



# Minutes: TVOC Club Meeting: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Meeting held online at 7:30pm

**Present:** Chris Poole (Chair), John Dalton (Secretary, Minutes), Neville Baker (Vice-Chair), Martin Ricketts (Treasurer), Marie-Anne Fischer, Bob and Pattie Beresford, Jon Wheatcroft, Alun Jones, Robin Bishop, Richard Sharp, Andrew Chalmers, Julian Birkinshaw, Heidi Lloyd

## Apologies for absence:

### 1. Matters Arising from previous Club Meeting

a) Volunteering group to help encourage more volunteers.

**ACTION CARRIED OVER TO NEXT MEETING.**

b) Maprun: Converting Score events into linear events.

Robin reports that this has happened a couple of times. A few people are running these events. Shotover got run. Bob has converted the Marlow event into 4 linear events. **ACTION COMPLETE**

c) Junior Activities (Paul Taylor)

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

**ACTION:** Paul Taylor to try and find out when the next Yvette Baker trophy might run.

**ACTION COMPLETE. NOTE:** See below for information on YBC.

d) POC downloads (Heidi Lloyd)

Heidi presented from PowerPoint slides regarding data collected from the British Orienteering web site. A number of people did tick the box saying that they would be happy to receive further emails about orienteering. It was proposed that such emails should be added to the Mailchimp email list.

**ACTION:**

- Heidi to email addresses over to Chris P to see if he can help get this data into Mailchimp
- Chris to liaise with Mike Shires if necessary to load into Mailchimp

Chris has tried to integrate data sources prior to sending some emails out. But he has been unable to resolve the issue of people using different email addresses. No further action. **ACTION COMPLETE**

e) Shotover POC (Roger Baker)

Roger Baker has reported that some posts are missing on the POC. Neville will work to resolve this complex issue, involving Oxford City Council.

**ACTION COMPLETE**

### 2. Recent Club Successes

None

### 3. Past Events

a) EMIT

**ACTION:** Robin Bishop offered to upgrade the Saturday Series instructions to refer to SIAC. This has been started now. Robin to continue.

### 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)

It was believed we can make no concrete plans yet pending further Government and BO advice.

## 6. Summer Series 2020 (Chris Poole)

It was believed we can make no concrete plans yet pending further Government and BO advice.

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

No new courses have been set up recently. What events that are set up are being run. A few people have gone to Beaconsfield. Lots of people ran around Alun's event at Widmore End near Hazlemere. That had approximately 250 people.

## 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

Note: You get access to 2GB for free with Dropbox. For mappers, OCAD takes up a lot of Dropbox space. Chris commented that he thought this could be addressed by just sending a link to someone to the shared files. As an alternative to Dropbox, could we use Microsoft OneDrive? Or an alternative?

**ACTION CARRIED OVER:** Robin to consider how this could be done as Dropbox had limited free storage and has other problems.

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

**ACTION:** Bob will devise a suitable form for mappers to complete and sign. **ACTION COMPLETE**

Robin suggested TVOC purchase one (or more) SSD external drives to allow the transport of data. These would be much faster than a USB stick. Approximate cost: £40. 1Tb should be OK. This has now been purchased. **ACTION COMPLETE.**

### Bob reported:

Since the previous meeting, we have the above sub-agreement form. All the TVOC mappers have signed this sub-agreement. We have bought a solid state drive. Note that one large map has 4-5Gb of raw data and 15Gb of LiDAR analysis. So each map needs a total of about 20Gb.

We have data for Hambleden. Mark, John F have access to these data. They are comparing the LiDAR data with the existing map.

We have data for Bradenham all the way to Hughenden. There are a number of issues with this map that need resolving at some point.

We have Great Hampden data. And Nettlebed data.

We have data for Hodgemoor. Julian Birkinshaw is looking at these data. We have permission from the FC to update the map.

Julian Birkinshaw has offered to do some mapping of a new area to the north Beaconsfield, some of which is owned by Penn Estate. Bob has obtained permission from Penn Estate for their woods. The estate gave us contact details for other landowners. With full permission, this would provide a nice area for some smaller events.

c) Shotover Map (Martin Ricketts)

Significant work in the woods has been taking place within Shotover according to Neville. Horspath Common now needs a major review, as this area has changed significantly in recent weeks. It looks like a new mountain biking course is being put in.

**ACTION:** Martin Ricketts has started an update.



d) Use of OCAD vs. Open Orienteering Mapper for TVOC maps (Bob Beresford)

It has been suggested that Open Orienteering Mapper (OMM) could be used for mapping as an alternative to OCAD. OMM is a free tool, whereas OCAD incurs a software licence fee.

It was noted that so far, TVOC have purchased OCAD licenses for all the mappers, on a subscription model. In the past it was difficult to transfer the licenses between people.

The next version of OCAD is now available from the Cloud. This should make it much easier to provide a wider usage of mappers with access to OCAD.

Maps created in OMM and OCAD are NOT entirely interchangeable.

Our mappers are familiar with OCAD. It works well as a “one stop shop” for mapping. Bob does not recommend that we change mapping technology. We should ensure that our volunteer mappers get a professional quality software. All our maps should be all stored as OCAD files. If we have new mappers interested in mapping, we should support them by providing them with access to OCAD.

OCAD is able to handle all our new LiDAR data and produce excellent background maps (hill shading / vegetation etc.), whereas OOM requires another software program to do this analysis.

It was **AGREED** that we will stick to one mapping system for the club. We do not want to run two different map standards. OCAD continues as the default mapping tool. We will continue to make OCAD available to all TVOC mappers. This should be easier through the new Cloud-based OCAD license licence which Martin needs to complete setting up, so all our licences are in the Cloud and can be accessed by our mappers.

**ACTION:** Martin Ricketts

## 9. Officers Reports

a) Chairman:

Nothing further. Other than thanks to everyone.

b) Treasurer:

British Orienteering have paid us for TVOC membership fees. We have £4k in one account. £7k in the other. Very few transactions.

c) Secretary:

Nothing Further.

d) Captain:

Nothing Further

e) Membership Secretary:

Marie-Anne is chasing all those who have not renewed their membership. About 1/3 of those chased then renewed. We have a couple of new members. Marie-Anne asked people to tell us if they planned to renew, and if not, why not. We have some feedback on this. But, overall, renewals are OK. Some of our Saturday Series members have not renewed.

According to Richard Sharp, the Welsh Orienteering Association have reported a 50% drop on membership in Wales, and are down to 160 members.

## 10. SCOA Report (Jon Wheatcroft)

A report from the latest SCOA meeting was put into a recent eNews.

SCOA have confirmed that Paul and Joel Taylor’s bid for funding was successful.

The Hambleden event on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May is now to be used for SCOA Champs.

SCOA are seeking a new Chair and Treasurer as of 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Martin Ricketts has put his name forward as Treasurer.



## 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  Is there anyone on the Finish team that could take this over. <b>ACTION:</b> Nev has some thoughts that he would progress. Nev has made no progress

## 12. Any Other Business

a) Meeting start time (John Dalton)

A 7:30pm start for the next meeting was AGREED.

b) Coaching in TVOC (Chris Poole)

We should discuss how we move coaching forward within the club. How many more coaches we need?. How do we set up sessions to develop club coaches?

Simon Kippin, Roger Thetford and Chris have all been on a "Safeguarding Young People" course.

## 13. Date of next meeting:

To be confirmed at new time of **7:30pm** on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Location of this meeting is confirmed to be online.

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## APPENDIX 1: Future Events

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

### 2021

a) **Bradenham (18th April, Level C) Organiser:** Alun Jones. **Planner:** Peter Riches. **Controller:** Neville Baker. **Mapper:** Mark Thompson, Bob and Pattie Beresford

#### **From Alun Jones:**

Chris has done a good job negotiating permission with the NT. We also have field for car parking. Though not in the usual field but one on the other side of the track. Tom is providing catering.

Alun is about to ask Team Leaders to mobilise and organise helpers. Helpers will need to enter early, via a link shared by Alun with the Team Leaders before entries open.

Richard Sharp reported on British Orienteering's latest guidance due out soon on the resumption of orienteering. More guidance is expected from H.M. Government on the 22nd March. This then needs to be discussed at the British Orienteering board meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> April. Further guidance can be expected from British Orienteering shortly after this meeting. Alun may now delay opening up entries until after that advice is published. He plans to email previous entrants to the event to encourage them to re-enter.

Richard Sharp asked if the event could be a qualifier to the Yvette Baker trophy. It might add a few entries. No White course is needed.



**UPDATE SINCE MEETING:** Richard and Alun have continued a further dialogue about the YBT. It has subsequently been decided that TVOC will NOT be used for this round of the YBT.

**Map:**

Felling has taken place on the Park Wood side. Mark Thompson plans to review again on Saturday, looking at his part of the wood. Bob will check his part of the map, too.

b) Hambleden (Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, Chiltern Challenge, Level B, **SCOA Championships**.)

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

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
- Drafted a budget in associate with Alun Jones
- **Confirmed that CompassPoint will attend**

Jon Wheatcroft reported that a site meeting with Controller being organised at the end of the month to discuss Start layouts etc.

In mid-May the rules are expected to change again regarding Covid. This might have positive implications for starts. We are currently planning for 3 pre-starts areas, but this might create problems with resource. We may be able to simplify the pre-Start layout. The philosophy is to try and keep things simple.

The meeting **CONFIRMED** that we will **not** have EOD, and entry will be limited to British Orienteering membership **only**.

**ACTION:** Nev to update officials on the BO web site.

**Map:**

Mark Thompson **has now updated the map.**

c) **Abingdon (Level C)**

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

**In the summer? We have a map. Neville will consider whether we can move this event forwards.**

**ACTION:** Neville to progress

**Map:**

Already completed by Fiona Bunn

d) **Witney. (Level C)**

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

**ACTION:** Neville to progress dates etc.

**Map:**

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

e) **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event (Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021)**

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

**2022**

f) **Chiltern Challenge 2022 (Sunday 27MAR22, Level B)**

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



Date confirmed by Neville Baker

## 2023

g) Chiltern Challenge 2023 (Sunday 26FEB23, Level B)  
**Organiser:** tbc. **Planner:** tbc. **Controller:** tbc. **Mapper:** tbc

Date confirmed by Neville Baker

h) Hambleden? (British Relay Championships with SCOA, date 23APR23.)  
**Organiser:** tbc. **Planner:** tbc. **Controller:** tbc. **Mapper:** tbc

Potential clash with Tough Mudder event at Hambleden

**ACTION:** John Dalton to check the latest with Hambleden.