



# TVOC Club Meeting: Minutes for May 18<sup>th</sup> 2021

Meeting held online at 7:30pm.

**Present:** Chris Poole (Chair), John Dalton (Secretary, Minutes), Martin Ricketts (Treasurer), Nev Baker (Vice Chair), Marie-Anne Fischer (Membership Secretary), Bob Beresford, Pattie Beresford, Jon Wheatcroft, Heidi Lloyd, Andrew Chalmers, Robin Bishop

**Apologies for absence:** Alun Jones, Julian Birkinshaw

Updates in **red**

## 1. Matters Arising from previous Club Meeting

a) Volunteering group to help encourage more volunteers.

People generally respond better to being asked directly (rather than offer) to help. Jon asked whether people renewing for a second or third year could be asked whether they are happy to be put into a team. Marie-Anne reported that once people join, she sends them a welcome email, including a description of our team system. She then asks people to let her know if the person wants to be put in touch with a team leader.

In terms of a process of asking people to go into a team, this could be done.

We are cautious about putting people off from volunteering if they have a good reason (e.g. they have a young family).

Perhaps a reminder could be done when people renew? Could names be shared by Marie-Anne to Team Leaders for the Team Leaders to ask if they can help at a forthcoming event. This may be less onerous.

This 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?

We have had the SCOA funding from Joel. Alun has also asked if we should be doing some 1h sessions some evenings for our newer members. We don't have lots of people asking. But feedback from recent e-Newsletters have indicated a level of interest.

We do have a good number of new members. Can we find out who might be interested in coaching and where they are based? We can then plan for something in the autumn when (hopefully) Covid is in complete remission.

It might be best to consider this before a Saturday Series.

## 2. Recent Club Successes

### Yvette Baker Trophy, Bloom Wood

Juniors did well. A very close result indeed. Thanks for Simon's coaching beforehand, and for Joel's efforts to get juniors along, which was excellent.

889 BKO  
888 SN  
887 TVOC

**ACTION:** Chris to thank Joel for his efforts.

Results available here:

<http://www.bko.org.uk/node/1206/results>

Graham Parkins has received the following incentive scheme certificates:



- Navigation Challenge \*\*\*\*\*

John Foord has received the following incentive scheme certificates:

- Navigation Challenge \*\*\*\*\*

Pete Gladstone has received the following incentive scheme certificates:

- Racing Challenge: Bronze Award \*\*\*\*\*

Meghan Mitchell has received the following incentive scheme certificates:

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

Charlotte Coles has received the following incentive scheme certificates:

- Racing Challenge: Gold Award \*\*\*\*\*

Agnese Baronina has received the following incentive scheme certificates:

- Racing Challenge: Gold Award \*\*\*\*\*

### 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.

**ACTION COMPLETE:** Documentation has now been completed. Robin will put this documentation in the Saturday Series in Dropbox.

#### b) Bradenham, 18<sup>th</sup> April

Alun Jones reported:

- Seemed to go very well, helped by a gorgeous day.
- Despite some concerns by local residents in the week before the event, there were no issues on the day with locals
- One or two issues with competitors (a beginner arrived very late, a W10 appeared to be unaccounted for, someone returned 30 minutes after course closing time), but satisfactorily handled
- Event had an excellent number of entrants (550-odd), resulting in a very satisfactory surplus
- We have offered a donation of £600 to NT. Not yet heard where that is to be paid to. My understanding is that NT had no issues with us over the day.

Many thanks to everyone for making this a successful event. The feedback was very positive from all.

Robin reported that an M21 was very late coming back, a long time after courses close. Should we make a decision as a club that if you have not punched at the Finish by Courses Close time, that you are disqualified? This might depend on the event. Perhaps a night event means that Courses Close time should be paramount.

The following wording for future event details was proposed:

When entering:

“Please do not choose a late start time if there is a risk that you will not be finished by the Course Closing time”.

For prominent coverage in Final Details:

“The Courses Closing time is an important safety requirement for this event. This gives us time to confirm whether people are missing, and whether they need to be searched for. As a result, anyone who has not finished by the Courses Close time may be considered as missing. We reserve the right to disqualify anyone who does not finish before the published Courses Close time”.

Robin reported that you can buy an SI unit that does record SI Air punches. These could be deployed in strategic points to pick up punches (e.g. a road crossing).



**ACTION:** Robin to look into this in more detail.

#### **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)**

People are increasingly asking Marie-Anne about the restarting of our Saturday Series. Alun Jones commented that we may be starting to lose some members who don't enter our Level C events or above.

Do we need to start putting dates for the Saturday Series? Chris commented that we should try and get the Saturday Series going so we can tap into newcomers again.

Current BO COVID advice is having no EOD. However, will British Orienteering rules have changed from June 21st?

The nice thing about the Saturday Series is you can see it on Facebook and just turn up.

Note that NGOC and BOK seem to have started their Level D events going.

It is possible we could allow pre-entry right up to the event itself (even from the car park, **subject to having mobile coverage, of course**). We would need to publicise this via Facebook, with necessary guidance if Fabian4 is to be used.

It was proposed we schedule a trial event to see how it goes. Perhaps in July or August? This was **AGREED**. Action on Neville Baker

#### **6. Summer Series 2021 (Chris Poole)**

Not planned. The nights will be too late by the time restrictions are removed.

Chris might organise some individual activities later in the summer.

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

Robin is about to contact people to re-launch a series. Robin and Ben are discussing an event every two or three weeks on new areas, with events overlapping each other for convenience. These will be Maprun based, so you can choose when you run it. Older events are still open on Maprun.

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

**ACTION:** Martin Ricketts will move our current individual OCAD licences to the existing Cloud-based arrangement before the licenses are due for renewal in August.



c) LiDAR (Bob Beresford)

We now have LiDAR data for many of our areas such as: Hambleden, Bradenham, Great Hampden, Nettlebed, Hodgemoor.

Bob wrote an article for a recent e-News.

The main project has been given an extension. Our contact is moving on but will give us the right contact details after his departure.

Are there any other areas we would like LiDAR data for Christmas Common? Coombe Hill?  
A general feeling was that we should ask for all data we would like to have.

Andrew Chalmers talked about his use of EA LiDAR data for Captain's Wood, Chesham Bois and Gerards Cross.

**ACTION:** Bob to progress getting more LiDAR data for our other areas

d) Hodgemoor (Julian Birkinshaw)

Julian Birkinshaw has finished his work on an update on this map. It looks very good according to Bob. Some minor standards updates are needed. We can schedule an event on this area.

e) Beaonsfield (Julian Birkinshaw)

We have not been able to get permission from two of the key landowners. Julian believes there is no point in persisting.

## 9. Officers Reports

a) Chairman:

Thanks to everyone for all their efforts with all events.

Alun and Chris continue to try and put useful information out in e-News regularly.

The TVOC team system really seem to work very well indeed.

b) Treasurer:

We have organised two large events without having received any of the income from Bradenham.

We have managed to pay the up front costs on events so far.

c) Secretary:

None

d) Captain:

None

e) Membership Secretary:

We have a number of new members. Marie-Anne is reporting new names in e-News on a regular basis. We have also had some late renewals. Perhaps after people have realised they can't enter events without being a member.

## 10. SCOA Report (Jon Wheatcroft)

Next meeting June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Jon was asked about a summit regarding the future of the JK. Regions are finding it difficult to put the JK on. Richard Sharp will attend.

Jon is attending the forthcoming AGM of the English Orienteering Council.

## 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 further thoughts that he would progress.

Neville suggested a team as a "Volunteer Pool" (with a Team Leader) who will not be needed at every event. That can be deployed for Road Crossings, perhaps Finish etc. Perhaps to include the current Finish team? New members to be allocated to the "Volunteer Pool" team?

**ACTION:** Nev to consider

## 12. Any Other Business

### a) Clothing (Heidi)

There will be a need for more TVOC club tops. We have no large tops left now.

**ACTION:** Heidi to explore this with the supplier and report back

### b) Radio Orienteering (Robin)

A Webinar last night covered this. Robin will push through e-News, inviting you to look at the Webinar.

5/6<sup>th</sup> June: Robin will be doing an introduction to Radio orienteering. Perhaps in Hodgemoor.

### c) Club Championships (Neville)

Where should we do this? Can we ask Alison to consider an appropriate event?

**ACTION:** John to contact Alison to ask her to consider what might work

## 13. Date of next meeting:

To be confirmed at time of **7:30pm** on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Location of this meeting to be on-line and still **not** held at The Merry Bells, Wheatley.

**ACTION:** Neville to check when the Merry Bells plans to reopen. And whether it has good WiFi in case we want to have people dial into the meeting in the future.

To discuss at next meeting.

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## APPENDIX 1: Future Events

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

### 2021

#### a) 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 and John Farren.

John Dalton reported that all was under control. The only real concern was the amount of rain on the field.

#### **Map:**

Mark Thompson and John Farren have now updated the map.



b) Abingdon (**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July, Urban event, Level C, SEOUL**)

**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 Baker to **continue to** progress

Nev trying to communicate with the council and not getting very far. Not saying “no” but not saying “yes” either. Nev to persist. Bob wondered whether this is a similar problem Parkrun have in getting local council permission to restart events.

Martin Ricketts knows a relevant local councillor who he can ask.

**ACTION:** Martin to see what he can find out.

Can we still get an event set up in time? If not, we will have to cancel it. There are lots of other urban events scheduled around that time.

**Map:**

Already completed by Fiona Bunn

c) Witney. (**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September, Urban event, Level C, SEOUL?**)

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

**ACTION:** John to check in again with permission from Witney Town Council

Mapper and Planner are in discussion about which parts of the town are best to use.

**Map:**

Martin Ricketts is currently mapping the area. He is hoping to have a first draft map by the end of May.

d) **Shotover**, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event (Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021)

**Organiser:** Gary Mills. **Planner:** Simon Ross, **Controller:** Neville Baker, **Mapper:** Martin Ricketts

**Map:**

In process of being updated by Martin. Some more work to be done.

## 2022

**ACTION:** Neville offered to draft a full programme of events for 2022

e) Chiltern Challenge 2022 (Sunday 27MAR22, Level B)

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

Date confirmed by Neville Baker

Neville considering locations.

## 2023

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

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

Date confirmed by Neville Baker

g) Hambleden (British Relay Championships with SCOA, Sunday **26<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**)

**Organiser:** Neville Baker, tbc. **Planner:** tbc. **Controller:** Appointed by BO. **Mapper:** tbc.

We have landowner permission, with contract in progress.



Can TVOC consider what we can offer in terms of officials? Next SCOA meeting is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June. At that meeting (if we have no volunteer Planner to suggest), Jon will suggest SCOA seek them from other clubs. Traditionally, SOC have put relays on.

John offered to do all the landowner liaison work.

**Map:**

Mark and John have updated the map for 2021. We have all the LIDAR data for the area. Can mark and John update the map using LIDAR data.