January (assuming nothing else comes from higher up the NT chain preventing it), but we need to wait for Government rules to be clearer.

Map is complete, courses are planned, so all should be fine.

The previous event was sold out in three days (544 entries); plan is to offer full refunds to those who cannot attend revised date, and to resell spaces.

**ACTIONS:** Alun has agreed to:

- Look for alternative quotes from other First Aid providers, as EMC appear quite expensive now.
- Revise the COVID risk assessment. because BOF version looks far from appropriate to our events.

### 2021

b) Hambleden (Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March, ~~CompassSport Cup regional round~~, Chiltern Challenge, Level B tbc.)

**Organiser:** John Dalton. **Planner:** Provisionally, still Mark Thompson and Peter Riches. **Controller:** tbc.

**Mapper:** Mark Thompson.

Note that the 2021 CompassSport Cup has been cancelled. TVOC are proposing that we use the area and the date as the Chiltern Challenge instead.

Unfortunately, MV want to run their own postponed event on this same date. We therefore have a conflict with them. Nev is in communication with Richard Sharp, Mike Cope and MV about resolving this. Could we move a Level B Hambleden to a different date if necessary?

**ACTION:** Neville to progress and confirm a final decision with Organiser, John Dalton.

We have landowner permission. Recent conversations with the landowner confirm that the landowner has no concerns at all about the event proceeding despite the Covid situation.

Note that no shooting is taking place at Hambleden this year in case a date change, or access for mapping is needed.

**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



c) Chiltern Challenge 2021 (if not held 14MAR21) (Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, High Wycombe area? Great Hampden?, Level B)

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

Still in the fixture list as a date in case it is needed.

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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

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

d) 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

**ACTION CARRIED OVER:**

**Map:**

Map considered to be complete

e) 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



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

## **2020**

- a) **EVENT POSTPONED, NEW DATE NEEDED** Abingdon South Urban Event (Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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

- b) **EVENT POSTPONED** Witney. (Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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**

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

**ACTION:** Neville to consider

- d) Level C forest event

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

- e) Level C forest event

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

- f) Urban Event:

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

## **2022**

- g) Chiltern Challenge 2022 (Sunday 27FEB22, Level B)

Date confirmed by Neville Baker

## **2023**

- Chiltern Challenge 2023 (Sunday 26FEB23, Level B)

Date confirmed by Neville Baker

- h) 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